



The **Methodist** Church  
Northampton District

**2025/2026**

 **Prayer  
Diary**



# Day 1 Oxford

The Oxford Circuit consists of 10 Methodist churches and 2 ecumenical congregations across the city of Oxford and parts of Oxfordshire. We rejoice in the diversity of our congregations across the city of Oxford, its surrounding towns and villages and the many gifts within the Circuit.



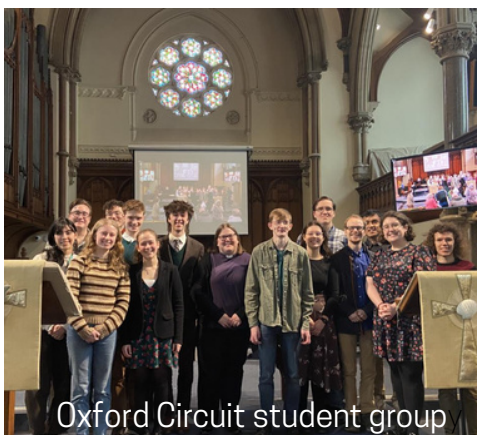
## Give Thanks For

- Hopeful signs of growth in a number of churches in the Circuit including adult baptisms, confirmations and the making of new members.
- Our staff team (lay and ordained), our Circuit Stewards, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and Lay Leaders in the churches.
- Our Circuit Celebration event bringing together people from across the Circuit to refresh, refuel and celebrate our churches and communities.
- The growing impact of our student ministry in the city centre and our ecumenical student outreach worker.



## Please pray For

- Our lay and ordained staff in their various ministries across the Circuit.
- Courage for local congregations making difficult decisions about their future.
- The compassionate outreach at Rose Hill and their future hopes for the project and the building.
- Our continuing work in seeking to provide safe spaces for all people to know and experience the love of God.



Oxford Circuit student group

**Holy One, as we seek to be hopeful in a pervading narrative of decline, give us courage, compassion and love in all we are and do. And as you love us, let us love each other: with no demands, just open hands and space to grow. Amen.**



**Superintendent**  
Rev'd Miriam Moul

### Ministers

Rev'd Paul Carter  
Rev'd Stephen Spain  
Rev'd Brian Brown (Writer and Producer)

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd David Bull  
Rev'd Geoffrey Hunter  
Rev'd Jean King  
Rev'd Leslie Marsh  
Rev'd Heather Noel-Smith  
Rev'd John Rowland  
Rev'd Michael Sawyer  
Rev'd Dr Ralph Waller

### Circuit Administrator

Jo Godfrey

### Circuit PA

Ruth Leach

### Children, Families & Outreach Worker

Mel McCulloch

### Community Chaplain, Rose Hill

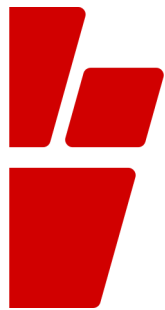
Liz Spain

### Methodist Chaplain to Oxford Brookes University

Adrienne Cooke

### Circuit Stewards

Chris Butler  
Malcolm Dodds  
Margaret Sawyer (Senior Steward)  
Paul Spray  
Ruth Taylor  
John Winterbottom



# Day 2 Wantage & Abingdon



Our circuit covers a large part of South Oxfordshire. We have eight churches (including two LEPs). Our Circuit is home to many scientific establishments and hi-tech industries. We are also an area in which a considerable amount of new housing is being built.



## Give Thanks For

- The innovative communities in which we are set.
- The willingness, commitment and dedication of the lay and ordained, who freely give of their gifts and graces for the work of God in this Circuit.
- The ongoing revival of Didcot chapel as new worshippers integrate into the life of the church.
- The work of our Community Chaplains.



## Please Pray For

- Our newly appointed Circuit Administrator and Superintendent Minister as they settle into their new roles.
- Our churches and ministers working with the challenges of changing times; for courage as we build on ideas from our Sustainable Circuit process and discern God's call on this Circuit.
- The ministry of our Local Arrangement Leaders in each chapel and those considering a call to preach.
- The work of Trinity Learning in Abingdon.



**Faithful God, as we move into a new phase of Circuit life, continue to guide us through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us discern your will; give us confidence, courage and boldness to be faithful in your service, so that all may know and experience your love. Amen.**

### Superintendent

Rev'd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

### Minister

Rev'd Bruce Thompson

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd John Anderson

Rev'd Eileen Appleyard

Rev'd Michael Appleyard

Rev'd Kenneth Blake

Deacon Maggie Blake

Rev'd Frances Blood

Rev'd Irena Byron

Rev'd Alan Grist

Rev'd Pauline Main

(Associate Presbyterian URC)

Rev'd Nigel Ogley

Rev'd John Stanfield

Rev'd Carol Hamilton-Foy

Rev'd Katherine Pickering

### Community Chaplains

Libby Hawkness-Smith

Wendy Moorin

June Grunwald

### Circuit Stewards

Anne Matthews (Senior Steward)

Gordon Skidmore

Mary Hancock

Neil Oastler

# Day 3 West Oxfordshire



West Oxfordshire covers an area of the Cotswolds. We have churches in Chipping Norton, Stonesfield, Carterton, Faringdon, Long Hanborough with Sutton, Minster Lovell and Bampton. Also two churches in Witney – High Street with Newland and Davenport Road. It is a beautiful rural area with villages and market towns where honey coloured Cotswold Stone is prominent and tourists are prevalent.

## Give Thanks For

- The young adults within our church community that lead us to new ways of worship.
- The growing relationships forming between our churches and other groups in our village communities.
- The willingness to explore what it means to be truly inclusive communities of faith.
- Give thanks for the saints who had the vision and faith to start and grow the ministry in these places, and for the honour of carrying the baton of faith in 2025.

## Please Pray For

- The courage to take risks and try new things and the outpouring of motivation as we experience the joy that comes from serving God.
- More people able to serve and hold office within our churches.
- Faringdon - for the right URC appointment and for the ecumenical partnership.
- High St - For the church to make Jesus known to the thousands who visit the building each week.



**We give thanks for the natural beauty of the area in which we live and work. For countryside and wildlife, hills, rivers and streams. We pray for those who live in towns and villages, especially for farmers and rural workers. We pray for blessings for our churches in the struggle to find volunteers and give thanks for new initiatives and inspiration.**

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Andrew Biggs

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Jason Cooke

Rev'd Kathy Flynn

Rev'd Sue Jacobs

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Stephen Bywater

Rev'd Elgin Crewe

Rev'd Roger Faulkner

Rev'd James Skinner

Rev'd Brenda Woods

Rev'd Alan Wright

Rev'd Andrew Wigley

### **Lay Chaplain Lead**

Sonia Duraturo

### **Circuit Administrator**

Caroline Todd

### **Circuit Stewards**

Rosemary Britton - Safeguarding

Eddie Fowler - Treasurer

Martin Hannant

Val Donoghue

Richard Bowler

# Day 4 The Learning Network



Hi! I'm Gemma, your new Learning and Development Officer. I'm passionate about equipping, resourcing and inspiring those in ministry and I'm here to serve you in whatever way I can. In the words of Jane Fonda: 'Stay curious, keep learning and keep growing. And always strive to be more interested than interesting!'

**Learning & Development  
Officer aligned to  
Northampton**  
Gemma Willis

## Give Thanks For

- The appointment of Gemma Willis as the new Learning and Development Officer for the Northampton District.
- The warm welcome Gemma has received from the District Mission Team.
- The Learning Network team, supporting and equipping churches and ministers across the Connexion.
- The provision of Mental Health First Aid training, enabling those who attend to better respond to mental health needs in their contexts.

**Learning & Development  
Manager for area group**  
Tricia Mitchell

## Please Pray For

- Gemma, as she begins to explore the District and visit each Superintendent in their circuit locale.
- The recruitment of the right people into vacant roles within the Learning Network team.
- The development of new, context specific training, meeting the learning needs of the local church.
- Hearts that stay curious, open to learning and longing for growth.



**Loving God, open our hearts to you as we learn of your ways and seek to follow your leading in our lives. Give us courage in the face of newness, perseverance in the face of challenge and hope in the face of the unknown. Amen.**

Gemma Willis  
Learning & Development Officer  
Northampton

# Day 5 Banbury



Banbury has a number of outlying rural and town churches spread across Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. The circuit is served by two Presbyters, Ecumenical Presbyter and a Family and Children outreach worker.

## Give Thanks For

- The ongoing partnership with the Town Council, Warm Spaces and Banbury Larder at Marlborough Road Church.
- The circuit work with young families & children through “Turn the Page” & “prayer Spaces” in local schools & “Brick (AKA Lego) Church” at Easington Church.
- Those attending 3Generate and the new shoots that are emerging.
- For our new stewards and Circuit Leadership Team.

## Please Pray For

- The Circuit Invitation Committee as we seek appointments for a new Superintendent and CofE Vicar for St Francis Church.
- Our ongoing exploration of NPNP at Adderbury, including the new partnership with Seccombe Court retirement home.
- Rev'd David Alderman as he prepares to take his sabbatical and 'Sit Down' in August.



**Loving God**  
**We continue to give thanks for the life of our churches and ask for wisdom and discernment as we enter Stationing, as we rejoice in the new partnerships that we are making. Surround us with your love and enable us to be beacons of hope and light to the communities that our churches serve. Amen.**

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd David Alderman

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Philip Robinson

### **Ecumenical Colleagues**

Rev'd Chris Gaynor (CofE)

Rev'd Lynda Spokes (URC)

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Chris Eddy

Rev'd Mark Goodhand

Dcn Margaret Hale

Rev'd Robert Jones

Rev'd Mary Pheasey

Rev'd Jeff Smith

Rev'd John Warren

### **Circuit Stewards**

David Miles

Mary Tanner

Hazel Stagg

### **Circuit Meeting Secretary**

Janet Jones

### **Children & Families Worker**

Cate Vokes

### **Pioneering: Health Walks**

Mrs Wendy Humphris

### **Circuit Administrator**

Clare Taylor

# Day 6

## Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley



We cover four towns, their surrounding villages and three counties. A circuit of contrasts from Towcester in the North to Thornborough in the West. Rural Villages and Market Towns, affluence and poverty, the Silverstone Circuit, Buckingham University and Bicester Village. Foodbanks, a Fridge Project. Reaching out through worship, fellowship and sharing food together.

### Give Thanks For

- The wisdom, experience and faithful commitment of our church leaders, stewards, preachers and worship leaders, musicians, treasurers, property people and congregations.
- The outreach at Bicester through the Open Doors Café, serving over 100 meals a week, turning surplus food into tasty meals.
- Our work with the oldest people in our churches and communities; Lyrics and Lunch, Fellowship Groups, Coffee Mornings and Dementia Cafes.
- Our commitment as a circuit to become Greener, with each church working towards EcoChurch Awards.

### Please Pray For

- Our smallest chapels – that they find support from our larger congregations.
- Outreach to the most vulnerable in our communities, those with poor mental health, the lonely, the homeless, those with drug / alcohol issues. Also the accessible cinema at Brackley.
- Our work with children and young people; Uniformed Organisations, Youth Groups, Toddler and Baby Groups, Messy Church, Prayer Spaces and assemblies in schools.
- Ecumenical relationships, doing things together that are better than being apart.



Bicester Methodist youth at 3Generate

**God of joy and God of sorrow,  
holder of our hurt and pain;  
God who shares our journey with  
us, come and hold our hands again.  
For we stray and think that we  
can manage life all on our own;  
Guide us tenderly but firmly,  
in the ways that you have shown.  
JB**

#### **Circuit Superintendent and Pioneer Minister**

Rev'd Sara Cliff

#### **Ministers**

Rev'd Jocelyn Bennett

Rev'd Tim Edworthy

#### **Supernumerary Minister**

Rev'd David Haseldine

#### **Local Lay Pastor**

Mrs Katy Morris

# Day 7

## Leicester Trinity



17 congregations' worship on Sundays and some weekdays. We seek to work collaboratively, bringing the presence of the Risen Christ and making disciples in the diverse communities we serve. We are present in the City Centre, Suburbia and Villages - North, East and South of Leicester.

### Give Thanks For

- Opportunities to see God's Kingdom in communities and congregations.
- The development of youth and children's ministry.
- The openness of congregations to God's Spirit as they seek to share the love of Jesus.
- Deacon Sharon Dilley, serving in the southern part of the Circuit, as she is joined by Presbyterian Ian Hu.

### Please Pray For

- Presbyters and Deacons as they settle into different pastoral charges or patterns of work as anticipated changes happen.
- Ongoing exploration of ministry at Bishop Street in its key position adjacent to the Town Hall. The strong desire for Diaconal presence to develop new dimensions of mission in the city.
- The work of Chaplaincy to the Universities, Higher Education and at Aigburth MHA home in Oadby.
- The Circuit seeking to discover how best to witness to God's Kingdom in an ever-changing city and wider Leicestershire, and that it may embrace the resources God provides.



