

1-Jan	Do you make New Year Resolutions? What would you change about yourself? Know you are God's beloved. Pray for God's strength where you need to change and God's wisdom and grace where you need to see yourself as God sees you.	8-Jan	Today we remember those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death and all who are grieving, especially where the Covid restrictions have made that journey of grief more challenging. We pray peace.	15-Jan	Do you get news fatigue? As you watch or listen to the news today, how might your thoughts become prayers, as you entrust the concerns of the world to God?
2-Jan	As the Covid vaccine continues to be rolled out, pray for those who administer the vaccine and those who receive. Give thanks to God for those who continue to research and produce vaccines of all kinds	9-Jan	We ask God's blessing on those whose key service to local communities includes postal deliveries, refuse collections, street cleaning and delivery of essentials to shops. We pray for safety at work.	16-Jan	We remember today, those who have to work difficult shifts and those who work away from home, missing the support of family and friends. We remember too, those who work 'Zero hour' contracts.
3-Jan	<i>John 1:1-18 The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. As 2021 continues, pray that, as God's Church here in LSW, we might be people of the Light. Where is God asking you to reflect Christ's Light this week?</i>	10-Jan	<i>Mark 1:4-11 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' As we reflect on Jesus being commissioned for earthly ministry, pray God will continue to reveal to us in LSW that we will discern God's commission as we journey into 2021.</i>	17-Jan	<i>John 1: 43-51 'We have found him ... Come and see.' Ask God to grow a new confidence in you and in the church here in LSW, that we will be quick to say to others, 'We've found him! Come and See!'</i>
4-Jan	As schools officially restart, we pray for learners and teachers to find joy in learning. We pray for those who will miss classes because of the need to self isolate, especially where this may affect exams.	11-Jan	We pray today for those who are lonely, isolated or struggling with their mental well being. Is there someone to whom you could offer a listening ear? If you need to talk, please contact your pastoral visitor, a church friend or your minister.	18-Jan	Today we pray for the President and VP of Connexion, Revd Richard Teal and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence, for our District Chair, Revd Kerry Tankard, for the District Office staff and Yorkshire Plus Learning Network
5-Jan	Pray today for your neighbours. Is there something you might do – bake a cake, make a phone call – to let them know you are thinking of them?	12-Jan	As the Church continues its Year of Prayer, why not join the prayer meeting? Type http://bit.ly/TuesdayMethodistPrayer into an internet search. Pray for those leading this connexional initiative.	19-Jan	Pray for yourself today. What troubles you? Where do you need reassurance of the incarnational God revealing the Holy Spirit of grace and wisdom? Read STF 522.
6-Jan	As the Circuit staff meet this afternoon, we pray for God's wisdom, and a boldness of faith that, with the Circuit Leadership Team, will help us discern and live out God's vision for the LSW Circuit in 2021.	13-Jan	Today we pray for those who keep public transport on the go, especially when they put themselves at risk, and those for whom public transport is essential.	20-Jan	Pray for small discipleship groups meeting in our churches and across the circuit. Pray that as we use the 'Methodist Way of Life,' our love for God will be deepened and our walk with God strengthened.
7-Jan	It is an unenviable task to lead the country at a time of Covid and Brexit. Today, whatever our political allegiance or none, we pray for Boris Johnson and the Government. May they have integrity and compassion in their decision making.	14-Jan	Please pray today for the Leadership team / stewards within your local church. Thank God for their commitment and pray for wisdom, discernment and grace in their vital ministry of leadership.	21-Jan	Today we pray for those with financial concerns; those who are living in poverty and must rely on food banks and other such support. We pray for the Food Banks that meet or have met in our local churches. Is there something you can do today to support this ministry?

22-Jan Let us pray earnestly for the young people in our churches and our families; those in our uniformed organisations and youth ministries. We pray protection from long term impact of Covid on their learning, their development and their faith. Teach us to value them for who they are, especially in the life of our churches.

23-Jan As we continue with online ministry, we pray for the relationships across our various Churches Together networks. Lord, teach us how to work together in the making of disciples, as well as enjoying opportunities to worship together. We pray also for the ongoing preparations and work of the Community House, asking wisdom for Guy in particular.

24-Jan Mark 1:14-20 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' Jesus used the disciples' trades in their ministry. What trade and experiences do you have? Pray to offer these to God without reserve.

25-Jan We continue to hold in prayer, all who work within the NHS, giving thanks for the incredible sacrifices made in order to keep patients and families safe. We pray for wisdom and integrity for those who administer funding, especially where tough decisions must be made.

26-Jan We pray today for all who work in the emergency services, especially when they are called to dangerous and horrific situations. We pray for those who work in our courts to uphold the law; may they see person as well as the 'crime' and thus make fair judgements that might be the start of restorative justice.

27-Jan We pray for those whose livelihoods and quality of life continue to be hardest hit by the impact of Brexit and Covid-19. For those who feel they have lost everything, may they discover your tangible presence alongside them, especially this day.

28-Jan We give thanks for our Church treasurers and auditors, recognising the significant ministry they give to the local church. Let us pray for God's blessing on their work and a joy in the ministry they offer.

29-Jan Pray today for your Church ... even as some churches still gather online, let us join together in prayer that we might be open to the 'new normal' that is needed for God's Church, for such a time as this.

30-Jan For yourself, your church leaders, minister and the whole congregation, pray we might have the boldness of faith to be a community of Jesus followers, rooted in behaviours and beliefs that give honour to God, especially when this includes laying down 'old' ways and activities.

31-Jan Mark 1:21-28 [Jesus] taught them as one having authority... What does it mean to you for Christ to have authority? Where does that authority come from? How might the awareness of this authority deepen your relationship with God?

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Prayer Diary

January 2021

Praying with the Methodist Churches and communities of Leeds South & West Circuit

I should like to speak to you,
for I know you're there!
Every time I try, I find
it's hard to make a prayer.
Could you see what I'm thinking
and know that it's a prayer?
Could you look into my heart
and find you're welcome there?
Could I bring you all my hopes and
dreams, my moments of despair?
Could you take what I'm thinking
and find that it's a prayer? A prayer!
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