

“Lord teach us how to pray”

Luke 11:1

Lord, you speak your word of love and life and hope
into all that this new day will bring.
May my ears be open to hear that word;
may my mouth be open to speak that word.
And if I can neither hear nor speak,
may your spirit, dwelling within,
enable me to live your word this day.
In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Jim Booth, Liverpool District Chair

Run the straight race
Through God’s good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face:
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

John Samuel Bewley Mansell (from HP710)

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

Kate Barclay Wilkinson (from HP 739)

Please pull out and keep this as an aid to prayer throughout the year

St Mark’s Methodist Church Prayer Diary 2011/2012

Dear Prayer Partner

One of the hymns in our hymnbook (HP 557) starts off as follows: “Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed.” In other words, prayer is the spoken or unspoken communication between us and God that helps us to grow as followers of Jesus.

Verse 5 of this hymn continues: “Prayer is the Christian’s vital breath, the Christian’s native air.” Prayer is like oxygen for the body, it fosters spiritual life, and it enables us to know God better. In prayer God meets us where we are and moves us on into a deeper relationship.

Although it sounds natural and easy, for many of us it can be hard to find or make time to be still in God’s presence, and to develop a discipline of prayer. There are many different ways to pray; please use this prayer diary as part of your prayer life to bring before God your thanks and concerns for our church and all its activities, our community relationships and for the wider Methodist family.

As Methodists, we are committed to ‘underpinning everything we do with God-centered worship and prayer.’ I hope that this prayer diary may play a part in helping to do just that.

May God bless you in your ministry of prayer.

David Ridley

Day 1	Circuit congregations, ministers & officer holders	Day 17	Our neighbours - of all Faiths or none & WAMCF
Day 2	Circuit Local Preachers and Worship Leaders	Day 18	Producers of the Notices & The Link & distributors
Day 3	Church and Vestry Stewards	Day 19	Those recently bereaved
Day 4	Pastoral Visitors	Day 20	Local Schools & 'Open the Book' assemblies
Day 5	Members and those on the community roll	Day 21	Wednesday Fellowship
Day 6	Communion and Door Stewards	Day 22	Boys' Brigade Company
Day 7	All on Cradle Roll and Cradle Roll Secretary	Day 23	Birdwood Nursery and CATS
Day 8	Messy Church & families with children & teenagers	Day 24	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides
Day 9	St Mark's past and future wedding couples	Day 25	Coffee Mornings & Talking Newspaper
Day10	Ministry of flowers & Technical Team	Day 26	Wednesday Housegroup
Day 11	Organists, other musicians & hymn practice singers	Day 27	Tuesday Singers
Day 12	Property Stewards & care of our premises & garden	Day 28	Allsorts Drama Groups & BS Theatre Company
Day 13	Treasurers & Church Finances	Day 29	Badminton Club & Ramblers' Group
Day 14	Fundraising project: People to Places	Day 30	Churches Together in Maidenhead
Day 15	Church Council Members & Committee Secretaries	Last Day of the month	Mrs Jill Baker, president of MWiB & the Methodist South East District & its leaders, Chair: Rev John Hellyer – Asst Chair: Rev Ian Howarth
Day 16	Those housebound or resident in Nursing Homes		