**Source of all love and joy and peace, we give thanks for the privilege of serving God in the wonderful City of Leicester and its surroundings. Grant that all may work collaboratively in the power of the Spirit to promote the values of God's kingdom.**

### Superintendent

Rev'd Sonia Hicks/  
Rev'd Malcolm Oliver

### Ministers

Rev'd Kim Alexander  
Rev'd Christopher Andam - Also  
Ghanaian Fellowship  
Rev'd Ivan Bennett - Anglican  
Authorised  
Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis  
Deacon Sharon Dilley  
Rev'd Andrew Farrington  
Rev'd Derek McLean

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd David Bosworth  
Rev'd Kate Cook  
Rev'd Dr. Albert Mosley  
Rev'd Tony Pick  
Rev'd Vincent J. Price  
Rev'd Gordon Webb

### Circuit Stewards

Pedzisai Katsande  
Julie Manning  
Howard Smith  
Peter Holdridge (Finance)

# Day 8 Ecumenical Work



District Ecumenical Officers work alongside local partner denominations and others towards unity in mission. DEOs also work closely with the Connexional Ecumenical Officers and County/Intermediate Body Officers (where these exist). We are available for consultation and conversation on a wide variety of ecumenical matters.

## Give Thanks For

- The ministry of David Hare as County Ecumenical Officer for Oxfordshire over many years.
- The establishment of Kingsthorpe Community Church – a Baptist/Methodist LEP.
- The work of Churches Together in Leicestershire, and the County Ecumenical Officer (Vic Allsopp).
- For successful joint events and services organised by the Churches Together in Milton Keynes.

## Please Pray For

- Local Ecumenical Partnerships particularly those experiencing changes or vacancies in ministry.
- Local Churches Together Groups, especially those working at community cohesion, inter-faith dialogue and being good neighbours.
- For community groups and churches that engage with climate justice initiatives in the city of Milton Keynes and beyond.
- For Churches Together in Oxfordshire as we seek a vision for our work in the county.

### **District Ecumenical Officers**

Rev'd Ian Suttie  
Lead DEO  
Northamptonshire,  
Peterborough & Rutland

Rev'd John Anderson  
Oxfordshire

Rev'd Edson Dube  
Buckinghamshire & Milton  
Keynes

Rev'd Andrew Farrington  
Leicestershire

**Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to walk in your way  
more trustfully, to accept your truth more  
faithfully, to share your life more lovingly;  
so that we may come by the power of the Holy Spirit, as  
one family to the kingdom of our Father. Amen.**  
(Adapted from The Promise of His Glory The Central Finance  
Board of the Church of England 1990)



# Day 9 Leicester West

Leicester West is a Circuit of 10 churches including 4 within the city boundaries and the remaining 6 in the villages surrounding Leicester. We have one LEP and one church on two sites. Our prime missional purpose is to share the love of God and serve our distinctive communities.

## Give Thanks For

- The sense of belonging created by our church groups and Boys / Girls Brigades.
- The community groups using our church premises.
- Our Community Outreach activities: Men's Shed, litter picking, light a candle events, care home services, Alpha Courses, Open the Book etc.

## Please Pray For

- The continued success of community partnerships, youth events within the churches/circuit and in collaboration with Leicester Trinity Circuit as we look to increase our faith and numbers.
- The circuit as we enter the stationing process in 2026/27 and as we create a ministry for local lay pastors and authorization for lay people to preside at Holy Communion.
- Mission Plan & Statement Group as they look at Mission and the future of the Mission Enabler role.
- New Parks regeneration project and Circuit Church at the margins as we partner with the community making the church a place where all feel welcome.



**Dear God, 'at the heart of our mission is a desire to create spaces where people truly encounter one another, discover friendship in which the gifts of people are recognised valued and received.'**  
**\* Lead us on this journey out into our communities we pray. Amen (from Beginning a church at the Margins)**



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Sydney-Samuel Lake

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Jimione Kaci

Rev'd Joy Langford

(Authorised Presbyter)

### **Circuit Mission Enabler**

Justin Moulder

### **Circuit Administrator**

Sandra Pugh



# Day 10

# Charnwood & Mowbray



The Charnwood and Mowbray circuit consists of 15 societies around Loughborough, Shepshed, Melton Mowbray and surrounding villages. We are actively worshipping and missional. We are a newly formed circuit who is willing to go where God leads us, to live out our faith, and offer hospitality to those around us.



## Give thanks for

- The successful coming together of the two Circuits.
- Our work with ecumenical partners around the circuit.
- All of our different expressions of mission to reach our communities.



## Please Pray For

- Development of new church leaders.
- Our ongoing conversations around Multi-site church.
- Our circuit and churches to flourish, while we pray and wait for a new Presbyterian.



**Loving Father, we thank you for the opportunity to create the Charnwood and Mowbray Circuit. We ask that you walk with us and lead us, that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we get to know each other and reach out to those you have called us to serve. In Jesus name Amen.**

### Superintendent

Rev'd Karen Beecham

### Ministers

Rev'd Nina Austin

Rev'd Calvin Cheung

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd David Blatherwick

Rev'd Hugh Cade

Rev'd Hedley Cousin

Rev'd Dr Eric Lott

Rev'd Patricia Olivent-Hayes

Rev'd Martin Swan

### Local Lay Pastors

Eleri Bristow

Rob Newton

Janet Norburn

Jenny Oliver

Chris Watkins

### Lay Workers

Katy Brookes-Duncan

Martin Nam

### Circuit stewards

David Bristow

Barbara Cresswell

Karen Ette

Bryan Harrison

Su Palmer

Mick Thompson

Richard Oliver

Rachel Thorpe (Finance)

### Circuit administrator

Josephine Wills



# Day 11 Hinckley

The north-western outpost of the District, the circuit is mainly rural. It comprises of nine churches, and is continually working on the Way Ahead process, supporting and developing our communities. Creating opportunities to engage in projects, community outreach and events – we seek to make disciples and grow God's kingdom in all we do.



## Give Thanks For

- Circuit-wide work supporting the vulnerable in our communities, sharing God's love. The children & family mission team developing links & facilitating families' work & ministry.
- The commitment of those teams who maintain & service our churches.
- Ecumenical links, in our towns & villages, where cooperation & joint mission is strong. The awareness & celebration of diversity within our circuit & the upholding of Justice, Dignity & Solidarity here & in the world.
- God's Creation & the establishment of eco-friendly attitudes & practices in our fellowships.



## Please Pray For

- Rev Edward Sakwe & his wife Esther beginning their ministry in our Circuit. The families team, for clear discernment of their roles.
- Continued growth in identity as a circuit with outward-seeking vision, strengthened by ecumenical relationships & authentic connection with community.
- Progress in Creation Care in our environment & better stewardship of resources & buildings.
- For clear teaching, relevant storytelling and celebration in worship.



**God of love, God of grace and God of power - Nothing is impossible with you. Help us to be challenged to seek you more as we look to grow your Kingdom. Help us to recognise, love and encourage our community as we spread your love to all and help them to make a relationship with you - Amen.**



### Superintendent

Rev'd Andrew Lomax

### Minister

Rev'd Edward Sakwe

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Stephen Hoggar

Rev'd Graham Miles

Rev'd Vivienne Atter

### Local Lay Pastors

Judith Cooke

Sheila Grice

Anne Haddon

Colin Haddon

### Children & Families Mission Team

Helen Copley

Karen Berry

### CAMEO Café Manager

Deborah Watts

### CAMEO Café Assistant Manager

Marie Mason

### Circuit Stewards

Adrian Stone (Senior)

Arthur Bennett

Rachel Cobb

Rosemary Bradburn

Helen Copley

Charles Davies

### Circuit Administrator & Finance Officer

Christine Bacon



# Day 12 Partnership with Cameroon



To continue to seek God's guidance as we strive to grow and strengthen our understanding of what it means to be twinned with the Cameroon Presbyterian Church, even in the midst of their civil war.

Deacon Sylvia Kempson  
**Cameroon Community**



## Give Thanks For

- Our twinning, which is enabling us to become an active member of our "Methodist for World Mission".
- The ministry of the Cameroon Women & Men's Fellowship in our District & throughout the world.
- The growth of the Cameroon congregation from across the UK who worship at our Wellingborough Church in the Nene Valley Circuit.



## Please Pray For

- Rev'd Dr Amos Chewachang, coordinator of the UK; Europe; Norway; Sweden & Gulf Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, based in Scotland.
- The leadership of the newly constituted Presbyterian Church Council in our District, as they grow into a worshipping community in our Nene Valley Circuit.
- Peace, with Justice and reconciliation, for Cameroon, which is still in the grip of a civil war.



**"Go into a world of need to speak a word of hope.**

**Go into a world of hunger to respond with compassion.**

**Go into a broken world to witness to Christ's healing."**

**The peace of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, fill your heart and mind today and always.**

**Rev'd John Johansen Berg**



# Day 13 Northampton



The Northampton Methodist Circuit serves the town of Northampton and the surrounding villages. The circuit consists of three churches: The multi-site Northampton Methodist Church, which is made up of eight worshipping communities; the Emmanuel Group of Churches (LEP), and Kingsthorpe Community Church (a Baptist-Methodist LEP).



## Give Thanks For

- The 'quiet revival' in our churches, with new people coming to know Jesus and joining our worshipping communities.
- The coming together of the congregations at Park Avenue and Queensgrove to form Northampton Methodist Church at Park Grove.
- The formation of Kingsthorpe Community Church (LEP) as they seek to show the visible unity of their witness and mission.
- The reception into full connexion and ordination of Revd Dr Samantha Gillard.



## Please Pray For

- The next steps for Park Grove and the town centre mission, as they seek to bring people together, grow in Christian discipleship and mission, and begin to redevelop/refurbish their premises on the Abington site.
- Kingsthorpe Community Church as both Baptist and Methodist Christians continue to work to together to share the love of God in Jesus.
- Our new Mission Enabler (children's, family, and youth) as well as our New Places for New People (NPNP) project launching later this year.



Members of Northampton Circuit  
Zimbabwean Fellowship

**Holy God, we thank you for the new life emerging in our churches. Through your Holy Spirit, guide us in mission, deepen our discipleship, and strengthen our unity in Christ. May our words and actions reveal your love for all people and draw others into your transforming grace. Amen.**

### Superintendent

Rev'd David Speirs

### Ministers

Rev'd Ian Forsyth

Rev'd Dr Samantha Gillard

Rev'd Rachael Warnock

### Minister serving in other appointment

Rev'd Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman

### Supernumeraries

Deacon Richard Beckett

Rev'd Wendy Evans-Wood

Rev'd Malcolm Oliver

Rev'd Anthony Perry

Rev'd Alan Sharp

Rev'd Ian Suttie

Rev'd Martin Swan

### Circuit Stewards

Keith Brooks

Pam Kirkland

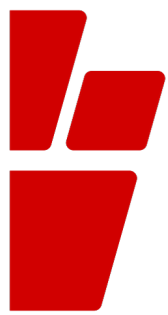
Philip Leeson

Hellen Okello

Charmaine Wareham-Voyce

### Administrator

Sarah Eason



# Day 14 East Mercia



East Mercia Circuit runs from Corby in the East to Rugby in the West and from Kibworth in the north to Daventry in the south. It consists of 16 centres of worship, 13 local trustee bodies and 2 pioneering projects.



## Give Thanks For

- The administrative support of the circuit with Viola (Finance Officer) and Lisa (Office Manager) joining the team.
- New forms of mission and outreach with 'Monday Kitchen' at Kettering and the LGBT+ ministry in Rugby.
- The continuing ministries of 'Good Soil' project, encouraging small-group study and fellowship around the circuit. 'Here for You,' Corby, 'Friday Friendship & Fun,' Rothwell, and 'Pizza Club,' Market Harborough.



## Please Pray For

- The lay and ordained leadership of the Circuit in this time of change and transition, especially for Deacon Georgina as she leaves the Circuit and Rev'ds Nathan and Brian as they take on different responsibilities.
- All who contribute to ministry and work in the local church and take on roles in the life of the Circuit, especially for the need of Circuit Stewards and volunteers to take on offices in the local church.
- Continued growth and development of the ecumenical partner at St Giles, Desborough.



**God of amazing grace,  
thank you for the love that you lavish  
upon us and that you call us to live out  
each day. Pour out your Holy Spirit  
upon us that we may be the growing,  
evangelistic, inclusive and justice-  
seeking church that you call us to be.  
Amen.**

### Superintendent

Rev'd Nathan S Falla

### Ministers

Rev'd Brian Hutton  
Rev'd Andrew T Murphy  
Rev'd Noel Nhariswa

### Resident in Circuit

Rev'd Kim Shorley

### Associate Presbyters

Rev'd Neil Clarke & Rev'd Hannah Jeffrey

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Robert Anning	Rev'd Martin P Hounsfield
Rev'd Neville Ashton	Rev'd Brian J Kennard
Rev'd Anthony W de Boltz	Rev'd Peter Molcher
Dcn Fiona de Boltz	Dcn Mary Neal
Rev'd David Collinson	Rev'd Iain Rennie
Rev'd Christine Dybdahl	Rev'd Trevor J R Thomas
Rev'd Jane Gaffney	Rev'd Alison F Tomlin
Rev'd Margaret Hadfield	Rev'd David R Tomlin
Rev'd Jean Holyhead	Dcn Judith Wray
Rev'd Philip J Horner	

### Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Susan Walters

### Lay Workers (Missional)

Caroline Barratt-  
Church & Community Chaplain, Corby & Kettering  
Clare Pickering -  
Church & Community Chaplain, Kibworth, Market  
Harborough & Rothwell  
Mandie Price -Church Families Worker, Daventry  
Janet Timperley -  
Outreach & Wellbeing Enabler The Chapel,  
Newbold  
Vacancy - Children & Families Worker, Hillmorton  
Paddox  
Vacancy - Children & Families Worker, RMCC

### Lay Workers (admin)

Lisa Barrett - Circuit Office Manager  
Anna Gittings - Assistant

### Circuit Finance Officer

Viola Housley

### Circuit Stewards & Synod Reps

Peter Arnold (& Synod Rep)  
Marilyn Calvert (Circuit Steward)  
John Over (Circuit Steward)  
Adrian Price (Circuit Treasurer & Synod Rep)  
Carolyn Rice (Circuit Steward)

### Synod Reps

Caroline Barratt  
Wendy Curtis  
Regina Owusu  
Jackie Parkes  
Ann Window



# Day 15 Stamford



The predominately rural Stamford Circuit covers Rutland and a small area of South Lincolnshire. Churches located in Bourne, Deepings, Empingham, Ketton, Oakham, Ryhall, Stamford, Thurlby and Uppingham are supplemented by online prayers on Sundays and special occasions. Our mission resonates with the Rutland County motto – Multum in Parvo (Much in Little).



## Give Thanks For

- The Circuit commitment to growth, both spiritually and organically in our churches.
- The contributions made by Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.
- Our churches embracing the opportunities presented by Local Worship.
- The work which is being carried out with children and young people.



## Please Pray For

- Our two stationed presbyters and the churches under their pastoral oversight.
- The dedication of lay workers in pastoral, operational and administrative roles.
- Opportunities for missional engagement with users of our church premises.
- An outpouring of the Holy Spirit in all our churches.



**God of growth, we pray for seed planters, waterers and feeders, those who tend the growth, and those who reap the harvest. Bless the soil in which we plant. As we labour with and for you, may we be fruitful for your kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Superintendent

Rev'd Andrew Hollins

### Minister

Rev'd Bekkie Wright

### Circuit Lay Worker, Pastoral & Discipleship

Phil Jones

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Richard Baggott

Rev'd Christopher Bamber

Rev'd William Booker

Rev'd Paul Cockburn

Rev'd Nigel Coke-Woods

Rev'd Julia Dowding

Rev'd Barry Gent

Rev'd Maureen Jones

Rev'd Peter Lemmon

Rev'd Brian Lewis

Rev'd Dr Christine Pocock

### Circuit Stewards

Moyra Collins

Sarah Atwell-King

Barry Streets (Circuit Treasurer)

### Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Charlotte Davis

### Circuit Administrator

Rowan Scholtz



# Day 16 Mission



The District Mission team exists to support the Circuits, Churches, and leaders in their missional flourishing. To this end, the team works towards the District's desire to grow a flourishing, sustainable network of worshipping communities that are growing, evangelistic, justice-seeking, and inclusive in their outworking of the mission of God.



## Give Thanks For

- The continued willingness of facilitators to draw people together through honest conversation, shared activity, and open-hearted faith exploration.
- The informal and formal relationships which have been essential (in Overstone) to building community formation, partnerships, activities, and connectedness.
- The OneVoice podcast as it shares the story of God's goodness across the District and wider Connexion.
- ReNew, the lay employment gathering, that seeks to support those in lay roles in the life of the church.



## Please Pray For

- For relationships to continue to grow between new and established expressions of church, so that each, in their own way, continues to reflect God's love in ways that are meaningful to their contexts.
- Continual friendships, neighbourliness, and cohesion in the estates (in Overstone) as they continue to grow.
- The Love Is Listening project that churches and circuits might be encouraged to listen to what love is in their spaces and places.



**God of welcome, wisdom, and wonder,  
we thank you for the new things  
growing among us. In each shared story  
and creative moment, may your love be  
known and grown. Help us listen well,  
speak with grace, and build  
communities rooted in faith and  
friendship. Through Christ our guide,  
Amen.**

### **District Mission Team Leader**

Matt Forsyth

### **FEAST Enabler**

Rev'd Kim Shorley

### **Overstone Pioneer Community Chaplain**

Mel Brown

### **District Digital Enabler**

John Rose / Naomi Ensor



# Day 17

## Justice, Dignity & Solidarity



The Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity (JDS) is aimed at changing the attitudes, culture and practices of the Methodist Church, in order to end injustice, ensure everyone is treated with dignity, and stand in solidarity with those who face discrimination and exclusion in society.



### Give Thanks For

- The changing attitudes within our churches and the commitment of our brothers and sisters in Christ for all that have embraced the JDS strategy.
- All people throughout our district that have successfully completed both the Equality and Diversity / Unconscious Bias training.
- Inclusive practices being demonstrated in churches for all people regardless of the backgrounds.
- The ability to walk beside our brothers and sisters working together to irradicate injustice in its entirety.



### Please Pray For

- JDS to become embedded into the core values and practices of our church life.
- That our World Leaders will place JDS at the forefront of the commitments they make to those they serve.
- All people that actively advocate for the marginalised and work towards systemic change.
- Wisdom and guidance as we strive for justice.



**God of Justice.**

**Grant us strength and courage to fulfil our obligations as we strive for justice, uphold dignity, and promote solidarity. May our efforts be guided by compassion and wisdom. Help us to remain steadfast in our approach, bringing hope and positive change to all people in need. Amen.**

#### Chair

Rev'd Sonia Hicks

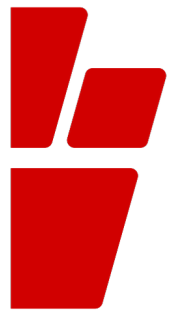
#### Secretary of JDS Group

Regina Owusu

#### Members of JDS Group

Anna Herriman

Janet Hinds



# Day 18

## Methodist Homes - MHA



Founded by the Methodist Church, MHA has supported older people to live later life well for over 80 years. We create inclusive communities of care, rooted in friendship and spiritual support, where justice is lived out and every person is valued, heard, and able to flourish.



## Give Thanks For

- Chaplains, whose faithful presence brings comfort, courage and meaning in times of joy and sorrow.
- Colleagues and volunteers who create inclusive communities of care, grounded in kindness, dignity and respect.
- Residents, whose wisdom, humour and stories remind us of the beauty and complexity of every life.
- The faithful partnership of churches and supporters, whose prayers, generosity and love sustain this work.



## Please Pray For

- Residents across MHA—that they may experience moments of joy, connection and peace, and continue to live later life with meaning and purpose.
- Colleagues and chaplains, who offer compassionate care, support and friendship, often in quiet and unseen ways.
- Political leadership and policymakers with courage and vision, to put social care back on the agenda and work for a future shaped by justice and dignity.
- Deepening partnerships with local Methodist churches, that together we may create inclusive communities of care where faith is shared and hope renewed.



**Gracious God,  
Thank you for the lives, stories and  
wisdom of older people. Strengthen all  
who work in social care. Guide political  
leaders to act with justice.  
Bless MHA and every place of  
friendship and support, that together  
we would honour your image in each  
person and help all to live later life  
well. Amen.**

### Area Support Chaplains

Hilary Al Rasheed  
Andrew Woodward Russell

### Chaplains

Emma Hurley  
Aigburth, Leicester

Rev'd Jane Lees  
Brookfield, Oxford

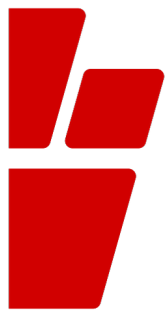
Colin Retief  
Hillside, Aylesbury

Julie Biggs  
The Homestead, Oxfordshire

Rev'd Peter Laws  
The Limes, MK

Rev'd Dale Sherriff  
The Maples, Peterborough

Fr Thomas Reece  
Welland Place,  
Market Harborough



# Day 19

## Vocations



Vocation and discernment providing opportunities for people to explore their sense of calling and how their gifts may be offered and used.

**District Vocations Officer**  
Rev'd Ruth Charlesworth



### Give Thanks For

- Those who have responded to God's call, and who are serving in our churches and communities across the District.
- The exploring of new opportunities in lay and ordained ministries.
- Those who are living out their calling in secular employment and being able to witness to God's love and grace in their work places.



### Please Pray For

- All who are just beginning to recognise God calling them to serve in new ways.
- Those who are preparing to train for ordained ministry.
- Those who are trying to discern what is next having had a 'no' or a 'not yet'.
- Those currently exploring through DOV1 and DOV2.



**Holy and loving God**  
**We thank you for your call to serve**  
**in a variety of ways, times and**  
**places. Help us to discern that call**  
**in your church and in surrounding**  
**communities, equip and empower**  
**us all to discern and live out your**  
**call. In Jesus' name. Amen.**



# Day 20 Safeguarding



The District Safeguarding Team delivers clarity, compliance and consistency in all areas of the Safeguarding agenda. It serves to support and deliver the Methodist Church's "Creating Safer Space" programme through professional interactions and interventions where challenges are identified, and through the delivery of timely, appropriate, focused and high quality training.

## **Regional Officer for Safeguarding**

Sally Wan

## **Regional Officer for Safeguarding**

Neil Hutchinson



## **Give Thanks For**

- The District Safeguarding Team.
- The wider team of paid staff and volunteers out in the circuits and churches who deliver safeguarding training and who are developing a Safer Space culture in their various settings.
- The support of the Connexional team and the materials and training resources they provide.



## **Please Pray For**

- The adoption of good practice across the District and the wider Connexion.
- The ability to discern good practice from bad practice.
- A willingness to accept change where change is needed.
- Increasing good effective partnerships throughout the District, the Quadrant and the Connexion.



**Dear Lord,  
Support those in the District who challenge injustice. Help them to deal with historic and current situations, granting them the discernment to support and meet the needs of those who are abused, and those who have survived abuse. Firm their resolve to speak out against all abuse. Amen.**

# Day 21 Peterborough



Encompassing the heart of Peterborough, we minister from the suburbs, villages, and towns, and reach into the city. We have a heart for nurturing and shaping disciples. We are deeply committed to evangelism and social outreach. We have seen great things by working in partnership with other denominations.

## Give Thanks For

- For the work and fresh engagement that the church has made with the community which has been enhanced by lay employees.
- For God's spirit of welcome, support and encouragement that moves through the church family in so many ways.

## Please Pray For

- Rev'd Colin Sherwood, as he settles into his new role. For his leadership, spiritual guidance and strategical discernment as we seek to pave a new way forward. For the new Circuit Leadership and church councils as they respond to the call of serving the Circuit in a spirit-filled and Holy God-led way.
- For the connection of the churches within the Circuit as they come alongside to encourage and support one another.
- For growth in the new ways that the church is engaging with the community and continues to look for new opportunities to do so.



**Father God, we thank You for the Peterborough Circuit and for all people dedicated in its work of sharing the Good News of the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ. Continue the revival of Your Holy Spirit so that in Your gifting and leading, we are fruitful in our calling to discipleship which brings glory to Your Holy name.**

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Colin Sherwood

### **Minister**

Rev'd Sarah Gower (Authorised Presbyter)

### **Circuit Administrator**

Mrs Sue Moore

### **Lay Pastoral Assistant**

Mrs Suzanne Delegate

### **Back of Beyond Project Worker**

Mrs Suzanne Delegate



# Day 22 Environmental Work (Action For Hope)



The Northampton Methodist District's Environmental Mission aims to integrate care for creation into every aspect of our worship, discipleship, and mission, as we strive to become a net-zero carbon-emission Eco District by 2030.

## Give Thanks For

- The adoption of a comprehensive District Environmental Policy rooted in justice and stewardship.
- The formation of the Flourish: Action Hope For Hope Working Group to drive the environmental mission forward.
- The faithful commitment of churches and circuits already engaging in creation care and sustainable practices.

## Please Pray For

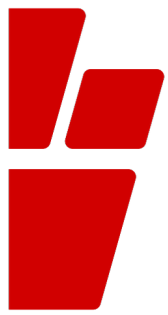
- All circuits to appoint environmental officers and form local groups to lead on green initiatives.
- Continued progress toward the 2030 Net Zero Carbon target, with courage and innovation.
- Churches working towards Eco Church registration and bronze, silver and gold award standards.
- That worship, discipleship, and leadership training will reflect and inspire environmental action.



**Creator God, awaken us to your presence in creation. Strengthen our resolve to cherish your world and live justly, that we may honour you through care-filled action. Amen.**

### **Action for Hope Working Group (Flourish)**

Howard Warrener  
Stuart Kean  
Cate Vokes  
Mary Hancock  
Nicola Bashford  
Cyril Fennell



# Day 23

## Nene Valley



The Nene Valley Circuit comprises 7 Churches situated in East Northamptonshire. Our circuit covers both rural and urban settings. We are enthusiastic about serving God in our Churches and Communities. Our Mission Statement is to Plant Faith, Grow God's Kingdom, and Provide Places Where All People Can Flourish.



### Give Thanks For

- Success of mission activities over the last year including well attended Alpha Courses.
- Signs of growth across the circuit.
- New community focused groups starting in our Churches and existing ones flourishing and gaining fresh momentum.



### Please Pray For

- Missional activities including the new pizza project, becoming embedded in our churches with local leadership and support.
- Deacon Sylvia as she continues to work with the Cameroon Community and develop a wider chaplaincy role in the circuit.
- A growing in unity and shared sense of purpose as we seek to discern God's plan for our future and explore becoming one church on seven sites.
- Rev'd Ruth, the staff team and the Circuit Stewards as they work together to share God's love with the people of the Nene Valley.



**Father, Thank you for your countless blessings and unwavering love. Your grace and mercy sustain us. We are deeply grateful for your presence in our lives. May we never take your blessings for granted. May we remain mindful of your goodness and share your love and kindness with others. Amen.**

Wellingborough Flower Cross

#### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Ruth Charlesworth

#### **Church & Community Enablers**

Angela Bridge

Andrew Creamer

#### **Operations Manager**

Ruth Austen

#### **Administrator**

Bradley Rignall

#### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Gordon Chisnall

Rev'd Martin Dawes

Deacon Sylvia Kempson

Rev'd Michael Langstaff



# Day 24

# The Methodist

# Diaconate Order



The Methodist Diaconal Order is both an Order of Ministry and a Religious Order within the Methodist Church in the UK. Diaconal ministry is one of two ordained ministries within the Methodist Church. Deacons and Presbyters, Equal but Different.

## Give Thanks For

- The Northampton Diaconal Area Group and the commitment each member has to this important part of being Deacons together.
- The ministries of Deacons Georgina Brooks and Selina Nisbett recently moved to new appointments.
- The framework which the Diaconal Rule of Life provides for everyday living and being.
- The care and support provided by being part of a Religious Order. Love given and love received.

## Please Pray For

- Circuits and projects considering a Diaconal appointment as part of their future ministry.
- Our 2 Student Deacons currently in training.
- All those in ministry working with people at the margins of church and society.
- The Warden of the Order Karen and Deputy Warden Michelle. Guide them in their leadership roles.

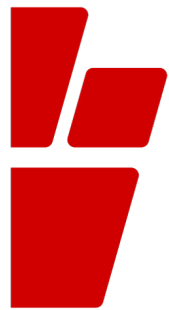
### **The Northampton Diaconal Area Group is made up of the following:**

James Blackhall (Student),  
Deacon Maggie Blake,  
Deacon Richard Beckett (Area Group facilitator),  
Deacon Sharon Dilley,  
Deacon Fiona de Boltz,  
Deacon Margaret Hale,  
Deacon Sylvia Kempson,  
Deacon Ian Murray (Arriving March 2026),  
Deacon Mary Neal,  
Deacon Steve Peck,  
Melissa Wheeler (Student),  
Deacon Judith Wray,  
Revd Eileen Appleyard (MDO Associate)



**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the ministry of all people: Deacon, Presbyter and Lay. Help us to recognise the unique gifts which every person offers.**

**As we seek to follow Jesus together, give us a clearer understanding of what 'servant ministry' looks like so that we can truly express your love and compassion. Amen**



# Day 25 Stationing



Stationing is the process for presbyters moving circuits, usually after five years, or asking for an extension to remain in their current circuit. All actions of stationing are governed by the Code of Practice.

**District Lay Stationing  
Representative**  
Sue Walters



## Give Thanks For

- The itinerant ministry of the Methodist Church.
- The time, discernment and prayer which is given to the stationing process by all involved.
- The opportunities for presbyters and circuits to discern their next steps to enable circuits and presbyters to flourish.



## Please Pray For

- All circuit staff involved in the stationing process.
- All presbyters and deacons and their families.
- Sonia Hicks (District Chair) and Sue Walters (Lay Stationing Representative) as they engage with presbyters and circuits, seeking to give them careful, prayerful advice.
- All members of the Connexional Stationing Matching Groups as they discern the matches for presbyters and circuits to thrive.



**Loving and gracious God be  
with all engaged in the  
stationing process, help them  
to make prayerful  
discernment, hold them in the  
palm of your hand and let  
them know that all are  
praying for them during what  
can be a stressful time. Amen.**

# Day 26 Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Circuit comprises villages, market towns and city; vibrant places sit alongside deprived areas. The churches are independent, united or within LEPS. As Methodist people we long to be a community that grows and flourishes; shares God's love; challenges injustices and offers warmth and hospitality to those in need.

## Give Thanks For

- The successful Warm Space initiative at Newton Longville Free Church bringing church and community together in Mission in the community.
- Inspiring Eco Church projects at Queensway and Freeman Methodist Churches, spreading the climate justice message around the wider circuit.
- The Circuit Fresh Expression through the opening of the Afternoon Congregation at Freeman Memorial Methodist Church.
- The well-attended first joint Church Council for Stony Stratford, Deanshanger and Hanslope Churches in the Northern part of the Circuit.

## Please Pray For

- Our churches as they explore new ways of filling essential church positions in the local church and Circuit. We pray to the God of harvest to provide workers.
- God inspiring our churches as they respond to the mission needs of our community with compassion.
- Continuing relationships between different denominations as we partner with our communities sharing the good news of Christ's redemptive love.
- Circuit Ministers moving stations and those taking appointments in our circuit.

**Teach us heavenly father to rejoice in your goodness for all you have done for us and you continue to do in your church. In our need and want you continue to supply our needs in abundance, remind us to share gifts with the less privileged in fulfilling God's love for all. AMEN.**

Image of the Heartwarming Day pillar at the Milton Keynes Rose



**Superintendent**  
Rev'd Edson Dube

### Ministers

Rev'd Kofi Tekyi-Ansah  
Rev'd George Mwaura - AP URC  
Rev'd Ali Facey - Milton Keynes Hospital Chaplain  
Ms Mwadzi Magaisa - Student  
Presbyter

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Chris Batten  
Rev'd Dr Margaret Goodall  
Rev'd Stephanie Hibberd  
Rev'd Barry Lotz  
Rev'd David Marshall  
Rev'd Liz Morris  
Rev'd Peter Sharrocks  
Rev'd Barbara Winner  
Deacon Steve Peck

### Associate Presbyter

Rev'd Wendy Carey

### Circuit Administrator

Ann Harris

### Circuit Stewards

Jackie Commey (Senior Steward)  
Doreen bell  
Cathy Hampton  
Tendayi Pearce

### Circuit Secretary

Chris Linford

### Circuit Treasurer

David Harbey

### Circuit Safeguarding Steward

David Jones

### Local Preachers Secretary

Marian Ballance





# Day 27 High Wycombe



We are a small circuit on the edge of the District, who feel that the Holy Spirit is really moving in this place. We have a sense of Vision and Mission and are working closely together, united in a vision from Isaiah “ behold I am doing a new thing.”



## Give Thanks For

- The Vision and Mission planning across the circuit and churches.
- The gifts and graces of the circuit leadership team, both lay and ordained working together.
- The continuing work of the Ark Café at Marlow Methodist Church with young people especially those with neurodivergent challenges.



