

WIRRAL METHODIST CIRCUIT PRAYER DIARY SPRING / SUMMER 2020

From Wednesday, 1st April through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, joyous Easter Day and through Pentecost (May 31st)

Every day: Remember to celebrate the greatness of God who never lets us down even when we experience doubt in times of uncertainty and when we all too frequently let Him down. Remember that we are all members of one family – His family – and privileged to call Him Our Father. Remember that two-way communication between family members is of vital importance with a readiness to listen in prayer to Him and also to listen and respond to others, ready both to help others and also to accept help. Pray that we will remember to reach out in His love by phone or other means of communication – including letters – to others.

Ask God to forgive us when we are tempted to be self-centred, or unthinking and insensitive towards others, when we are tempted to give up believing that He is ready to strengthen us and to equip us to face challenges when we are prepared to accept the need to think afresh and to see opportunities to do things differently. Ask God to remind us that worrying is a reflection of us trying to work out solutions by ourselves, whereas prayer is engaging in conversation with Him and taking our concerns to Him, trusting that over the course of time new (and better) ways forward will become apparent to us. Ask God to forgive us when we are not instinctively generous towards others with our time and resources.

Thank God for the faithful ministry of our Circuit ordained staff **Rev Heather, Rev Jackie, Rev Lorraine, Rev Sheila, Rev Steve, Deacon Peter, Rev Yangsun** in the most challenging circumstances and all our wonderful supernumerary ministers (Rev Malcolm Atherton, Rev John Barnett, Rev Barbara Banton, Rev Bob Cooper, Rev Alan Fisher, Rev Viv Gasteen, Rev Dr Christine Jones, Rev Helen Jobling, Deacon Jenny Knight, Rev Carole Natton, Rev George Palmer, Rev Derek Softley and Rev Lily Twist) and associate presbyters (Rev Barbara Exley at Claremount, Rev Gwynfor Evans at Willaston and Rev John Yaxley at Hope Farm), *and also for* our lay staff based at the Circuit Centre and in our various churches, our lay leaders and lay pastors. **Thank God for all members of our communities, in or out of uniform, who selflessly serve others.**

Pray for all who have the responsibility of taking decisions affecting others at national and local level in government and in business that they may act wisely. Pray for the elderly and infirm, those who feel isolated and lonely (including those who have been bereaved and those who are not able to make contact with family members at this time), those who are unwell. Pray for all the children who suddenly lost the routines of going to school (and looking forward to school holidays) and are experiencing new pressures from no longer being able to engage in favourite activities outside their homes and to socialise freely. Pray for older ones whose further education, career paths and employment now seem uncertain. Pray for parents (including lone parents) feeling under great pressure because of their work commitments, loss of access to support from grandparents and isolation from their peer support groups. Pray for all for whom loss of income has come with horrific suddenness and those who were already experiencing great difficulty in feeding their families and themselves. Pray for people in other countries in truly awful circumstances.

Continue to remember to thank God for all the blessings we receive and for the knowledge that we can take all our concerns to Him in prayer.

God bless you and keep you all.

Please add your own personal prayer reminders: