

1-Jun	Today we pray for children, parents and carers as they decide whether to send children back to school, especially where this may put vulnerable family at risk.	8-Jun	Let us remember our Circuit lay workers – Cathy & Erica in the office, Sharon our Family and Children’s worker and Chris our Pastoral Leader. Pray for joy and wisdom in their ministry.	15-Jun	We pray for Revd Jo Lightowler, our Circuit Superintendent. For God’s wisdom in her leadership, God’s love in her relationships, God’s delight in her ministry and God’s renewal of energy in her rest.
2-Jun	As schools consider re-opening for specific year groups, we give thanks for all who work in education, who’ve been providing work for students and who’ve kept schools open for children of key workers.	9-Jun	As the Methodist Church prepares to come out of lockdown, pray for wise decision making for the connexional team, especially in the advice and guidelines they give to Circuits and Churches.	16-Jun	Today we remember those who live and work in Care Homes and community groups including MHA’s ‘Live at Home’ scheme. Let us pray for peace from fear of Covid-19 as well as protection for these vulnerable members of our community.
3-Jun	As lockdown continues, we pray again for those who are finding this time especially difficult, especially those struggling with loneliness and isolation. If this includes you, please know yourself held in prayer (and do get in touch with your minister)	10-Jun	As the UK continues to explore the lifting of lockdown, let us pray for all in the Government and their advisors – for wise counsel, attentive listening, informed decision making and exemplary leadership	17-Jun	In this time when our church buildings are closed, let us give thanks for the property stewards and teams who help look after our buildings.
4-Jun	Think of someone today you can thank for their support during lockdown and/or someone who needs encouragement. Pray God’s blessing on them ... and why not get in touch with them today?	11-Jun	Let us pray for families struggling with social isolation - especially where we are missing those we would see regularly, and where new babies have been born into families and cannot be hugged.	18-Jun	As many will join in the clapping for the NHS at 8pm, so we pray for all who work within the NHS, especially those carrying responsibilities of decision making and those ministering on the Covid frontline.
5-Jun	Today we give thanks for our Circuit Leadership Team. Pray God’s wisdom, discernment and boldness of faith as we continue to seek God’s vision for mission.	12-Jun	We remember funeral directors and staff at our city crematoria and cemeteries. As they walk alongside the bereaved, give them wisdom and compassion especially when people cannot mark death in the ways they had hoped or expected.	19-Jun	Today we remember other key workers – postal workers, refuse collectors, those maintaining public transport and keeping our shops stocked with goods. We pray God’s blessing on them in their work.
6-Jun	Give thanks today for GPs, community nursing teams, pharmacists, carers, and others who provide health care within the wider community.	13-Jun	Pray for your neighbours today, those immediately adjacent to your home and others in your street. What one tangible act of kindness could you do for them today? Go on ... do it!	20-Jun	Pray for someone you find hard to get along with ... we all have these people in our lives but they are as loved by God as we are. Ask God to show you something good in who they are or what they do.
7-Jun	TRINITY SUNDAY Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus said ‘Now go <i>in my authority</i> and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day. Pray this prayer for yourself today.	14-Jun	Matthew 9:35–10:8 Evidence during this time of lockdown is that more people are engaging with their faith. Pray for the LSW Circuit that we will hear how God is calling us to respond to this new harvest.	21-Jun	Matthew 10:24-39 ‘Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven’ Let us prayerfully look for opportunities to share what God means to us, and to ask God to give us the courage we might need.

22-Jun We pray for ministers whose expected route to ordination is very different this year, who ordinarily at this time would be on Ordinands' retreat, remembering Revd Becki and Revd Tim from this District.

23-Jun We pray for those who are anxious about their employment; those furloughed and unsure about job security; those whose businesses and livelihoods are threatened because of this corona virus pandemic. How might we, the Church, support our local businesses and industries this year?

24-Jun As the Circuit continues to explore ways to re-gather as church, let us be united in prayer as we continue to seek God's vision for this Circuit. Let us pray diligently to discern and live out God's 'new normal' that will equip us to respond to the increased Spiritual awareness in the nation. What might God be asking of you? Will you give your yes?

25-Jun Pray for your minister today - for a balance in work, rest and play. May they be drawn into a deeper relationship with God at this time, especially as the Church seeks God's 'new normal' for his people.



26-Jun Let us pray for young people in our church families - in our Junior Churches, youth groups, uniformed organisations and Messy Church. We ask God to strengthen their friendships, especially when they cannot meet with friends and family.

27-Jun As many continue to struggle to afford basic necessities, we pray for the food banks in Leeds - those that have had to close and those continuing to serve those living in poverty. How might God be asking you to be generous today?

28-Jun Matthew 10:40-42 'Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.' We have seen many acts of kindness during lockdown ... thank God for those today and ask where you might serve another as Christ to that person.

29-Jun Today we ask God's blessings on the stewards and leadership teams in the Church fellowship to which you belong. Why not show them your appreciation with a phone call or note of thanks.

30-Jun Pray for yourself today ... know that you are loved beyond measure. Today, is the Holy Spirit wanting to assure you, comfort you, challenge you, invite you ...? Be still and know that God is with you.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?



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Prayer Diary

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