## Please Pray For

- The Superintendent as she leads the circuit with a brilliant team around her.
- The recruitment of a circuit wide children and family's worker.
- The recruitment of probationary minister to serve in the circuit.
- That the Holy Spirit will bring more people to know Christ.



**Creator God, Bless this circuit, the people within the churches, that they may be filled with your love, grace and wisdom. Bless the people in the communities we serve that, through our words and actions, they may see the light of Christ and come to know more of your love.**

### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Kate Strange

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Rachael Prince

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd Alan Bolton

Rev'd Angela Singleton

### **Circuit Stewards**

Vicky Everitt (Senior Steward)

Graham Everitt

Mike Wright

Paul Strange

Suzanne Soper

### **Circuit Administrator**

Sharon Dorme



# Day 28

## Amersham



The Circuit is situated at the southernmost part of the Northampton District, sweeping north and west from Gerrards Cross to Prestwood. Our Churches comprise one Methodist/URC and five Methodist Churches. The Circuit seeks to use its resources in new and creative ways for the glory of God.



### Give thanks For

- The ministry of Church and Circuit Stewards in the work they do for their churches and the Circuit and the work of the Circuit Administrator which frees up others to engage in mission.
- Those who have recently started to attend or reattend our churches, or who are considering becoming members.
- The mission of Movers & Shakers and the C2C project.
- The completion of the Circuit Mission Plan adopted by the Circuit Meeting in March 2025.



### Please Pray For

- The Circuit Administrator and Leadership Team as we move forward in faith.
- An increase in the number of paid workers in the life of the Circuit as we seek to minister in new ways.
- Attentiveness to where God is at work, awaiting our collaboration.



**Ever living God, to you belongs all worship, adoration and praise. To you we offer our whole selves in listening and in serving. Enable us by the words of our mouths, our intentions and our actions to serve you and our world. These prayers we ask in Jesus name. Amen.**

#### **Superintendent**

Rev'd E Adam Wells

#### **Minister**

Rev'd James Patterson

#### **Circuit**

#### **Administrator/Bookkeeper**

Lu Gigg

#### **Circuit Meeting Secretary**

Ann Cloke

#### **Circuit Stewards**

David Hillas

Rohan Navaratnam



# Day 29 Vale of Aylesbury



The Circuit consists of 16 churches which covers much of Buckinghamshire and part of South Oxfordshire. It is approximately 22 miles from north (Stewkley ) to south (Chinnor) and 16.5 miles from east (Cheddington) to west (Thame). It is largely rural, but also has two small towns (Thame and Princes Risborough) and the large town of Aylesbury.



## Give Thanks For

- Emma Foulger-Clarke our new Children's Work Enabler and the positive reaction to her new role.
- New folk joining and enriching many of our fellowships.
- For our small church at Cheddington and the example they offer to the Circuit.



## Please Pray For

- Churches looking to become Eco Churches.
- Circuit wide conversations about restructuring.
- The Spirit to move in our midst.
- Churches in villages trying to make a difference in their communities.



**Lord of all, help us to be a people  
of a warmed heart willing to live  
the way of reasonable  
enthusiasm as we seek to share  
the Gospel. In the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

### Superintendent

Rev'd Richard Atkinson,  
Aylesbury, North Marston  
(Methodist/CofE) and Weedon  
(Methodist/CofE)

### Ministers

Rev'd Noreen Daley-Lee,  
Cheddington, Stewkley,  
Swanbourn, Waddesdon,  
Whitchurch and Wingrave

Rev'd Hee-gon Moon, Chinnor,  
Cuddington, Haddenham,  
Princess Risborough, Stone  
and Christchurch, Thame,  
(Methodist/URC)

### Children's Work Enabler

Emma Foulger-Clarke

### Voluntary Lay Workers

Jennie Marriner-Kyle  
Arthur Sara



# Day 30 Mission



The District Mission team exists to support the Circuits, Churches, and leaders in their missional flourishing. To this end, the team works towards the District's desire to grow a flourishing, sustainable network of worshipping communities that are growing, evangelistic, justice-seeking, and inclusive in their outworking of the mission of God.

## **District Mission Team Leader**

Matt Forsyth

## **FEAST Enabler**

Rev'd Kim Shorley

## **Overstone Community Pioneer Chaplain**

Mel Brown

## **District Digital Enabler**

John Rose / Naomi Ensor



## Give Thanks For

- The spirit of presence and hospitality in Overstone which has been reciprocated by the residents in the community.
- New partnerships, deepening friendships, and expressions of welcome that are forming both within our FEAST locations and in other New Places for New People across our District.
- The new missional ideas, started and supported by the District, which seek to share God's love.
- The growth of new livestream worship, enabling congregations to connect with its community.



## Please Pray For

- Opportunities to share the love of Jesus and the message of salvation in Overstone on a more personal and deeper level.
- The increased opportunities for all involved in FEAST/NPNP to talk more openly about faith, and what that looks like in the many places and spaces we inhabit daily.
- Churches and Circuits to engage with their story and to discern how they might grow in the future.



**Loving Lord, We give thanks for the communities where we live and for opportunities to share your love and grace. Give us the courage to share our stories with our neighbours and friends, trusting that our experiences of you will encourage them to be open to you. In Jesus' name.**



# Day 31 Northampton District



We pray for the Holy Spirit's presence in this District as we travel together.



## Give Thanks For

- Dedicated Superintendents and Circuit Officials.
- The District Admin team: Joanna Ormston, Claire Handley and Hilary MacCallum cheerfully carrying out their work.
- Leslie Jaeger, giving advice across the District in her role as District HR Officer.



## Please Pray For

- The District Executive as it seeks to be strategic in its trustee role.
- Supernumerary ministers and especially for those who are widows or widowers of faithful ministerial colleagues.
- New ways of working and new ways of being as we seek to be relevant in and to our various contexts.



**Holy God, thank you for your continued guidance for the work of this District. Give us grace to accept one another despite differing outlooks. Renew our faith when discouragement looms. Fill us with love for the places where we serve so that your Kingdom may come. Now and always. AMEN.**

### **Chair of District**

Rev'd Sonia Hicks

### **Deputy Chair of District**

Rev'd David Alderman

### **Presbyteral Synod Secretary**

Rev'd Alan Bolton

### **Representative Synod Secretary**

Paul Spray

### **District Treasurer**

Andrew Lewis

### **District Property Secretary**

Chris Linford

### **PA to the District Chair**

Joanna Ormston

### **Senior Administrator/Workflow Manager**

Claire Handley

### **District Administrator**

Hilary MacCallum

### **District HR Officer**

Leslie Jaeger