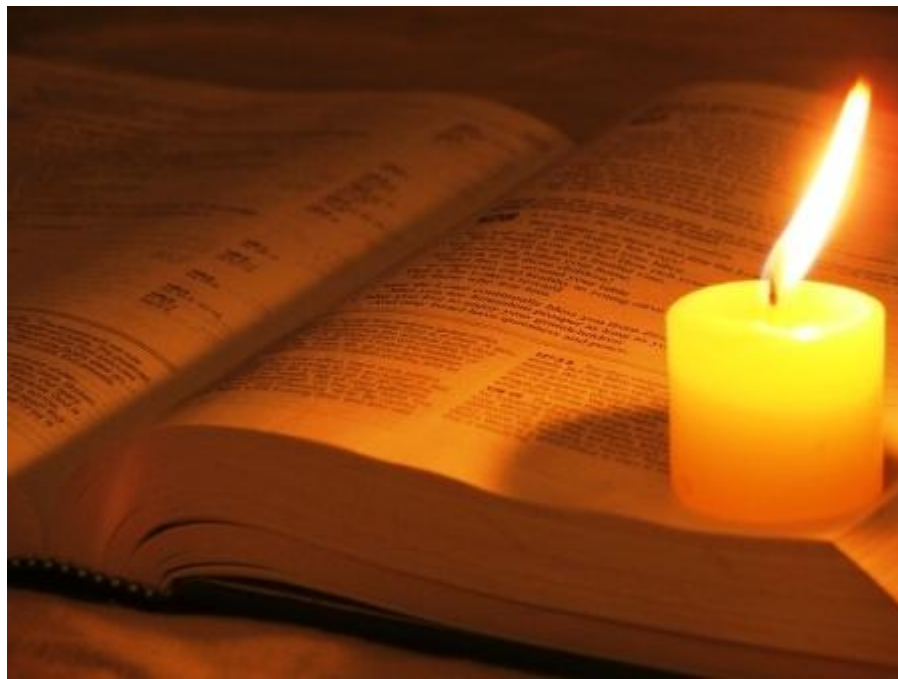




PRAYER HANDBOOK 2011/12



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Foreword

'And it is he who has given gifts...to equip God's people for work in his service, for the building up of the body of Christ' (Ephesians 4:11).

MEDAL - Methodists Enabling Disciples As Leaders - is the name of the District programme launched in the presence of the President & Vice-President of Conference at a remarkable service of celebration in Wesley's Chapel in May 2011 - and many have the badge to prove it!

Over the next two years the affirmation and development of lay leadership will be one of the main priorities of the District's work. There will be different ways in which we can all be involved - including praying for the various ministries and initiatives, hopes and challenges that involve leaders, lay and ordained, throughout the life of the District.

This year's Handbook is again offered as a means and encouragement to share in that ministry of prayer in private and public devotions - and in so doing to develop our awareness of the common mission in which we all share.

Jenny Impey

Stuart Jordan

Ermal Kirby

1 Global city focus:



Pray for the Mayor of London and the GLA

35/01 City Road
Superintendent: Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths

Give thanks for:

- Our new worker with young adults, Kido Baek and the cosmopolitan group of young adults with whom he works
- Our new Museum Curator, Christian Detlaff, and the many new Heritage Stewards (guides) who have joined us over the past year.
- The music life of our church, Elvis Pratt, our organist, Francis Mintah and our Church Choir and the large number of instrumentalists who enhance our worship.
- Our caretakers, Adrian and Anthony, who do such a wonderful job keeping the church sparkling bright and clean and the gardens neat and colourful

Pray for:

- Our two Local Preachers, Abe and Kido, who have completed the London course and look forward to being accredited
- Those who work with our children and young people
- The efforts to strengthen our links with The Leys School yet further
- Our new trustees about to take up their full responsibilities
- Our congregation members and especially the pastoral leaders who take care of their members

35/05 Battersea

Superintendent: Rev Richard Grocott

Give thanks for:

- Unity and new strength that God has brought to the people of Battersea Church
- The continued work of Imani project among women and young people
- New and creative developments in the life of the Mission

Pray for:

- Battersea as we explore possibility of merging with another Circuit
 - The building and refurbishment plans of the mission
 - God's grace, favour and the leadership of the Holy Spirit for the work among the people of Battersea
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2 Global city focus:



Pray for local Government and local Councillors

35/02 West London Mission
Superintendent: Revd Sue Keegan von Allmen

Give thanks for:

- The arrival of new ministers at Kings Cross and Hinde Street. For Rev Kong Ching Hii and his family who came from the Chinese Annual Conference of Sarawak in April 2011, to Kings Cross, and Rev Val Reid a Probationer Minister.
- Hinde Street's and Kings Cross' continuing ministry to some of London's most marginalized people.
- The development of a new strategy for the Social Work Ministry of the WLM under the direction of John Kuhrt, the Executive Director of Social Work.
- Work with students at the University of Westminster, Methodist Chaplaincy House and the Korean and Chinese congregations at Hinde Street and Kings Cross.
- For the diversity of the work and life in the West London Mission.

Pray for:

- The developing vision for mission and ministry at Kings Cross. For the new international congregation, a growing together of the Chinese and English communities at Kings Cross, and a growing connectedness with the Circuit.
- Hinde Street's class leaders and the classes, as they support, encourage and challenge members in their discipleship.
- Students new to University life, and London, especially international students. Staff threatened by cuts and for all who take faith seriously. That we may find ways of sharing our passion without intimidating, but rather embrace a reflective, compassionate and authentic faith.
- The circuit to be challenged by the 2012 Hugh Price Hughes Lectures on the theme of "Belonging Together?"
- Greater integration of the social work and churches and the development of a volunteering programme and chaplaincy in the social work services.

