

Circuit Prayer Diary



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The East Solent and Downs Methodist Circuit

The Circuit Prayer Diary has been developed as a result of conversations which took place at the circuit event 'Prayer: The Soul's Desire' in March 2015.

It was felt that, in such a large and diverse circuit, there was a need to find a way of drawing all the churches together in prayer. Several suggestions were made and it was decided that a Prayer Diary provide the opportunity for guided prayer to take place both on Sundays and during the week.

As you will see, each church has been allocated a day on which it will be the focus of prayer, and we would encourage you to use it as best suits your own prayer life and that of your church. It would be great if it could form part of the intercessions in Sunday worship, as well as at any prayer groups you have at your church.

Keep a look out for other Circuit Prayer initiatives coming soon!

Please can you send your prayers to be included in the next Prayer Diary by 10th February 2016 to:

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1st Bedhampton Methodist Church

- That conflict in the world may be resolved
 - For the Boys' and Girls' Brigade; the young people and their leaders
 - For the playgroup that works on our premises; for children, their parents and leaders
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2nd St Mark's Church, Borden

- Give thanks and praise for a God who binds us together in love, in our shared church
 - For leaders and young people as we aim to start to new youth group: 'Unity Works'
 - For a community facing major new development after the departure of the garrison
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3rd Bridgemyary Methodist Church

- For all whom we encounter in worship and service
- For the people and situations known to us that need our prayers at this time
- That we will have a sense of God's guidance in our planning, doing and reflection

4th

Copnor Methodist Church

- For love and peace throughout the world – they work together
 - For the friends and families of those killed in the Tunisian shootings
 - Giving thanks for the signs of growth among our fellowship and community activities over the past few months
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5th

Drayton United Church

- For the new worship and fellowship services taking place mid-week on a monthly basis
 - For guidance and wisdom as resources are used for church and community
 - For the on going work with babies, children and young people offered and supported through the church
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6th

Eastney Methodist Church

- To develop and strengthen our corporate prayer life
 - For guidance to focus our mission where it is most needed
 - For energy and people to work in community outreach and support existing projects
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7th

Emsworth Methodist Church

- Give thanks for the continued work of the Pastoral Centre. That more volunteers may present themselves
 - For local ecumenical relationships: that they will continue to grow
 - For those in our community who have recently been bereaved
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8th

Fareham Methodist Church

- For our church community; its activities and groups as we have an opportunity to spread the love among many people
- For the local community, especially those who work connected with the sea. We think of those in the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy and those caring for the coastline
- Thanks for the leaders and members of Messy Church and our Church and Community group who work so hard to engage with the local community, spreading the good news to many who have not heard it before

9th Gosport Methodist Church

- Thanks and praise for the way our Open Door coffee mornings have encouraged people in the community to see us as ordinary people
 - That those attending will have the courage to walk through the door of any church
 - That we may find appropriate people to fill important roles in the life of the church
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10th Hart Plain Church

- For the development of our relationships and mission to local schools
 - For the development of the Mission Partnership with St. Wilfrid's, Cowplain
 - For the invitations process for Hart Plain, Horndean, Petersfield and Midhurst: 'Lord, send us the person you have chosen, and give us grace to accept your choice'
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11th Haslemere Methodist Church

- For our development project – that the plans and details may be correct
 - For a growth in numbers, for people who will be able to take on responsible positions
 - For our community, and particularly Lion Lane Post Office - under threat of closure
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12th Havant Methodist Church

- For our community outreach; that the contacts we have may be nurtured and increased
 - For those we serve who have mental health and other issues
 - For the local services who provide care for those suffering difficulties
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13th St Francis Church, Headley Down

- Give thanks for events such as 'The Big Lunch'; for their continued success in reaching members of the community
- For unity in fellowship and purpose
- For the right people to take up responsible positions when others finish this summer

14th Horndean Methodist Church

- For our Church Stewards as they lead us during a challenging, yet interesting, time
 - That we may see, and respond, to the opportunities that will arise through new housing developments in the local area
 - For our developing relationships with our Anglican friends within the Churches Together
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15th Lee-on-the-Solent Methodist Church

- Give thanks for the new people who have become part our church family
 - For discernment regarding developing ministry with older people
 - For those who are no longer able to attend church due to increasing frailty
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16th Lindford Methodist Church

- Give thanks for more folk coming along to midweek events
 - Give thanks of the new Youth Group starting in the Autumn
 - For the elderly and infirm in our community and elsewhere\
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17th Liphook Methodist Church

