

Circuit Strategy Prayer card Winter 2021/22

Ecclesiastes 7 v10: Never ask “Oh why were things so much better in the old days” It’s not an intelligent question.

Isaiah 43 v 18-19a: But the Lord says “Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already – you can see it now!”



Circuit strategy prayer

Unchanging, timeless God, active in our world in the past, present and future, help us to accept that things cannot stay the same in our constantly changing world.

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and for ever, help us to continue the journey you are taking us on.

Holy Spirit who has always led God’s people into new places and new ways of doing things, guide us into the future.

Help us to be excited and expectant about doing new things in new ways. Amen

As our Circuit Strategy is based on the 4 aspects of Our Calling, prayers for the winter of 2021/22 are based on the Methodist way of Life.

Worship



Pray daily – try and have regular prayer and bible reading times.

During the week pray for whoever will be leading your service and all who make it happen.

As you look and listen for God in the world pray for creation and the world.

Learning and caring

Pray for yourself and those around you.



Pray for and consider joining in the Lent Methodist way of Life study course to be held at Mount Charles.

Pray for those who need hospitality and generosity – those struggling to find somewhere to live; those who struggle to afford food or whose crops have failed.

How are you learning more about faith?

Service

Pray for :
your community and its needs.



those affected by climate change and for us all to do what we can to prevent it getting worse.

those treated unjustly and for those subject to prejudice.

Evangelism

Ask God:



to make us all bolder in speaking of his love in Jesus.

to help you live in a way that will draw others to know the love of Jesus.

for help in sharing our faith with others.

Pray for our presbyters and pastor: Revds Paul Benney, Paul Parker, Colin Short and John Keast.

For Revd Iris Bray whom we expect to be joining us in September.

The Breakthrough Prayer

God of love, God for all, your purposes are more beautiful than we can possibly imagine. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us let go of all that holds us back. Open our lives and our churches to new seasons of humility and faith, of change and growth. Shake us up with the good news of Jesus and show us the way. Amen



Dear Friends across the Circuit we call you to prayer. Prayer has many benefits: it strengthens our relationship with God, it refines our thinking & prompts us to action, it can calm, centre & still us in a fevered world. Our Church & our world need God's people to pray. We invite you to use these bullet points in your regular prayers for the world, the Church and the local community. God blesses as you pray, may you know that blessing!

- 1, Pray for the Circuit staff (Revs Paul Benney, Paul Parker and Colin Short, and John Keast).
- 2, Pray for local, national & international governance.
- 3, Pray for all Circuit pastors (Karen Reynolds, Carol Baines, Carole Thornton) as well as local volunteers.
- 4, Pray for the ongoing global response to Covid 19.
- 5, Pray for Circuit stewards (Lyn Hawken, Liz Foster, Jenny Taylor, Anne Keast), Debbie Eade Administrator and Annabelle Coad Manse Steward.
- 6, Pray for all persecuted Christians for strength, comfort & courage & a change of heart in those who oppress.
- 7, Pray for local & national ecumenical relations.
- 8, Pray for local & national 'Christians Against Poverty' & work with the marginalised & homeless.
- 9, Pray for our local preachers & worship leaders.

- 10, Pray for local business and commerce.
- 11, Pray for chapel stewards, treasurers & secretaries.
- 12, Pray for opportunities to share Jesus.
- 13, Pray for Bethel, Carclaze, Tregrehan, Leek Seed
- 14, Pray for Tywardreath, Par, Mount Charles, St Andrew's
- 15, Pray for Bugle chapel & youth club, Stenalees, Nanpean
- 16, Pray for local tourist attractions, Eden, Heligan, etc.
- 17, Pray for Whitemoor, Lostwithiel, Indian Queens, St Dennis
- 18, Pray for St John's, Trinity, Gunwen, Polgooth, Roche.
- 19, Pray for local hospital & hospice chaplaincy.
- 20, Pray for *your* family, friends & neighbours
- 21, Pray for armed forces & families here & abroad
- 22, Pray for Methodist District officers & ministers
- 23, Pray for future planning & initiatives in the circuit
- 24, Pray for the Royal Family

- 25, Pray for the bereaved & bereft.
- 26, Pray for interfaith understanding & collaboration.
- 27, Pray for all the children in our communities; schools, teachers, governors, all staff, and work with children throughout the Circuit.
- 28, Pray for care homes, staff and residents.
- 29, Pray for refugees & those fleeing war & oppression.
- 30 & 31, Pray for yourself asking God's presence always.