35/06 North Lambeth
Superintendent: Revd Rosemary Fletcher

Give thanks & pray for:

- The continuing ecumenical partnership between the North Lambeth Parish and North Lambeth Circuit
 - Signs of growth in the churches and the students from SEITE who have been on placement with us recently
 - Open hearts and minds as we seek to discern the way forward in consultation with others
 - The review of our ecumenical Parish scheduled for the autumn of 2011 and its outcomes
 - Caroline Brown as she takes up a new post in the Diocese of Leicester working with young people
 - People to have the confidence and commitment to take up lay leadership in the 4 churches of our area
 - Our joint ways of training and mentoring local preachers and worship leaders across the Circuits of the London Borough of Lambeth.
 - Ideas for developing our mission in Vauxhall and people to carry them forward
 - Those who might be joining our Team Ministry in the future, especially for Elizabeth Whyte, the new lay pastoral assistant for the Parish.
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3 Global city focus:

Pray for London Church Leaders



35/03 Westminster

Superintendent: Revd Martin Turner

Give thanks for:

- Jane Middleton who retired this year and Malcolm White planning to retire next year, for the way God has blessed the church through their long ministries at Central Hall.
- For evolving leadership from amongst the members of Sanctuary, our Young Adult congregation.
- For the loyal and dedicated members of the Leadership Team who share their vision and commitment for God's kingdom.
- For refurbishment work in the Great Hall and the rebuilding of the organ offering new opportunities through music.

Pray for:

- Deacon Denise Creed as she joins the ministerial team this September, and for the appointment of a new Managing Director of the Conference Centre.
- Martin Turner's chaplaincy to the Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship.
- Service and care offered to local families needing support through our partnership in the St. Vincent's Family Centre.
- Our links with the London Metropolitan Police Force, workers in local offices, and our partnership with other Westminster churches in their engagement with the homeless and in the annual public March of Witness on Good Friday.
- A strengthening of the spiritual life of the church through bible study, the Disciple courses, and through prayer and fellowship groups.

35/07 Southwark & Deptford

Superintendent: Revd Graham Miles

Give thanks for:

- The continued development of the new circuit
- The width and depth of the circuit's mission to the LB of Southwark & Deptford
- The Local Preachers as they bind the circuit together in worship and leadership.

Pray for:

- The new Superintendent Rev Graham Miles based at Deptford & the new Probationer Rev Linda Pearce based at Walworth as they begin their ministries among us.
 - All our churches as they face up to the financial challenges ahead.
 - The work with and among young people and the elderly in the circuit
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4 Global city focus:

Pray for your local Churches Together Group



35/04 Victoria & Chelsea
Superintendent: Revd Michael Sawyer

Give thanks & pray for:

- The continued talks between ourselves and the Hammersmith and Fulham Circuit and for our proposed coming together in September 2012.
- West London Churches Homeless Concern as they seek to expand their care in the Boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham.
- Our shared work with West London Action for Children and the ecumenical youth outreach project.
- Our congregation as it grows in faith and confidence.

35/16 Wandle Valley
Superintendent: Revd Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe

Give thanks for:

- Broomwood Community Project (BMCPT)
- The Youth Club and the ongoing initiative
- The work of the Circuit Leadership Team.
- The team spirit of the staff.
- The hard work of all our Preachers, our Preachers on trial and on-note.
- The number of people exploring local preaching.

Pray for:

- The ongoing work of the building project in Mitcham and for the Management Team and the mission within the local communities.
 - The re-roofing project for Tooting and the centenary anniversary celebration.
 - Revd's Richard Grocott and Patrick Kandeh, and their families as they bring into the circuit their gifts and graces for the building up of the Church.
 - For Justin Anwar's family as he goes through his Presbyterian training.
 - The future of the Church in Southfields.
 - Unity among all people and their willingness to offer themselves to use their gifts and talents to serve God in the Circuit and the local Churches.
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5 Global city focus:



Pray for Ecumenical Borough Deans

35/09 Tower Hamlets

Superintendent: Revd Phil Summers

Give thanks:

- To God for all his gifts to us and pray for our churches as they seek to serve in times of change.
- Our congregation at Old Ford engaged in a building project. Lord guide them, be with them as they begin a time of exile.
- Our congregation at Bow Road who are getting used to a completely refurbished building. Lord guide them as they seek to use their property for worship and service.
- Our congregation at Bethnal Green who long to move forward. Lord guide them, may they be faithful and trusting, creative and hopeful.
- For our congregation at Poplar who continue to grow. Lord guide them, may each member hear your call to support one another.

Pray for:

- We pray for our social ministry across the circuit.
- For those who are vulnerably housed or without a home. For those who are lonely or cut off from the wider community. For those who find it hard to integrate. For the elderly and the bereaved, especially children. For workers, volunteers, trustees and Ministers.
- We pray for the leadership of our circuit. May God guide, strengthen and encourage us into a new way of being.

35/17 Clapham

Superintendent: Revd Norman Grigg

Give thanks & Pray for:

- Norman and Arlington in their second year of ministry in the circuit and that the churches may find new ways of mission at their new and renovated buildings at Clapham, Stockwell and Springfield.
 - The Circuit Leaders that the spirit of unity and co-operation may increase and that the Circuit may continue to explore more joint and circuit-wide ventures.
 - The initiatives in work with Young People, especially the Music Group at Clapham and for an increasing number of members enquiring about becoming Worship Leaders and Local Preachers.
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6 Global city focus:



Pray for those involved in evangelism and in Fresh Expressions of Church including Revd Andrew Pakes and Revd Keith Rowbottom

35/10 Hackney & Stoke Newington
Superintendent: Revd Cathy Bird

Give thanks for:

- A new ministerial staff team, unconventionally assembled, but committed and optimistic about working together to build up the life of the Circuit.
- The launch of the London Borough of Hackney as a potential 'Borough of Sanctuary' – part of the City of Sanctuary movement.
- The role which the London Course has played and will continue to play in training our Local Preachers on trial.
- Some brilliant, imaginative and positive people.

Pray for:

- The decisions which will need to be made in relation to church buildings – especially at Dalston we pray for the people who keep nicking the roof and for the work of the Sharp End project which is threatened by the cuts; and at Green Lanes and High Street we continue with plans to knock down and start again from scratch.
- All those living with untold stories of pain, hardship and loss.

35/18 Brixton

Superintendent: Revd Cameron Kirkwood

Give thanks & pray for:

We invite colleagues across the district to share with us in prayer at this important time in our life together. In response to the Brixton Circuit review, and in preparation for the formation of a new circuit of Methodist churches at Streatham, Tulse Hill, Brixton Hill, King's Acre (Lyham Road), Mostyn Road and Railton Road, we pray:

God of all time
who always goes before us,
we look beyond today to find your hand
in our future.

As we think and talk
about our life and work together,
help us to listen thoughtfully,
to lay down what is no longer helping us to follow you,
and to be open to new signs and directions.

Lead us in your ways and keep us walking in your paths
as we commit ourselves to your service,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

7 Global city focus:



Pray for Other Faith Communities and Faiths Forums, inter faith workers

35/11 Islington & Camden Mission
Superintendent: Revd Paul Weary

Give thanks for:

- New partnerships developed with the cold weather shelter schemes in Islington and Camden and the Pilion Trust, which have opened new opportunities for mission at Caledonian Road and Camden.
- Second Chance Charity Shop and the £30,000 that it raises each year for charities locally, nationally and abroad; for Barry the shop manager and our many dedicated volunteers.
- The creativity of musicians, flower arrangers, worship leaders, preachers and those who prepare multimedia presentations, which enhance our worship week by week.

Pray for:

- The whole circuit as we review our work, that we may do so with vision, faithfulness and imagination.
 - Plans to develop the ground floor rooms at Archway to create a 'community hub' (scheduled for autumn 2011) and the major development schemes planned at Camden and Islington Central.
 - The challenge presented by the huge growth in student accommodation in the circuit and the redeployment of circuit staff to allow greater engagement with students and young adults.
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35/25 Richmond & Hounslow
Superintendent: Revd Roy Jackson

- Give thanks & pray for:
- The Circuit Leadership Team as they seek to discover new opportunities to encourage a sense of circuit togetherness.
- The Cedars Youth Project in Chiswick as it seeks to carry out its work in the face of uncertain times.
- The Urban Mission Project on the Alton Estate Roehampton and for Keith Rowbottom that they may fulfil their vision to see the Alton Estate as a good place to live, where people feel valued and loved, re-discover hope and find fullness of life through Jesus Christ.
- The new Cafe Arts season at Bell Road Methodist Church, Hounslow that through the sharing of Christian music and arts the evenings may continue to be a source of inspiration to the audiences of people from many different denominations in the area.

'Present God, you call us, in Christ, from the past into the future, give us grace to answer that call so we may discover and demonstrate the relevance and power of your loving Spirit in the world we inhabit; through Christ our Lord.'

8 Global city focus:



— call for a pathway to legal status for long-term migrants —

Pray for London CITIZENS and their Strangers into Citizens campaign; Sanctuary seekers and those who work with them

35/12 London Mission North West

Superintendent: Revd Alan Haine

Give thanks for:

- The links established with the Zimbabwean Fellowships in this country through the Revd. Adam Nyawo who works half-time as Chaplain to the Fellowships and half-time in the Circuit.
- Janet Arthur and Emmanuel Adu-Baah who have both recently received notes to preach in the Circuit and are now beginning their training as Preachers.
- The continuing links with 3 neighbouring Circuits (Harlesden, Notting Hill and Wembley) with whom we now share a Preachers Meeting which is lively and inspiring as well as new links with the Camden and Islington Circuit as we discuss the possibility of a Forum to co-ordinate the common interests of the Methodist Churches in the Borough of Camden.

Pray for:

- A renewed impetus to mission in each of the 4 churches and their neighbourhoods.
- The plans for renovation in the Hall at the Fernhead Road Church, centring on the kitchen.
- Rev. Joseph Ribeiro, as he continues for a third year as an ordained Probationer minister in the Circuit.

35/26 Wimbledon

Superintendent: Revd Margaret Adams

Give thanks & pray for:

- The devotion of our worshippers, the spirituality both realised and latent of so many, and the challenges ahead that shakes us out of our comfort zones.
 - Our Superintendent who moves within the Circuit from Stoneleigh and Ruxley churches to those of Wimbledon and Raynes Park.
 - The new Minister, Revd Martine Stemerick who takes up her appointment in September.
 - That all our churches may be havens 'where every weakness may be safely known', and where all, both ordained and lay, may exercise a Jesus centred ministry inside and outside our church walls.
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9 Global city focus:



Pray for the continuing campaign against Human Trafficking

35/13 Harlesden

Superintendent: Revd Dr Reynaldo Leão Neto

Give thanks for:

- The completion of the much delayed redevelopment scheme.
- The appointment of a new church manager.

Pray for:

- The church, as it begins a new phase in its mission in the local community.
- Revd Leão Neto as he begins his ministry at Harlesden.
- That the redeveloped building will be used for the strengthening of the local community and to serve local needs.

35/27 Streatham

Superintendent: Revd Jenni Sweet

Give thanks and pray for:

- Eleanor and the congregation at Norbury as they move into the Croydon Circuit.
- Jenni and the Streatham Circuit as we confer, and consolidate our relationship with the Brixton Circuit.
- For the ongoing, positive & collaborative relationship between Streatham & Brixton Circuits as we explore what it means to become one Circuit through;
 - reviewing the life of our respective Circuits;
 - combined LP & WL meetings;
 - the sharing in Worship Services and in the sharing of administrative support.
- For our respective congregations to be open to the exciting movement of God's Spirit.

*" Come Holy Spirit, humble us & surprise us as we go along unknown paths,
help us to open our hearts & minds to take into our lives the power of your transforming Spirit.
Father, we thank you for all that is past, and trust you for all that's to come-
In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord & Saviour" Amen.*

10 Global city focus:



Pray for London Ecumenical Aids Trust

35/14 Notting Hill
Superintendent: Revd Robert Maginley

Give thanks & pray:

- For the continuing deepening of our relationships with one another within the church, and for a growing mutual respect within the whole multi-cultural community in which we are set.
- That our church will continue to be a place where prayer is given high priority, and where a hospitable welcome is given to visitors who come to our services when visiting this area of London.
- For wisdom and discernment as we continue to explore relationships with nearby circuits.

35/28 Sydenham & Forest Hill
Superintendent: Revd Graham Cocking

Give thanks & pray for:

- Consultations on a new circuit being formed out of the Blackheath & Lewisham and the Sydenham & Forest Hill Circuits.
 - The continued development of community links within the circuit.
 - Our ecumenical colleagues.
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11 Global city focus:



Pray for Prisoners, those who work in prisons, prison chaplains, including the Revd Allison Waterhouse at Wormwood Scrubs

35/15 Hammersmith & Fulham
Superintendent: Revd Dr Madeleine Andrews

Give thanks for:

- The completion of a major refurbishment at Askew Road, with all its potential
- Those who work with children and young people
- Volunteers who carry out vital work in the circuit
- Glimpses of new possibilities of work to be done and people to do it with.

Pray for:

- Circuit amalgamation discussions with Chelsea, that we may enjoy getting to know each other, and find the stuff of hope around us
- For our capacity to communicate with our neighbours and serve them better
- For circuit staff and congregations facing change.

35/29 Blackheath & Lewisham
Superintendent: Revd Stephen Maunder

Pray for:

- The circuit as it engages with a new superintendent
 - Works towards a circuit merger with Sydenham and Forest Hill.
 - Seeks to remember the communities in which it is set
 - The circuit is thankful for the local preachers newly qualified and in training and prays that their preaching and leading of worship might be good news for the saving of souls
 - The circuit also invites prayers of thanksgiving for loyal servants who died in the last year, especially former circuit stewards Ethel Wymer and Bob Cornell.
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12 Global city focus:



Pray for schools, pupils, teachers and others who work in schools, school governors, including Revd Denis Vernon, the Farringtons Methodist School in Chislehurst and its Head Mrs Catherine James

35/20 Newham

Superintendent: Revd Ian Parker

Give thanks & pray for:

- Rev Claude Bailey and Deacon Debbie Clarke joining the Circuit this year, and new people filling lay leadership posts within the Circuit, as they settle into their new roles.
- Regular youth events bringing together young people from across the Circuit.
- Plans for the re-establishment of a night shelter for the homeless in the winter months involving a number of different church and faith groups across the borough.
- Continued engagement with street homeless and people 'with no recourse to public funds' as the authorities seek to make them invisible in the run up to the Olympic games.
- The work of Rev Julia Murphy (ecumenical chaplain) at the new Westfield Shopping Centre in Stratford, and her team of volunteers.

35/30 Lesnes Abbey

Superintendent: Revd Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah

Give thanks for:

- Growing relationships between members of the Circuit and a willingness to travel to 'new places' to make that happen.
- The impetus the four Circuit focus groups (services, church life, church & society, world church & other relations) are giving to the circuit mission.
- The diversity of people in our churches.
- The healthy spirit of ecumenism among the ordained and lay in the Circuit encouraging our Christian witness.
- The vision and commitment of churches in their ministry to young people.

Pray for:

- More people to engage in leadership and service within their church and Circuit.
 - Opportunities to show Christ's love to all involved in the Olympics & Paralympics as Greenwich has three Olympic venues.
 - Guidance and wisdom for the appropriate use of our church buildings and how much we invest in them.
 - New ways of engaging with young people in uniformed organisations.
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13 Global city focus:



Pray for University students, lecturers, others who work in the universities and colleges including the Methodist Southlands College within the Roehampton University and the principal – and the chaplains including Revd David Innes (Southlands), Revd Stan Brown (Kingston) and Revd Sam McBratney (City University)

35/22 New River

Superintendent: Revd Andrew Dart

Give thanks & pray for:

- The Circuit Superintendent; Rev. Andrew Dart, for his strong and dynamic leadership and for God's future direction, effectiveness and guidance in his ministry. Thank God for the safe delivery of his baby daughter and ask God's blessings on him and his family.
 - For a successful appointment of a new Superintendent during the Ministerial selection and for the Church at Muswell Hill on their journey of discernment, for continuing success in their numerous activities and community groups.
 - Rev. Mark Davenport and the members of Trinity- at-Bowes as they completed the final phase of their building programme and seek God's guidance for spiritual growth and further developments within the Church and local community.
 - Offer thanks and praise for the refurbishment of Finsbury Park Church. We pray for all members at this time of transition when Rev. Shirlyn Toppin takes on Pastoral responsibilities in September 2011 and we pray for God's guidance in her ministry.
 - Give thanks for Rev. William Davis in his role as Ghanaian Chaplain and Circuit Ministry and pray for Holly Park Church as they seek to establish Fresh Expressions of Worship and as they strive for growth, dedication and community involvement.
 - Rev. Valentine Dedji and members of St. Mark's Church as they affirm their faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ through vibrant worship, fellowship Groups, Bible Studies, prayer, discernment and Community Outreach Work.
 - Rev. Anthony Brazier in his bereavement over the death of his wife and pray that God will bless him with strength and courage. Pray for spiritual uplifting and revival in his Churches at Willoughby and Miller Memorial.
 - Rev. Lena Ali and members of Ravensdale Church, as they engage in creative ministry by empowering members to exercise their God-given gifts and help the young people to grow and develop spiritually and express their love for God with fresh enthusiasm and intimacy in worship.
 - We pray for the successful appointment of a Youth Development Worker in the early autumn and for all the new initiatives which are in progress with youth and children's work.
 - Thank God and pray for all the Stewards, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Treasurers, and all those who use their gifts and talents to prosper the work of God in individual Churches and within the Circuit.
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14 Global city focus:



Pray for Methodist Student Hostels incl. Methodist International Centre in Euston, Kings Cross Student Hostel, Chester House and Moullin House

35/23 Wembley

Superintendent: Revd Robert Pritchard

Give thanks and pray for:

- Circuit Youth Events and our young people in a variety of groups
- Route 18 Winter Shelter
- Circuit Half-Night of Prayer and 3 Boroughs Prayer Walk around Wembley Stadium
- Revd Stanley Barker's Ministry as he approaches retirement; 50 years local preacher ministry of Rod Lake and 50 years service of Circuit Organist Dr Donald Sammons.
- Local Preacher success in training and pray for worship leader in training
- Ministry of Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre
- The two Methodist Homes for the Aged in the Circuit
- Brent Multi-faith Forum
- Our partnership with many other churches

35/37 Teddington

Superintendent: Revd Peter Clark

Give thanks :

- Committed people across the five churches and for new officers in the churches and the Circuit
- The newly enhanced premises at Teddington including the new entrance Hall on Stanley Road
- New and different models of ministry serving the Circuit
- Those who have offered to train or become Local Preachers and Worship Leaders in the past year.

pray for:

- The **Way Forward** at Teddington, experimenting with different worship styles and seeking to connect with the local community
- for the music leadership at Sunbury needing new input, especially on keyboard, as this is essential in our worshipping life together
- for the Circuit Leadership Team, that we may serve effectively together
- for all five churches (East Molesey, Hanworth, Hampton, Sunbury and Teddington) as we explore through our church based consultations and reviews; seeking to learn **what makes a difference** in serving the community around each one; how best to use our resources in each place and together becoming effective witnesses for Christ

Lord enable your people to listen to you, to each other and to those in need. Our world needs people who respond to your call to share the world's resources and to be generous in our creativity, our time, our energy and our money. Help those who have little or who have lost work and who struggle daily and give your church a sense of your priorities as we learn how best to express your love for all people in each community and in the global community.

15 Global city focus:



Pray for Hospitals and Hospices and other health care providers, patients, staff including Revd Dani Wright and full time hospital chaplains – Revd Julia Wiktorska, Revd John Sakutombo and Hospice Chaplain – Revd Andrew Goodhead.

35/24 Ealing Trinity
Superintendent: Revd Michaela Youngson

Give thanks & pray for:

Loving God we give thanks for:

- The continuing commitment to deepening discipleship in the Ealing Trinity Circuit.
- The redevelopment work taking place at Ealing Green LEP and Kingsdown Methodist Church and pray that we will find ways to make all our buildings hospitable places of mission and care.
- New members and people finding their spiritual home in our churches and pray for 'Love Hanwell' a Churches Together mission project taking place throughout 2012.
- We pray for the work of the Ealing Churches Night Shelter, the continuing development of Ealing Street Pastors and for the possibility of new work with students at the University of West London.

*Gracious God
Protect the shoots of new life in your church
help us to be open to the possibility of change and renewal
and grant us wisdom in our use of the gifts that you have given to us.
All this for your glory and in the name of Christ
Amen.*

35/40 Purley
Superintendent: Revd Faith Nyota

Give thanks and Pray for:

- The work that Churches have done and continue to do in reviewing their life and mission
- The arrival of Faith Nyota as the new Circuit Superintendent
- The appointments of Linda Lucking and Malar Lawrence as part-time workers in the Circuit – offering support in administration and pastoral work respectively
- The creation of a new team, incorporating the 3 new workers – that this new structure may be successful both for the churches and the individuals who serve them
- The further development of the creative use of local people in owning their worship – either through worship leaders or the creation of groups willing to undertake locally arranged worship.
- The re-setting of Circuit direction following the decision not to proceed with a merged Circuit with Croydon.
- The Circuit and churches to find ways to attract new and younger congregations

16 Global city focus:



Pray for Social services

35/31 Barking, Dagenham & Ilford
Superintendent: Revd Stephen Poole

Give thanks & pray for:

- The Superintendent - Rev Steve Poole, Rev Bernardino Mandlate and for the new Ministers joining our team from Sept Rev Jan Atkins, Rev Jan Tate and Rev Merika Nkwama.
- Our Church outreach worker, Circuit Administrator and Circuit Stewards, giving thanks for all of their hard work.
- Our ten churches and the different building projects and the new opportunities that lie ahead.
- That the Holy Spirit will bless, strengthen and sustain all that we are doing.
- The new Church at Rivergate, that we are opening with the Church of England and Salvation Army, that through the Holy Spirit we can reach out to the brand new community.

35/38 Kingston Upon Thames
Superintendent: Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard

Give thanks for:

- Continued growth and good working relations with the Korean Christian Fellowship
- Greater focus on the children and youth of our circuit and those who work with them
- Many local preachers training in our circuit, the enthusiasm they bring, and the dedication of those who mentor and train them
- New volunteers taking up strategic roles within our churches
- The gift of cultural diversity within the Circuit

Pray for:

- An even stronger commitment to be witnesses in word and deed to the Kingdom of God in our neighbourhood
 - Our new Probationer Minister, Elizabeth Osei, and her family
 - A new project of Pastoral Care for the Elderly across our circuit churches
 - Chaplaincy and Sector Ministry work at Kingston University (Stan Brown) and St Mary's University College (Steve Talbot)
 - Health and healing amongst the active and supernumerary ministers in our circuit as well as many of our circuit lay leaders
 - For strength and encouragement for all those who work voluntarily within our Circuit Churches and for others to be inspired to join them
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Prayer Guide
for
Sundays
2011/12

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17 Global city focus:



Pray for church based community projects, including work with the homeless based at West London Mission and the Whitechapel Mission, other hostels and resting places including The Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest

35/32 Romford

Superintendent: Revd Armstrong Fummey

Give thanks for:

- The developing team spirit between Staff and Circuit Leadership.
- The hard work of Lay people in the Circuit
- Love and fellowship amongst Staff
- Our dedicated local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- The hunger in the heart of people to pray
- All who exercise ministry in various ways unnoticed

Pray for:

- The Big Build – a building project at Havering Road and for sources of funding.
- Emerging new Local Preachers
- Spiritual growth and the desire for a mission-shaped Church
- A suitable Circuit Administrator.
- Love and unity among all people across the Circuit
- Growing children's work
- Re:generation Church – a youth orientated Fresh Expressions Church and their work amongst young people in Romford and its surroundings.
- The Invitation Committee as they seek God's direction in the re-invitation process in the next few months.

35/41 Croydon

Superintendent: Revd Nigel Cowgill

Give thanks for:

- The community outreach developing across our circuit in many of our churches
- For our growing children and youth work and those who work with our children and young people across the circuit
- For our lay leaders

Pray for:

- Revd Eleanor Jackson and Norbury Methodist Church who join us this year in the Croydon Circuit
 - For our churches engaging in building projects
 - For all staff lay and ordained
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18 Global city focus:



Pray for Action for Children, the Methodist Church's children's charity, including its Faith Communities Adviser, Revd Will Morrey

35/39 Sutton

Superintendent: Revd Nick Oborski

"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Give thanks & pray for:

- Rev Nik Wooller as she joins the Circuit and works with the people of Cheam and Epsom. Pray for her family as they experience ministerial life for the first time.
- Rev John Amankwatia as he retains pastoral charge of Banstead and takes responsibility for Bandon Hill, Carshalton and Wallington with Rev Julie Underwood.
- Epsom as the new Youth Hall comes to fruition - pray for the continued good relationship between the Scouts and the Church as we learn how to run the building together.
- Wallington as they look at the future needs of their community which will shape future building proposals.
- The Local Preachers in our circuit. Pray that God will raise up new Local Preachers over the coming year and that he will continue to bless Lucy, Val, Rabin and Julia as they continue their studies.
- The circuits links with people of different ethnic backgrounds. In particular for the continued growth of the Chinese congregation at Epsom.
- Our ecumenical links expressed through our three joint churches of Trinity, St John's and St Mark's and their ministers.
- The continued development of Lay Leadership and lay participation in the circuit. We thank God for our circuit stewards, Alan Jameson, Mike Partridge and Adrian Heafford
- Our relationship with Rylands (MHA) and for the work of their chaplain Rev Ann Rusbridge
- Rev Nick Oborski our Superintendent Minister

Loving God in a world rushing by give us space to be still. In a world that never stops help us to pause and listen. May we be open to hear your call on our lives and live in the serenity of knowing we serve you as we walk in your ways. Amen

19 Global city focus:



Pray for MHA, the Methodist Church's charity for the aged, including Revd Anne Rusbridge (Chaplain). Pray also for Revd Anne Richardson (Chaplain among Deaf & Deaf Blind People)

35/33 Forest

Superintendent: Revd Femi Cole-Njie

Give thanks & pray for:

- The rich diversity of cultures and traditions that are represented within the Circuit – both in the staff team and within congregations and for our faith in Christ which binds us together as one.
 - For the 25 newly trained and commissioned Worship Leaders and their contribution to the worship life of the Churches in the Circuit.
 - The Leytonstone Methodist Youth Choir and the Shern Hall Steel band and their music ministry across the District.
 - The possibility of new avenues for mission and ministry presented by the “More than Gold”, 2012 Olympics initiative.
 - Femi Cole-Njie as she takes on the responsibility of Superintendency.
 - A renewed sense of vision for the future.
 - Lighthouse Methodist as we welcome our new minister Revd Michael Moon, that his fresh leadership will unite us in our mission and worship; for the Lord's continuing guidance as we plan and fundraise for a major internal refurbishment of our premises to better suit them for church and community needs.
 - The development of an Arts Centre at Loughton Methodist.
 - Leytonstone Methodist's “Men With a Mission” initiative in association with Churches Together in Leytonstone to respond to the issues of gang culture and violence in the community.
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35/42 Bromley

Superintendent: Revd Michael Cassidy

Give thanks & pray for:

- The leadership of the Bromley Circuit remembering especially the Ministers and Circuit Stewards.
- The new staffing arrangements in the Circuit as we look forward to welcoming a new minister in September 2011.
- Those who have recently volunteered to serve as Circuit Stewards in the circuit, trusting God to bless and equip them with the gifts to fulfil this role.
- The ongoing conversation in the Circuit about the future of the premises formerly known as Keston Methodist Church.
- The work among young people, and thank God for the devotion and commitment of the leaders of our young people.
- The life and witness of Beckenham Methodist Church as we prepare to celebrate the 125th Anniversary during 2012.
- Our Local Preachers, especially our three recently accredited preachers and the three we currently have On Trial.

We pray that God, who holds us all in his love, will continue to empower and challenge us as a Circuit with a renewed vision of Christ's mission in the Bromley area and the in the world at large, so that with grace, love and courage we may continue to work for the good of the church that we are proud to be a part of.

20 Global city focus:

Pray for Housing Associations



35/34 Enfield

Superintendent: Revd Geoff Cornell

Give thanks for:

- Growing youth work across the Circuit and the appointment of a Circuit Youth Worker from September 2011 in response.
- An increasing sense of being part of God's people ministering in and to Enfield
- Our growing band of Local Preachers.

Pray for:

- The creation of a Circuit Development Plan: that churches will take courage from the past as they consider the future.
- Ponders End and Edmonton congregations worshipping in and ministering from crowded and inadequate buildings: for a way ahead.
- That the many links with our local community may translate into meaningful relationships and opportunities to explore the faith

35/43 Orpington & Chislehurst

Superintendent: Revd David Gillman

Give thanks for:

- The redevelopment at Chislehurst and the opportunities to celebrate creativity and spirituality.
- The work and witness among children and families in the outreach projects supported by the different churches.

Pray for:

- The work of smaller churches and for the energy and vision to establish new work.
 - Those engaged in ministry that our worship and service may communicate God's love to all.
 - Those who have served Christ throughout their lives and are less able physically to share in church life.
 - The opportunity to see good in the lives of others, the spark of God's grace that with our encouragement may light again the darker places of our experience.
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21 Global city focus:



Pray for financial services including the Revd Patrick Brain

35/35 Barnet & Queensbury
Superintendent: Revd Colin Smith

Give thanks for:

- Interfaith relationships and especially with the Jewish community in Barnet, the largest in Britain
- The work of circuit stewards and other lay officers
- Signs of new life in the churches

Pray for:

- Revd Shaun Sanders who is joining the circuit staff
 - Revd Richard Watson, who has been authorised to serve as a Methodist minister, and who is moving on to be Sub-Dean of St Albans Cathedral; and for the East Barnet Anglican Methodist Partnership during the vacancy.
 - The Eversfield Community Centre and its work with the disadvantaged
 - The continuing redevelopment of the church premises in East Barnet
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35/36 Harrow & Hillingdon
Superintendent: Revd Dr Carol Hamilton-Foyn

Give thanks for:

- The success of our 2 candidates for the presbyteral ministry - Vicci and Katherine - and pray for them as they begin their training at Wesley House
- The dedication of the Circuit stewards' team
- The diversity of ministries across the circuit
- Those responding to God's call on their lives as Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Pray for:

- The challenges facing the circuit as it seeks to reconfigure for mission
 - Nick Skelding as he joins the ministerial team in September
 - All those coming to faith, especially through our Fresh Expression of Church in Yiewsley
 - The lay people, paid and volunteers, who work tirelessly throughout the circuit
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23 Global city focus:



Pray for criminal justice system

Ministerial Synod:

Secretary: Revd Geoff Cornell

'Heavenly Father, as you have called your servants into ordained ministry, we pray you to fulfil in them the work you have begun. Grant them love, wisdom and patience as they enable the ministry of the whole people of God. Grant them boldness and faithfulness. Encourage and challenge them through your word and enliven them with your Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

District Council & District Trustees

Secretary: Martin Harker

Give thanks and pray for:

- The hard work of all the members of the Council in their work between meetings, and their prayerful consideration of the decisions they need to take during meetings.
 - Bala Gnanapragasam, the Synod Secretary, in organising Synod meetings and assisting the Chairs; and Hannah Roberts, the District Treasurer in seeking to manage our available resources so that they can be used to best fulfil the Vision and Goals of the District.
 - -The new and continuing members of each of the Commissions, and in particular for those who link the Commissions to the Council, that we can all work together to serve the District as well as possible.
 - The hard work and faithfulness of the District staff in supporting the Council and the many other committees in the life of the District.
 - Those working on a new communications and technology strategy, to enable all parts of our District to be able to communicate with each other easily and effectively, so that information, ideas and inspiration can be shared between us.
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District Young People

Edward Nkwelle

Give thanks and pray for:

- The formation of the London District Youth Board
 - The Launch of a two-year strategy & programme for young people in the London District
 - Wisdom and knowledge for all the officers within the youth board
 - The Holy Spirit's leadership and direction as the youth board seeks to implement its strategy
 - The involvement of hundreds of young people all across London with the strategy and programme
 - The youth events and activities taking place in different circuits and church throughout the summer of 2011
 - All district youth events to bring a sense of hope and fulfilment in the lives of young people
 - The Lord's guidance as the youth board seeks to develop ecumenical and several other partnerships to enhance its planning to deliver a comprehensive programme around the Olympics and Paralympics Games in 2012
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24 Global city focus:



Pray for entertainment and culture

Authorised Ministries Commission
Convenor:

Give thanks for:

- Local preachers and those in training
- Ordained ministers and probationers
- Those who are exploring a call to be preach or to ministry

Pray for:

- Superintendents as they undertake supervision training
- Ministers as they engage in the new ministerial development review
- The commission convenor and members of the commission as they encourage and support the various areas of the commission's work and work with others to equip and develop faithful and fruitful preachers and ordained ministers

Probationers Committee
Secretary: Revd Cameron Kirkwood

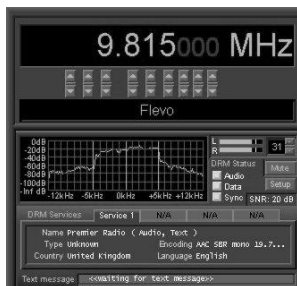
Give thanks for:

- Those who are making the transition into ministry amongst us having completed their initial training and for those who are continuing as probationers
- The members of the District Probationers Committee for the dedication and commitment they show to this important work
- The engagement of the probationers in the District Probation Programme and the growing sense of commitment and ownership within the group

Pray for:

- Those who act a supervisors, mentors and tutors in the district as they support and encourage probationers
 - Circuit and local church officers as they help new probationers to adjust to their appointments and participate in their training, formation and development
 - The planning for the joint District Probationers Retreat with Beds Essex, Herts and the South East districts at the end of January 2012.
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25 Global city focus:



Pray for Media, including Media Chaplain and Broadcaster Revd Tony Miles.

Candidates Committee
Secretary: Revd Sheryl Anderson

Give thanks for:

- All who have been accepted as candidates for training.
- The amazing diversity of London Methodists that God is calling into full time ministry within the Church.

Pray for:

- Those who serve on the District Candidates' Panel and for all who are preparing to candidate in 2012
- All those who test that call by offering as candidates for ordained ministry, and the members of the District Committee who seek to explore God's call in relation to those who offer. Together, by God's grace, may we discern God's will.

Sabbaticals Advisory Group
Secretary: Revd Dr Carol Hamilton-Fyon

Give thanks for:

- The gift of Sabbaticals from the Connexion
- The members of the Sabbaticals group who give their time to serve the District
- The work of local Sabbatical support groups who help in preparation and on-going support in the circuit during times of Sabbaticals
- Colleagues who take on extra work to cover Sabbaticals

Pray for:

- All those taking Sabbaticals this year that they may have opportunities for rest, refreshment, reflection, and study – for Emma Aikins, Madeleine Andrews, Jane Cassidy, Mike Cassidy, Peter Clark, Armstrong Fummey, Robert Maginley, Jonathan Mead, Stephen Poole, Michael Sawyer and Michaela Youngson.
- The ability to 'let go' for a few months
- Circuits and churches and colleagues who are carrying on the work in the minister's absence

Lay Stationing Representative(s)
Mr Andrew Moore

Give thanks and pray for :

- The many church members across the district who give of their valuable time to sit on invitation committees
 - The deliberations of the invitation committees that they may consider prayerfully the needs of their church and circuit
 - The ministers and their families facing the challenges and the uncertainties over possible moves
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26 Global city focus:



Pray for those who offer training and retreats, including the Guy Chester Centre.

Give thanks and pray for:

- All who offer support, training and encouragement to Ministers including:
 - Early Years in Ministry Group
 - The Regional Training Forum
 - The staff and students of SEITE
 - The staff and students of Wesley House, Cambridge
 - The staff at the Guy Chester Centre and students
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Continuing Development in Ministry (CDIM)

Secretary: Revd Dr Madeleine Andrews

Give thanks for:

- The opportunity for further study, reflection and training, for the nurturing of vocation and the broadening of competence
- For ways in which circuits and churches are benefiting from the development in ministry among circuit staff.

Pray for:

- Those who would like to undertake further study, but find themselves weighed down by the demands of their existing work
 - For the District, in the task of assessing development and training needs, and using resources and expertise available among us
 - For wisdom in the use of funds to enhance ministry.
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Supernumeraries

- We give thanks for the wealth of gifts and experience represented by the supernumeraries of the District and for their ministries of continued involvement in Circuit or District life and/or of prayerful support and encouragement.
 - We pray for any who struggle with ill health or infirmity and rejoice at the wisdom and good humour which is shared so freely with others.
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Deacons Area Group

- Pray for a greater understanding of the role of a Deacon and for a greater publicity of the two models of ordained ministry offered by the Methodist church. For more Diaconal candidates and new appointments.
 - Give thanks for the Deacon Debbie Clarke's move to her new appointment in Newham circuit and in finishing her degree. Please pray for her and Adrian her fiancé as they get married and begin their married life at this new stage of her ministry.
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27 Global city focus:



Pray for community development

Discipleship and Congregational Development
Commission (DCDC)

Convenor: Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard

Give thanks & pray for :

- The DCDC as it seeks to resource the nurture, discipleship and development of local circuits, churches, and members.
- The Task Groups and individuals that deal with: Discipleship, Liturgy and Music, Fresh Expressions, Safeguarding, Circuit Reviews, Mediation and Consultancy, District Training events, and Lay Employment.
- Those who work with the Language and Culture-Specific Fellowship Groups. Those who work with Age-specific ministries, such as Youth, Children, and Older Adults.
- Give special blessings to the Lay Leadership Strategy Group as it seeks to encourage more lay people to become leaders of your church.

Lord, help us to make good decisions.

There are so many needs, so many interesting projects,

So many ways we'd like to help.

Keep us focused, Lord, on what is most important to You.

On becoming better disciples of You.

On providing the resources

That will enable our congregations to reflect you better.

On listening to the needs of those who are different –

And of those who are often (sometimes painfully!) just like us –

Keep us from getting discouraged when we can't do it all,

Or do it the way we'd like to.

And give us your Peace as we work for your Kingdom.

Amen.

28 Global city focus:



Pray for those preparing for the Olympics and those affected by the developments.

Lay Employment Group
Secretary: Monty Grigg

Give thanks for:

- The continued number of lay people, paid and voluntary who are willing to give their time, energy and skills to the work of God within the Methodist Church.
- The increasing number of paid lay staff across the District which is a sign of hope and an indication that the Church continues to grow, even if it appears to be in decline in some places.

Pray for:

- Those lay employees and ministers who sadly, find themselves in dispute, which causes pain, distress and hurt and which may have to end in the termination of the employment relationship. We ask that our actions and decisions are always carried out with due regard to the rights of all, in Christian charity and grace.

Safeguarding
Revd Jan Atkins

Give thanks and pray for:

- All those in Circuits and District working to protect children, encourage their development and give them a voice
- The enormous variety of gifts and talents that children bring
- Children who have been harmed and denied their potential and who struggle to be heard
- The healing of adult survivors of childhood hurt
- Those who support and help vulnerable people
- The work of the District Safeguarding Group - training, giving advice and supporting those dealing with difficult Safeguarding issues
- Those who are working on changes in Government policy regarding Safeguarding

We pray for those vulnerable adults and children and young people who are suffering from hurt and abuse today. Help us to do all we can to welcome and protect all people in our churches. Amen

29 Global city focus:



Pray for MPs and MEPs

Social Responsibility Commission
Convenor: Revd Paul Regan

Give thanks for:

- The way London allows people of many cultures and faiths to live in peace together
- The rich mix of cultures and languages in our churches
- All Methodists who professionally or voluntarily engage in public life

Pray for:

- Those who are unemployed or fearful for their jobs
- Those adversely affected by the changes to the benefits system
- Those who are working through the changes in the NHS

Complaints Support Group
Secretary: Revd Jonathan Mead

Give thanks & pray for:

- We thank God for those willing to offer themselves for the difficult task of supporting those who are going through the complaints process.
 - Let us pray for those who may be going through this process, asking that wherever possible good and lasting reconciliation may result.'
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30 Global city focus:



Pray for those who work for the Connexion, Revd David Gamble, Revd Tom Quenet, Revd Alan Ogier, Revd Mark Wakelin, Revd Robert Jones, Revd Jo Cox and Revd Sheryl Anderson.

District Advance Fund
Convenor: Revd Cathy Bird

Give thanks for:

- Wise stewardship, and all those Churches and Circuits which are seeking to develop new and innovative work using a variety of sources of funding.
- The equitable nature of the Methodist Church's funding system that tries to keep money flowing around the Connexion.

Pray for:

- Members of the District Advance Fund Panel as they make difficult and significant decisions relating to funding applications.
- All those Churches and Circuits who are discerning how to make the best use of limited financial resources.
- Those who have not been successful in their application to DAF, that they may be able to creatively take stock and find alternative ways of achieving goals.

Property Advisory Group (Secretary: Mr David Holland)
Property Consents Group (Convenor: Mr Chris Linford)

Give thanks for:

- For our Methodist forebears who, as well as leaving us a legacy of faith, provided a wealth of churches and manses throughout London.
- All the individuals and groups we welcome on to our premises. Pray for greater understanding of one another's needs that will lead to closer relationships with our user groups and better opportunities to share our faith.

Pray for:

- The vision and discernment to adapt and use our buildings to serve the present age and those to come.
 - The work of the Property Advisory Ground and the Property Consents Group that they may have the wisdom to deal with property matters according to God's will.
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31 Global city focus:



Pray for those among whom you work

For your own Circuit

Give thanks and pray for:

- The ministers and leadership in your circuit
- Your own church, its members and leaders
- Your small group in your continued service, learning and growth in your faith

A Prayer for people on the move.

Lord we have packed our books and our furniture: we have carefully wrapped our precious ornaments in the hope that they will reach their destination unbroken. But how do we pack our thoughts and our memories? How do we ensure a safe transit for the treasures this place has collected and deposited forever in our hearts? When we reach our new destination help us to find space for all the treasures we need to take with us but help us also to find space for new gifts and new memories; not to replace the old but to sustain and preserve them. In the name of the one who never changes, Amen.(Hazel Ratcliffe)

District Prayer

Living God,
we thank you for the great diversity
of people
and the rich variety
of gifts with which
you have blessed us:

As we seek to be
good news
in our local communities and
this global City;

May the grace of your Son inspire us;
the wisdom of your Spirit teach us;
and the strength of your presence sustain us,
We ask this for your glory's sake.

Amen.

A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference to the world,
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

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