

Gracious God, out of your love you have fashioned and formed each one of us and placed potential within us. We thank you for the varied personalities, gifts, skills and graces that each of us has been given. Our diversity encourages us to recognise our need of each other, but too often it pushes us apart as we become jealous or envious or judgemental of others.

Forgive us Lord for all the times when we have misunderstood the depth of your love for all and failed to show that in our relationships with others. Help us by your Spirit to live in peace with everyone, allowing our unity to encourage, support and help one another so that your love might be known and your kingdom come.

In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Holy God, you call us to live in your ways of love and mercy and justice, but sometimes we are distracted and deceived by the ways of the world which can seem appealing and attractive.

Transform our minds we pray so that we see the world as you see it; so that we make wise choices and so that we behave in ways that reveal your love to others.

In the name of Christ,
Amen

Making prayer a regular part of our lives changes us.

- It draws us into a closer relationship with God.
- It opens us up more fully to his love for us in Christ.
- It enables God, by the Holy Spirit to transform us into the likeness of Christ.
- It changes the way we view the world around us and the people that we encounter.
- It enables us to see new possibilities.

Please join me in praying each day as this Prayer Diary guides you and may you know the joy of seeing God at work in those for whom you pray and in your own life.

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Prayer Diary

2020-2021

*Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.*

Colossian 4: 2



South Yorkshire - North East Derbyshire - North Nottinghamshire



On the following days you are invited to pray for:

1. **Chair of Sheffield District**
Revd Gill Newton
2. **Sheffield Circuit:**
Ministers and Lay Employees
3. **Derbyshire North East Circuit:**
Ministers and Lay Employees
4. **Peak Circuit:**
Ministers and Lay Employees
5. **Doncaster Circuit:**
Ministers and Lay Employees
6. **Barnsley Circuit:**
Ministers and Lay Employees
7. **Rotherham & Dearne Valley Circuit:**
Ministers and Lay Employees
8. **Trinity Circuit:**
Ministers and Lay Employees
9. **Urban Theology Union and Cliff College**
Lecturers, staff and students
10. All those involved in **Children, Youth and Families work**
11. **Methodist Church Schools, Staff and pupils:**
Bakewell Methodist Junior School;
Emmanuel CE/Methodist Junior Academy; St Andrews CE/Methodist Aided Primary School
12. All those involved in **Pioneering Ministry**
13. All those involved in **Chaplaincy work**
14. **Local Preachers and Leaders of Worship**
15. **Sheffield Circuit:**
Churches and Ecumenical Partners
16. **Derbyshire North East Circuit:**
Churches and Ecumenical Partners
17. **Peak Circuit:**
Churches and Ecumenical Partners
18. **Doncaster Circuit**
Churches and Ecumenical Partners
19. **Barnsley Circuit**
Churches and Ecumenical Partners
20. **Rotherham & Dearne Valley Circuit**
Churches and Ecumenical Partners
21. **Trinity Circuit**
Churches and Ecumenical Partners
22. **District Safeguarding Officer**
Alison Hill
23. **Mission Development Support Worker**
Neil Harland
24. **District Communications Officer**
Sam Roberts
25. **Peak Park Rural Development Enabler:**
Deacon Lorraine Brown
26. **District Administrators**
Katrin Hackett & Val Higgins
27. **Circuit and Church Administrators, Office Workers and Buildings Managers**

28. **Supernumerary Presbyters and Deacons, and widows/widowers of Ministers**
29. **Circuit and District Groups and Committees**
30. **Circuit and Church Stewards and other Office Holders**
31. **The Yorkshire Plus Learning Network Region; The Yorkshire West District; The Yorkshire North & East District**

For some churches this year may be one in which difficult decisions will need to be made about their future.

Pray for all those involved in such processes as they discern how best to fulfil God's mission in a peaceful and amicable way.