- For growth and development in our work with other churches in the village
 - For growth in numbers, especially people able to take on positions of responsibility
 - For our community: for wisdom for planning authorities facing difficult decisions
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18th Midhurst Methodist Church

- The increasing need for social housing, and the on-going shortfall in housing provision. Coupled with this, is the crisis of homelessness
- Guidance for the leaders of the nations regarding refugees from warzones, and the willingness to provide a refuge for the needy
- For the vision of successive generations of our Church Family, using their resources and talents for the service of the Lord and our Community

19th **Petersfield Methodist Church**

- Thanks for our minister David Rice, and for his encouragement and leadership
 - For Brian and Laureen Powell, serving as missionaries in Singapore
 - For guidance and peace as we enter into a new chapter of our lives
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20th **Portchester Methodist Church**

- Give thanks for the Junior Church Celebration on 19th July, where the young people took much of the service and accompanied the hymns and songs
 - For the teenagers who are now giving Christianity deeper thought
 - For guidance in our decision making as we consider appointing a Children and Family Worker
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21st **Stubbington Methodist Church**

- That the health services at Fareham Community hospital may be better used and that more volunteers may be found to enable the service to be even more effective
 - For members of our church community who act as carers
 - For the integrity of the Methodist Church following the Past Cases Review
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22nd **Trinity Methodist Church**

- For students starting at Portsmouth Uni in September; particularly those invited to services and lunches at Trinity through the Fusion Network
 - For those recently baptised or soon to be baptised
 - That people will be inspired to attend the Compass Course
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23rd **Wymering Methodist Church**

- For our ongoing youth work
- For wisdom to discern what is important in the life of our church
- For folk with a heart for young people

24th

Circuit Ministers and their Families

Andrew de Ville	Jeanette Richardson
Laura Evans	Janet Heys
Kate MacFarlane	John Mills
David Muskett	David Rice
Deborah Scott-Bromley	Claire Simpson
Bill Stillwell	Stephen Wright
Gordon Charlesworth:	Horticultural Trade Chaplain
Simon Coleman:	University Chaplain
Ernie Grimshaw:	Royal Navy Chaplain

Supernumeraries

Peter Cole	Trevor Payne
David Coote	Malcolm Rothwell
Malcolm Groom	Geoffrey Senior
Patrick Harrower	Christine Walters
Christopher Lewis	Beryl Wright

25th

Lay Workers

Jo Gregory	-	Circuit Administrator
Chris Taylor	-	Circuit Administrator
Margaret Heathcote	-	Circuit Finance Officer
Pam Stone	-	Copnor, Drayton and Wymering
Paula Finch	-	Eastney, Trinity and Copnor
Amy Tamblyn	-	Drayton and Wymering
Andy Stevens	-	Havant

26th

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Giving thanks for their ministry among us and for the care they take in bringing the word of God to us.

May those on trial as Local Preachers or undergoing Worship Leaders training receive the support, encouragement and challenge they need at this time and be open to the gifts of the Spirit.

God grant discernment and courage to those feeling called to preach or lead worship; that they may answer the call

27th Circuit Stewards and Co-Superintendents

Jeanette Richardson

Andrew de Ville

Ken Bassett

Nigel Cox

Joan Mason

Jean Parnell

Mike Toogood

Philip Warren

Mavis Bowthorpe

John Wardle

28th All Church Officers

For all those who are closely involved in the life of the church: stewards, pastoral visitors, musicians etc. For those whose work may at times go on behind the scenes but which is necessary to the mission and running of churches

29th The District

For Andrew Wood, the Chair of the Southampton District, of which this Circuit is a part. For all officers, lay and ordained, who serve the District. May they use the gifts and graces God has given them for the benefit of the church and to the glory of God.

30th The Connexion

- For the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference: The Rev'd Steve Wild and Dr Jill Barber, and others who speak on behalf of the Methodist Church
 - For all ministers and churches who enter stationing this year, and for those who responsibility it is to carry out this process
 - For those who seek to encourage, challenge and affirm us in our worship and service
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31st The Wider Church

- For our brothers and sisters in other denominations – that we may find unity in diversity and joy in growing together
- For those churches with which we already have close links; for the growth in ecumenical relationships, sharing and understanding
- For those who struggle to attend church in places where they may be persecuted for doing so. For any who take risks in spreading the gospel
- For all church leaders that they may be just, honest and faithful

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