



LEEDS SOUTH & WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

**– QUESTIONNAIRE
AS WE LOOK TO MOVE
OUT
OF LOCKDOWN –**

The Coronavirus pandemic has been an experience like non other catapulting us into a raft of emotions and challenges we couldn't have predicted.

This questionnaire is designed to help the LSW Circuit reflect on

- where we have discovered God at work during lockdown;
- where we have seen and been expressions of 'church';
- how our walk of faith has changed;
- what our priorities need to be as the circuit moves out of lockdown

To access an electronic version of this questionnaire, please go to <https://bit.ly/LSW-lockdown>

1) Please tick your usual place of worship:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adel | <input type="checkbox"/> Farsley | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyde Park | <input type="checkbox"/> St John's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beeston Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> The Grove | <input type="checkbox"/> Meanwood | <input type="checkbox"/> St Mark's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Headingley | <input type="checkbox"/> Rodley | <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Bramley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cookridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Highfield | <input type="checkbox"/> St Andrew's Beeston | <input type="checkbox"/> West Leeds Community Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cottingley | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunslet | <input type="checkbox"/> St Andrew's Pudsey | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |

2) Please identify your age range:

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| <18 | 18-30 | 31-40 | 41-50 | 51-60 | 61-70 | 71-80 | 80 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3) During lockdown, have you accessed circuit material (tick any that apply):

- Online?
- In printed form?
- Other forms?



4) Which 4 of these have helped you to feel most close to God during lockdown

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A Regular Bible reading | <input type="checkbox"/> H Corporate prayer (eg Lord's Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B Regular prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> I Contact with pastoral visitor and/or minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C Circuit Prayer diary | <input type="checkbox"/> J Contact with other church friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D Circuit written Sunday service | <input type="checkbox"/> K Being outdoors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E Circuit podcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> L Socially distanced meetings with family and/or friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F Zoom worship | <input type="checkbox"/> M TV / Radio public broadcasts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G Zoom Bible study / small groups | <input type="checkbox"/> N Something else ... |

5) Which 4 have helped you to feel most connected with the church family during lockdown?

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6) For you, what are the **3** main 'values' or purposes of gathered worship?

- A Fellowship with church family and friends
- B A dedicated time to worship God
- C To learn about the Christian faith and how to apply it in my life
- D To reflect on my current circumstances in the light of my faith
- E To be strengthened in my walk of faith and living out faith in my daily life (on my frontline)
- F To be able to express my doubts and/or to ask questions about the Christian faith
- G To sing hymns and Christian songs
- H To hear and reflect on Scripture
- I To pray – for the church, the world, ourselves and others
- J To be prayed for
- K It marks the beginning of my week
- L Something else

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7) Which **4** have you missed and/or found most difficult during the time of closure of church buildings for worship?

- A Seeing church family and friends
- B Worshipping God
- C Hearing Scripture read and explained
- D Learning about the Christian faith and how to apply it in my life
- E Reflecting on my current circumstances in the light of my faith
- F Praying with other
- G Holy Communion
- H Communal singing
- I Coffee and chat after worship
- J Having a distinct, set aside time for worship
- K Something else

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8) Which of these have you found most helpful about worshipping 'at home'? Please indicate up to 4

- A Having space and time to reflect on my faith
- B Having space and time to reflect on my activities at church
- C Being able to worship in my own way / on my own
- D Learning about the Christian faith in new ways
- E Varied resources for worship such as TV services, podcasts, written services for personal devotion
- F Flexibility to 'worship' to better suit my situation / context
- G Something else

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9) What would you like to do differently when we meet again as the gathered church to support the development of your faith?
Select any that apply

- A Having Bible study / faith teaching resources beforehand with time for discussion when we gather as church.
- B More open discussion. Or exploration of Scripture and how to apply it in my own context
- C Sharing testimony of where we have seen God at work during the past week
- D Having opportunity for prayer mid-week
- E Having opportunity for worship mid-week
- F Having opportunity for Bible study mid-week
- G Having opportunity for reflecting on my faith mid-week
- H Having a greater variety of worship formats and times across the circuit plan
- I Continuation of circuit online resources
- J Mentoring e.g. in using the Methodist way of life
- K Explore faith through music and the arts
- L Explore faith through outdoors / sport
- M Something else

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10) In what ways does church after lockdown need to connect more effectively with society / local community?

- A Identify and provide for different ways to encounter God e.g. through art, through sport, through music
- B Connecting faith learning with daily life / family
- C Connecting faith learning with work places
- D Engage in social justice actions
- E Become more confident to witness to God at work in our lives
- F Value different experiences of spirituality
- G Something else

Questions 11-22

The set of questions on the following page all ask how willing you might be to explore a 'new normal' within our Circuit churches, recognising that the Covid-19 pandemic has changed how we've 'done church' while still being God's People called the Church.

Some ideas will suit you well, others will not be your preference ... but the pandemic invites us to reflect on the kind of Church we need to be for others, not just for ourselves.

Please indicate your willingness using this 'scale'

1	2	3	4	5
Definitely not	Very unwilling	Willing to try	Very willing	Absolutely yes!



If church was to explore a 'new normal' when we gather as church after lockdown, how willing are you to:

	1	2	3	4	5
11 Worship at a different time on Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Worship on a different day to Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Do some 'preparation' before gathering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Have 'break out' small groups in 'worship'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Join a Discipleship support group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Commit to a Methodist Way of Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Explore different formats for worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Share our stories in worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Learn more about sharing faith in our local mission activities and beyond church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Be part of prayer ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Explore theme preaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 What themes might you find helpful?					

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Thank you for completing this survey and helping us to reflect on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our Church life.

As a circuit, we look forward to sharing the learning from this questionnaire and prayerfully moving forward together as we prayerfully look to discern Christ's best for His Church

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