

1-Jul	As Conference draws to a close, we give thanks for the leadership of Rev Richard Teal and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence during this unprecedented year. We pray for all who are excited by this year's decisions and those who find them challenging. Holy God, hold us together in your love.	8-Jul	We remember those who live far from loved ones and places they call home. We pray especially for those displaced by war and civil unrest, and those who risk all to find safe dwelling in another country.	15-Jul	We pray for the wider Methodist Church, for Rev Kerry Tankard, and all who work as part of the Yorkshire West team. May each know God's wisdom and blessing
2-Jul	The Methodist Way of Life <u>WORSHIP</u> : How easy or hard do you find it to pray? Ask Jesus to help you feel him near, and then ask Jesus how you might speak more easily with him ... that's your prayer too!	9-Jul	The <u>MWOL – LEARNING & CARING</u> : How have you practised generosity in this past month? Will you dare to pray for Spirit given opportunities to be generous beyond our circle of family and friends?	16-Jul	The <u>MWOL – SERVICE</u> : What issues of injustice are you currently concerned about? Ask God for wisdom – what one small change might you make to address or respond to an area of injustice?
3-Jul	We pray for all who have served our local church through the years. May we value Church as a time to gather for worship as well as an opportunity to encourage one another in discipleship.	10-Jul	We pray for all who rely on the roads and rail for connecting with loved ones or for employment. We pray for those who keep networks safe, especially when they must deal with major accidents and incidents.	17-Jul	Please pray for your minister as they continue to understand ministry in a time of Covid, and as holidays might be taken. May they know rest and renewal. We pray God's blessing on Rev Mark on sabbatical.
4-Jul	<u>Mark 6:1-13</u> 'He's just a carpenter, Mary's boy. We've known him since he was a kid. (Msg) In what ways might we think we know Jesus when we've got stuck with the Jesus we thought we knew as children? Pray for a fresh encounter with Jesus.	11-Jul	<u>Mark 6:14-29</u> What a contrast between Herod who 'couldn't stay away. Something in John kept pulling him back' (Msg) and the jealous woman who got her own way in the end. Who do you listen to, who governs your actions? Pray that the Holy Spirit may be the one to influence you and govern your actions.	18-Jul	<u>Mark 6.30-34,53-56</u> <i>The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. (Msg)</i> Spend some quiet time today reflecting on your 'ministry tour' during lockdown. How has God been using you? Give thanks as you recommit yourself.
5-Jul	We remember all who are struggling due to ill health; those waiting for test results and those who are nearing the end of life. We give thanks for those who are recovering and pray continuing strength.	12-Jul	As Covid continues to impact our church and circuit finances, we pray for faith-filled generosity in our own giving, and for our circuit and church treasurers and all making financial decisions at this time.	19-Jul	With an anticipated lifting of restrictions, we give thanks again for key workers who've given so much during the past 16 months. Lord please protect them from burn out even as other vital aspects of their work continue after lockdown.
6-Jul	We pray for this evening's Circuit Meeting, including Revd Jo Lightowler in the chair. May each hold their responsibilities with care and wisdom, seeking God's grace as we listen, speak and make decisions.	13-Jul	We pray for all who remain anxious about the spread of Covid and who have lost confidence to go out since the pandemic.	20-Jul	We pray today for a Spirit of generosity that the world's richest nations will continue to work towards an equitable sharing of vaccines with the world's poor.
7-Jul	We pray for our Circuit lay workers – Erica, Cathy, Sharon and Chris. Lord, inspire them in their work and ministry we pray.	14-Jul	We remember those whose financial situations have been made worse because of the pandemic; those who have been forced to make difficult decisions. Lord, may they find their hope in you.	21-Jul	At a time when we are conscious of mental health, especially among young people, we pray for social workers, foster carers and all who work to support vulnerable young people.

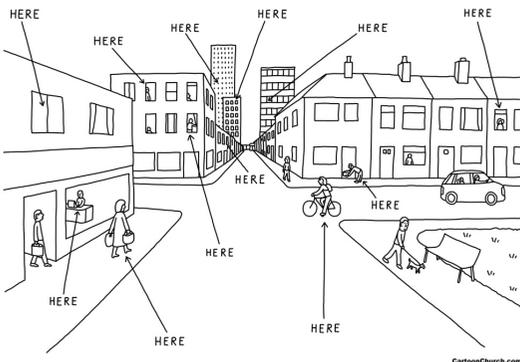
22-Jul As we give thanks for our church family, we remember we all need God's grace and forgiveness. Holy God, when we meet those we find hard to like, let alone love, help us see through your eyes of love and compassion.

23-Jul The MWOL – EVANGELISM: How have you responded to opportunities to share your faith? Maybe you know someone who is struggling ... why not ask if they'd like you to pray for them? Be bold and then trust yourself and them to God's Spirit.

24-Jul Please pray today for the Circuit's ministry through Deacon Guy's work with the Leeds Methodist New Monastic Network and Rev Rach as discipleship enabler. May they, and we, see a rich harvest as they trust themselves and the work to God's perfect faithfulness in Kingdom growth.

25-Jul John 6:1-21 'There's a young boy here with 5 barley loaves and 2 fish.' When we think we haven't much to offer Jesus, or we think we're not 'enough' for him, let us remember this packed lunch and young boy. What is Christ asking you to entrust to him? Pray you can hold your hands out!

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



26-Jul As the end of term approaches, we remember today all who have made incredible sacrifices to home school our nation's young people. May they know joy in seeing learners progress and grow.

27-Jul We give thanks for those who work in education and for the young people who have continued to learn through such a strange year. Let us pray God's blessing on all on school holidays – may they know refreshment, rest and renewal.

28-Jul We remember today families who will struggle financially during the school holidays; those who will rely on food banks and those who will miss the security school is able to give to children.

29-Jul Pray God's blessing on your neighbours today. Could you make them a coffee or cake to share over the garden fence, or make a telephone call to say hello?

30-Jul MWOL – WORSHIP: How easy or hard do you find it to pray? Could you go for a walk, a cycle, or enjoy looking out of your window. How many things can you see to make you thankful and make you smile? Thank God ... for your smile is your prayer!

31-Jul We remember all who are struggling due to ill health; those waiting for test results and those who are nearing the end of life. We give thanks for those who are recovering and pray continuing strength.

*Be the light in my darkness, Be the peace in my soul,
Be the source of all goodness, Be my life, be my goal.
Be the light for my journey, Be the love in my heart,
Be the hope that surrounds me, Every day a new start.*

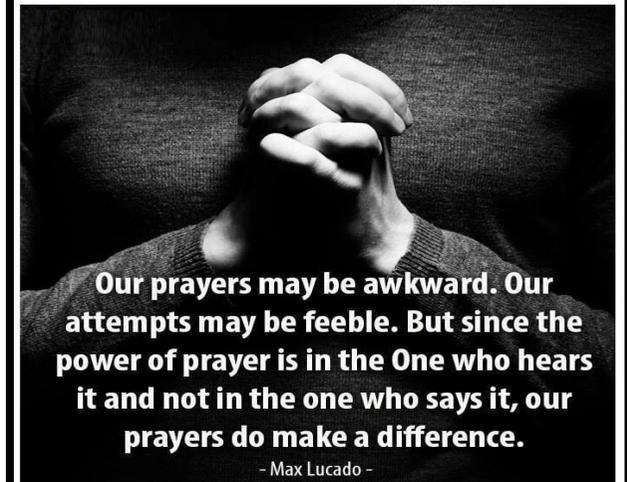
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Prayer Diary

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



Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado -