



# **The Methodist Church Northampton District Prayer Diary 2026/27**



# Day 1 Oxford

The Oxford Circuit consists of 10 Methodist churches and 1 ecumenical congregation 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

The openness and welcome shown by the people of the circuit.

The joy and energy of Bladon Junior Church.

The success of the Punjabi congregation's move to Kidlington, with numbers increasing.

The new young adults' group at Wesley Memorial, and young people bringing their friends to church.

## Please pray For

The continued energy and prayerfulness of the wonderful ordained and lay team in the Circuit.

Blessings on Luke McLeod as he starts as a probationer in the Circuit.

Wisdom and imagination as we consider what buildings are needed for our mission.

Guidance as we think how to take forward work amongst students.



**Holy One, Help us to sense  
and encounter your glory all  
around us, in the ordinary  
mundane things of our lives,  
and in the awe-inspiring  
moments too.**

**May we seek to touch the  
world with your love, through  
prayer, and with acts of  
kindness and justice, that all  
may taste and see your  
goodness.**

**Amen.**

Bladon Junior Church performing at our Oxford  
Circuit Celebration



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Miriam Moul

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Stephen Spain

Rev'd Luke McLeod

Rev'd Brian Brown (Writer and  
Producer)

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd David Bull

Rev'd Geoffrey Hunter

Rev'd Jean King

Rev'd Derek McLean

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

### **Circuit Stewards**

Paul Spray - Senior Steward

Chris Butler

Malcolm Dodds

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

Our dedicated lay and ordained, contributing their gifts to enable mission and ministry to flourish in our churches and communities.

The successful appointment of our Circuit Administrator.

The successful engagement at the Circuit Growth Day and of local churches with their Growth Action Plans.

The on-going revival of Didcot Methodist Church.

## Please Pray For

Wallingford Methodist Church as they host the Methodist Modern Art Collection in May 2027. For: sponsors; volunteers staffing the event; visitors to experience, through the Holy Spirit, a living faith in our Lord and to be enthused to ask questions and to talk to one another.

Milton Methodist Church, boldly exploring the possibility of selling their site to a partner denomination.

Didcot Methodist Church as new members and worshippers establish their roots and immerse themselves in the life of the church.

The new Education Development Officer of Trinity Learning as she settles into her new role.



**Faithful God, as we seek your guidance to partner with you in mission, replace our scepticism and our fears with faith and trust in you. Lead us by your Spirit of justice and truth, so that our churches and communities may grow in your love and grace. Amen.**



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

### **Minister**

Rev'd Bruce Thompson

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd John Anderson

Rev'd Eileen 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  
Presbyter URC)

Rev'd Nigel Ogley

Rev'd John Stanfield

Rev'd Carol Hamilton-Foy

Rev'd Katherine Pickering

### **URC Ecumenical Officer, Oxford Diocese**

Rev'd Wayne Hawkins

### **Circuit Administrator**

Jane Hawes

### **Circuit Stewards**

Anne Matthews - Senior Steward

Gordon Skidmore

Neil Oastler

Martin Appleyard

Richard Foy

# Day 3

# West Oxfordshire

West Oxfordshire covers an area of Cotswolds. We have churches in Chipping Norton, Stonesfield, Carterton, Faringdon, Long Hanborough with Sutton, Minster Lovell with Bampton, 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

All who help to maintain the work of God in this beautiful area.

The willingness to explore what it means to be truly inclusive communities of faith.

Our passion and heart across the circuit to see people come to know Jesus through our mission and outreach.

The spirit moving and the signs of growth throughout our Circuit.

## Please Pray For

The courage to take risks and try new things putting our trust in God.

A willingness of people to serve and hold office.

A continuing support and encouragement of young people leading worship and exploring their gifts.

An outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Harry Potter Tree  
Blenheim Palace

**Loving God we thank you for  
the beauty of your creation that  
we experience each new day,  
we thank you for your Spirit  
guiding us and leading us  
into new ways, we pray Lord  
Jesus that we will see you in  
all whom we will encounter.  
Amen.**



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Andrew Biggs

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Molly Chitokwindo

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 Andrew Wigley

Rev'd Alan Wright

### **Lay Chaplain Lead**

Sonia Duraturo

### **Circuit Administrator**

Caroline Todd

### **Circuit Stewards**

Rosemary Britton - Safeguarding

Eddie Fowler – Treasurer

Val Donoghue

Richard Bowler

Ramon Gater

# Day 4 The Learning Network



The Learning Network continues to provide a wide range of learning and development opportunities for all involved in the life of the church. Please contact your aligned Learning and Development Officer to discuss any training needs or learning support.

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

## Give Thanks For

Good attendance at Circuit Stewards training and Community of Practice gatherings from those in the Northampton District.

**Learning & Development  
Manager for area group**  
Guichun Jun

The successful development and delivery of new training sessions (in partnership with the Methodist Homes Association) focusing on Dementia Inclusive Worship.

Closer working relationships between the Learning Network and the Evangelism and Growth teams at a Connexional level.

The identification of issues that have previously hindered engagement with learning and development and the opportunity to address these.

## Please Pray For

Improved communication across the District around the availability of existing training.

Busyness to not be a barrier to engaging with learning and development.

The development and delivery of new, context specific training, meeting the learning needs of the local church.

Gemma, as she continues to develop relationships with ministers and lay workers across the District.



Learning Network Gathering 2026

**Jesus, open our eyes to  
recognise where you are  
inviting us to learn  
something new. Give us  
curiosity to explore, humility  
to grow, and courage to  
change. Deepen our  
understanding and shape our  
skills, that all we learn may  
be used in service of your  
church and your world.  
Amen.**

# Day 5 Banbury

Banbury is a varied Circuit encompassing both rural and urban areas across eleven churches and three counties - Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. The population across the Circuit is expanding rapidly due to new housing areas. The Circuit is served by two Presbyters and a Children and Families 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 and flourishing Messy Churches at Hinton and Marlborough Road.

New communities of faith - prayer groups around the Circuit and monthly services at Seccombe Court Care Home.

The developing ecumenical work in Shipston with Anglican and Baptist partners including a new Families worker.

## Please Pray For

Rev'd Charity Tozivepi-Nzegwu and her family as she arrives in Banbury as our new Superintendent.

The ongoing search for a new Church of England Vicar for the LEP at St. Francis' Church.

Continued work on appointing a NPNP worker to minister to the new housing estates in Banbury.

Closer ties between the churches in the Circuit, especially within the regional clusters.



Banner made by Hinton Methodist Church  
for ecumenical Walk of Witness on  
Pentecost Sunday

**Loving God, we give thanks  
for all that has been and look  
forward to what is to come in  
the life of our Circuit.**

**Give us eyes to see where  
you are already working and  
help us to follow wherever  
you are leading.**

**Amen.**



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Charity Tozivepi-Nzegwu

### **Minister**

Rev'd Philip Robinson

### **Ecumenical Colleague**

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 Administrator**

Clare Taylor

### **Circuit Stewards**

David Miles  
Mary Tanner  
Hazel Stagg

### **Circuit Meeting Secretary**

Janet Jones

### **Children & Families Worker**

Cate Vokes

### **Pioneering: Health Walks**

Mrs Wendy Humphris

# Day 6

## Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley

We cover four towns, 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

All the opportunities to meet those with whom we live and love.

Thornborough drop in coffee, Lyrics and Lunch, Well Street Renew Cafe, Brackley Covid / Flu jab centre, Community Cinema, Silverstone F1 Mission, Towcester Fridge, Bicester Uniformed Organisations, Steeple Claydon Friendship lunch, Gawcott hub of the community.

## Please Pray For

Our Circuit Leadership Team, its inspiration and guidance for the Circuit in prayer, Bible study, worship and meeting together.



Visit to the Circuit by the previous  
President of Conference,  
Rev'd Richard Andrew

**Loving Lord**  
**Thank you for the beauty of**  
**creation, glimpses and flashes of**  
**your amazing grace and love.**  
**As we meet with one another may**  
**our discipleship deepen,**  
**our sense of calling be renewed**  
**and our purpose of being sent out**  
**in the name of your Spirit be**  
**encouraged in one another.**  
**Amen.**



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

Rev'd Sara Cliff

### **Ministers**

Rev'd Jocelyn Bennett

Rev'd Malcolm Oliver

### **Student Minister**

Sarah McDonald-Howard

### **Supernumeraries**

Rev'd David Haseldine

Rev'd Mick Dilley

### **Local Lay Pastor**

Mrs Katy Morris

### **Circuit Stewards**

Rev'd Mick Dilley

Lisa Wenmouth (Finance)

### **Circuit Administrator**

Sarah Crisp

# Day 7

## Leicester Trinity

Our Circuit spreads north, east and south from the City Centre. It includes six churches within the city boundary and eleven in the suburban and semi-rural areas beyond. We rejoice in our diversity and that of the communities we seek to serve in the name of Christ.

### Give Thanks For

The fruitful ministries of those who have recently left us: Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis, Rev'd Derek McLean and Rev'd Malcolm Oliver.

Houghton-on-the-Hill Methodist Church and the faithful witness of its small congregation over many years as regular worship there now ceases.

The careful and devoted work of those who ensure that our many premises offer safe and welcoming environments to all who make use of them week by week.

### Please Pray For

Rev'd Shirlyn Toppin, our new Superintendent Minister, as she takes up the challenges and opportunities of this strategic role.

Deacon Karen McBride, as she explores opportunities for mission in the City Centre and as part of the Chaplaincy Team at the University of Leicester.

Our local preachers and worship leaders, and those currently in training.

The staff, residents and volunteers at Aigburth, the MHA home in Oadby.



God, faithful and true, you call  
every generation to make a  
pilgrim journey. Guide our feet  
along the road of faith, that we  
may put our whole trust in you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Methodist Worship Book*



#### Superintendent

Rev'd Shirlyn Toppin

#### Ministers

Rev'd Kim Alexander

Rev'd Christopher Andam (Also  
Ghanaian Fellowship)

Rev'd Ivan Bennett (Anglican  
Authorised)

Deacon Sharon Dilley

Rev'd Andrew Farrington

Rev'd Ian Hu

Deacon Karen McBride

#### 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

Julie Manning

Howard Smith

Peter Holdridge (Finance)

#### Circuit Administrator

Laurie Rowell

# Day 8

## Ecumenical Work

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

### Give Thanks For

All that the Methodist tradition has to offer our ecumenical partners and to contribute to the worship and ministry of the whole body of Christ.

Established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships.

The County Ecumenical Development Officers as they seek to inspire ecumenical vision and working.

For ecumenical events and services that bring people together across denominational boundaries.

### Please Pray For

Developing ecumenical strategies to bring ministry into new housing developments and rural areas in our District.

Local Churches Together Groups, especially those working to promote community cohesion, inter-faith dialogue and being good neighbours.

Ecumenical initiatives to promote climate justice.

The County Ecumenical bodies as they review their purpose and seek to discern their mission.



Churches Together in Britain & Ireland:  
<https://ctbi.org.uk/>

Churches together in England:  
<https://cte.org.uk/>

**Draw your Church, O Lord, into  
one great company of disciples,  
together following our Lord  
Jesus Christ into every walk of  
life, together serving in his  
mission to the world and together  
witnessing to his love on every  
continent and island.  
We ask this in his name.  
Amen.**

*(From Called to Prayer © TMCP  
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#### District Ecumenical Officers

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

**Leicestershire**  
Rev'd Andrew Farrington

**Buckinghamshire & Milton  
Keynes**  
Rev'd Edson Dube

**Oxfordshire**  
Rev'd John Anderson

# Day 9

# Leicester West

Leicester West is a Circuit of nine churches including four in the city and five in the surrounding county area (one of which is an LEP). Our missional aim is to share the love of God with both our church and local communities so they know His care.

## Give Thanks For

The sense of belonging created within our church groups and congregations and wider community friendships.

The dedication of volunteers who give time in community outreach activity such as light a candle events, dementia memory cafe and Men’s Shed so helping others and sharing God’s love.

Our monthly focus for prayer in Sunday worship on a different church’s mission.

## Please Pray For

Our ministry to families who have suffered loss and those in poor health.

Guidance and wisdom as the Circuit seeks its future shape and direction and the hopes of enabling our Church at the Margins project.

Our churches that face issues giving rise to uncertainty. May they find the right path and find strength, courage and support to follow it.

Our Circuit Men’s Shed and any possible change in location in the New Parks area.



**Dear Lord,**  
**help us to put people at the**  
**centre of all we do.**  
**Help us to value and support**  
**all our people, to celebrate**  
**our successes, to face the**  
**future knowing that your**  
**wisdom and**  
**love will guide us.**  
**Amen.**



### Acting Superintendent

Rev’d Andrew Lomax

### Ministers

Rev’d Jimione Kaci

Rev’d Joy Langford (Authorised  
Presbyter)

Rev’d Sydney-Samuel Lake

### Supernumeraries

Rev’d Douglas Brewer

Rev’d Peter Sowler

### Circuit Mission Enabler

Justin Moulder

### Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Sandra Pugh

### Circuit Treasurers

Eric Wardle

Andrew Paul (budget)

### Circuit Stewards

David Postlethwaite

Sandra Andrews

Edith Cobley

Liz Clarke

### Circuit Administrator

Sandra Pugh

# Day 10 Charnwood & Mowbray

We are a recently formed Circuit with a missional heart serving the towns of Loughborough, Melton Mowbray and Shepshed and their surrounding villages. Our 15 locations range from rural to urban and our worshipping communities include a Chinese congregation and a weekly online service.

## Give thanks for

The ongoing faithful worship and witness of all our congregations and the joy of seeing small glimmers of growth from seeds planted over many years.

Opportunities to reach out to our local communities through hospitality projects (for example the Memory Cafe at East Leake and Chat and Chomp at Christchurch, Shepshed).

Imaginative and creative projects that engage people of all ages in thinking about their faith (for example Open the Book at Quorn, the Joy of Music at Sileby, the Community Garden at Knightthorpe and the Knitted Bible at Sandy Lane, Melton Mowbray).

## Please Pray For

The development of a New Places for New People project using a shop front premises in Shepshed.

Guidance for new ways to reach out to the community in Melton where there is so much deprivation.

The staff team as they navigate the joys and challenges of welcoming new personnel and sabbatical leave.



Wymeswold Chapel  
offering treats and hospitality on All Hallows Eve

**Loving God, we thank you  
for the privilege of serving  
you in the Charnwood and  
Mowbray area.  
Pour out your Spirit on us as  
we seek to release the gifts  
we have in order to work  
alongside you in  
establishing your Kingdom  
in our  
neighbourhoods.**



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Karen Beecham

### **Minister**

Rev'd Nina Austin

### **Minister to the Chinese Church**

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

### **Circuit Chaplain**

Dr Karen Ette

### **Local Lay Pastors**

Eleri Bristow

Rob Newton

Janet Norburn

Jenny Oliver

Chris Watkins

### **Circuit stewards**

David Bristow (Senior)

Barbara Cresswell

Bryan Harrison

Richard Oliver

Su Palmer

Rachel Thorpe (Finance)

### **Lay Workers**

Katy Brookes-Duncan

Martin Nam

### **Circuit administrator**

Josephine Wills

# Day 11 Hinckley

A vibrant Community of Methodist Churches in south-west Leicestershire. It comprises of nine churches, with a team of lay and ordained people who serve the Lord with joy. Together we undertake to share the Good News of Christ's love supporting the work of our local churches as they share His abundant blessings across their communities.

## Give Thanks For

Devoted folk and their commitment in the partnership of Christ's Gospel. God's work moving forward through willing hands.

Signs of growth – home groups/hubs, reception of new and transferred members, infant baptisms and confirmation.

Immeasurable impact of house groups/hubs on members.

Continued sense of mission and outreach as various churches seek to respond to the needs of the community.

## Please Pray For

Children and young people's ministry and supportive communities. Families with young children to find courage to venture through our doors.

More opportunities to engage in projects, community outreach and events to grow God's Kingdom.

Strength to face any challenges as one body, celebrating our shared blessings and lifting up those who are struggling.

Continued commitment to prayer both individually and as church and Circuit communities and for an openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



**Faithful God, so unchanging,  
give us the courage, grace  
and boldness to share the  
Gospel Message.**

**We ask that You draw those  
who do not know You into our  
midst. May our Churches be  
beacons of hope, healing, and  
truth, bearing fruit that brings  
glory and honour to  
Your Name  
Amen.**



### Superintendent

Rev'd Andrew Lomax

### Minister

Rev'd Edward Sakwe

### Supernumeraries

Rev'd Vivienne Atter

Rev'd Stephen Hoggar

Rev'd Graham Miles

### Local Lay Pastors

Judith Cooke

Sheila Grice

Anne Haddon

Colin Haddon

### Children & Families Mission Team

Karen Berry

Helen Cobley

### CAMEO Café Manager

Deborah Watts

### CAMEO Café Assistants

Marie Mason

Zeena Powers

### Circuit Stewards

Adrian Stone (Senior)

Arthur Bennett

Rachel Cobb

Rosemary Bradburn

Charles Davies

### Circuit Administrator

Angie Davey

### Circuit Finance Officer

Marcus Davey

# Day 12 Partnership with Cameroon

Continuing to Seek God's Guidance as our congregation grows, with those from Cameroon and others who are seeking to find a place of worship in the Presbyterian tradition. Sharing worship and welcome at Wellingborough on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. We give thanks to God for their presence

## Give Thanks For

The Ministry of the Cameroon Women's and Men's Fellowship in both our District and throughout the world.

Rev'd Daniel and Rev'd Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman who have recently joined us and support with the Spiritual Care to the Cameroon Worshipping Community.

## Please Pray For

All those, both ordained and lay who, although they are a dispersed community throughout the world, enable Worship, Pastoral Care and Fellowship to be shared by everyone.

That Justice, peace and reconciliation will come to the people of Cameroon who are still suffering from the continuing civil war.



**Deep peace of the  
running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the  
flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the  
quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the  
shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the  
Son of Peace to you.**



**District link with the  
Cameroon Community**  
Deacon Sylvia Kempson

# Day 13

# Northampton

The Northampton Methodist Circuit consists of the multi-site Northampton Methodist Church, Emmanuel Group of Churches (LEP), and Kingsthorpe Community Church (LEP). We have worshipping communities across the town and surrounding villages that are committed to nurturing discipleship, strengthening community partnerships, and developing New Places for New People as we seek to share Christ's love.

## Give Thanks For

Growing community engagement — including toddler groups, warm-space hospitality, and outreach that builds trust with local families.

A New Places for New People Pioneer project — developing new relationships and creative mission in new housing communities.

Faithful service of volunteers — especially those supporting children, young people, pastoral visiting, and worship.

Ecumenical Partnerships — enabling shared witness and community presence.

## Please Pray For

Discernment for the Circuit Leadership Team as we shape mission priorities for the coming years.

New initiatives among children, youth, and families, including the work of our Lay Circuit Mission Enabler (Children's, Youth, and Family Worker).

Congregations navigating change especially where buildings, resources, or demographics are going through transitions.

Those exploring their discipleship and vocations to lay and ordained ministry within the circuit.



Northampton Market Square

**Gracious God, renew your church  
in Northampton with hope,  
courage, and imagination.  
Bless our communities,  
strengthen our witness, and guide  
us as we follow Christ's call.  
May your Spirit lead us to new  
people and new places with  
compassion and joy.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.**



### Superintendent

Rev'd David Speirs

### Ministers

Rev'd Dr Samantha Gillard

Rev'd Daniel Pratt Morris-  
Chapman

(Minister in other appointments  
Lecturer & Tutor at Wesley House  
Cambridge)

### 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

Heather Davies (Circuit  
Treasurer)

Pam Kirkland

Philip Leeson

Hellen Okello

Charmaine Wareham-Voyce

### Lay Circuit Mission Enabler (Children, Youth & Family Worker

Anna Pile

### Circuit 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

Circuit youth events that enable children and young people to gather for games, food and worship.

The outreach activities in our Circuit, especially Monday Kitchen at Kettering, The Well at Kibworth, Friday Friendship & Food at Rothwell, Pizza Club at Market Harborough and the ministry with asylum seekers and refugees in Rugby.

For faithful and dedicated pastoral visitors, safeguarding officers, stewards, treasurers, and other volunteers who ensure our church communities are cared for and our mission enabled.

The variety of worship across the Circuit; Monthly LEGO Services at Daventry, Godly Play at RMCC, Pet Blessing service at Broadwell.

## Please Pray For

Revd Noel on sabbatical (Nov-Feb) and Revd Nathan on sabbatical (April-July).

The new Circuit Stewards and new Circuit Office Manager and the challenges and opportunities that stationing presents.

Men's sharing space Common Ground starting September in Daventry.

New possibilities being explored with partnership, music and mission in Lutterworth.



**Faithful God,  
when all around us is changing  
remind us that you never change.  
May your love enfold us,  
your peace calm us,  
and your grace sustain us.  
In Jesus name.  
Amen.**

*Revd Nathan Falla*



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

### Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Susan Walters

**Church & Community Chaplain, Corby & Kettering** - Caroline Barratt

**Church & Community Chaplain, Kibworth, Market Harborough & Rothwell** Clare Pickering

**Church Families Worker, Daventry**  
Mandie Price

**Outreach & Wellbeing Enabler The Chapel, Newbold** Janet Timperley

**Children & Families Worker, RMCC**  
Andy Brown

**Circuit Finance officer**  
Viola Housley

**Circuit Stewards**  
Adrian Price (Circuit Treasurer & Synod Rep)  
Carolyn Rice  
Carol Wells

**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 Leslie Noon

Rev'd Dr Christine Pocock

### Circuit Stewards

Sarah Atwell-King

Barry Streets (Circuit Treasurer)

### Operations Manager

Stu Brett

### 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 Districts 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 development of relationships in Overstone, particularly with the local secondary school and care home.

The growth of the OneVoice podcast and the stories it has shared across the District.

Online engagement through social media and livestreamed worship, helping people connect with church and faith.

The engagement with *Everyone an Evangelist* training and the opportunities for this learning to be lived out locally.

## Please Pray For

The development of faith-rooted community organising practice as it begins to take shape across the District.

Churches and Circuits as they discern their future story with courage, wisdom and imagination.

Growing confidence in faith-sharing and the intentional practices that help people speak naturally of the hope they have in Christ.



**Loving God, guide our churches  
and circuits as we discern the  
future story you are inviting us to  
inhabit. Grow our confidence in  
sharing faith, deepen our  
engagement with new  
communities, and shape our  
digital and local witness so that  
many may encounter your grace,  
hope and welcome afresh.  
Amen.**



**District Mission Team Leader**  
Matt Forsyth

**NPNP Lead/FEAST Enabler**  
Rev'd Kim Shorley

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Naomi Ensor

**OneVoice Podcast & Video  
Producer**  
John Rose

# Day 17 Justice, Dignity & Solidarity

The Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity (JDS) aims to celebrate the rich diversity of people within the Methodist Church, eradicating all discrimination, treating people justly and with dignity, moving toward a profound change in culture, practices and attitudes.

## Give Thanks For

The newly developed 'summit' model now being trialled in our District – creating safe spaces for conversation around relevant themes and issues.

A successful summit gathering that explored how we might begin to respond to issues around Christian Nationalism.

A heart for inclusion and equality demonstrated in our churches across the District.

The provision of ongoing JDS/EDI training for our leaders and churches.

## Please Pray For

Continued conversation around relevant JDS issues, leading to tangible, meaningful action.

Increased attendance at future summit gatherings throughout the year.

Wisdom in choosing the right themes to discuss.

Encouragement for those who tirelessly dedicate their time, energy and effort to this important work.



**Jesus help us to know your  
heart for your world.  
Fill us with compassion,  
grace, humility and love  
as we work to end  
discrimination,  
treat people justly and with  
dignity ensuring  
all are truly welcome in your  
church.**



### Chair

Rev'd Sonia Hicks

### Co-facilitator

Gemma Willis (Learning Network)

# Day 18 Methodist Academies & Schools Trust (MAST)

Methodist state schools, supported by Methodist Academies and Schools Trust (MAST), serve children and young people through excellent education rooted in Christian faith. Together, they nurture flourishing, develop character and wisdom, promote justice and inclusion, and help every child discover their God-given potential and purpose.

## Give Thanks For

Every child and young person – their unique gifts, growth, achievements, and potential to flourish.

Dedicated staff and leaders – their commitment, compassion, wisdom, and service to our school communities.

Strong relationships and community – the partnership between schools, families, churches, and local communities.

## Please Pray For

Every Methodist state school to be a place of flourishing – where children and young people grow in wisdom, faith, character, and confidence.

School leaders, staff, and governors – that they may be sustained with wisdom, resilience, compassion, and hope in their service.

Schools to have the wisdom and resources to support individual children, families, and community members – responding to their needs with care, compassion, practical help, and hope, especially in times of challenge.

The Methodist vision in education – that our schools may shine the light and love of God, promote justice and inclusion, and be a transformative presence in the places they serve.



<https://www.methodistschools.org.uk/>



**Director of Methodist State Schools**  
Fay Pike

**Loving God,  
Bless our Methodist state schools.  
Grant wisdom and compassion to all  
who serve in them, that they may  
strengthen every child, family, and  
community member. May our schools  
be places of flourishing, hope, and  
belonging, shining the light and love of  
Christ in all they do.  
Amen.**

# Day 19

## Vocations

Vocation and discernment allowing opportunities for people to explore their calling in lay and ordained roles, work within the church and in wider society.

### Give Thanks For

Those who have followed their call and are serving in churches and in surrounding communities.

Those who are living out their calling in a variety of workplaces.

Those who faithfully live out their calling serving in quiet and often unseen ways.

The variety of gifts and graces that are being used in faith communities and beyond.

### Please Pray For

Those who are just beginning to discern their call.

Those engaging with DOV1 and DOV2.

Those who are in training for lay and ordained roles.

Those whose path is unclear and may be different to their expectations.



**Living and Loving God,  
may we all be alert to your  
calling and trusting enough  
to follow where you lead,  
knowing that as we offer our  
gifts and graces you will  
equip and empower.  
Thank you Lord.  
Amen.**



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

# Day 20

# Safeguarding

Safeguarding within the Northampton District, whether at a church, Circuit or District level, work to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults; providing guidance, responding to concerns, ensuring safer practice. These individuals promote a culture of care, accountability and dignity; helping to create safer spaces for all across the District.

## Give Thanks For

Those in the churches and circuits who volunteer their time to help create safer spaces for all who meet and worship together.

The safeguarding team who support the training, compliance and casework across the Northampton District.

## Please Pray For

That our churches may be a place of welcome, where all are cherished, protected, and able to flourish – children, young people and adults alike.

A willingness to engage in healthy safeguarding practice, and to accept change where it is needed.

The wisdom, discernment and courage of those working to challenge wrongdoing, upholding what is right and just.

Those who have been harmed or who feel unsafe. May You give them the courage to find support. Surround them with your strength, comfort and peace. Restore their dignity, and bring healing to their lives.



**Loving Father, Help us to  
continue building communities  
where all are welcome,  
where there is justice and  
dignity for all;  
where each person can meet  
and worship you, Lord,  
without fear.  
May we reflect the love of  
Christ in all that we do.  
In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.**



**Regional Officer for  
Safeguarding - South East  
(Northampton)**  
Sally Wan

**Safeguarding Compliance  
Administrator**  
Joanna Ormston

**Safeguarding Training  
Administrator**  
Sarah Young

# Day 21

# Peterborough

The Circuit covers the whole of Peterborough and beyond. Our churches have a uniqueness to them, offering differing styles of worship and opportunities to get involved. We are developing a range of 'fresh expressions'; new forms of church for our changing culture, established primarily for those who are not yet members of any church.

## Give Thanks For

The Back of Beyond project, helping those in need.

Community hubs, where people are welcomed over the meal table and encouraged to support one another.

Contact and ministry with primary school children (and teaching staff) by the involvement of our lay worker in school assemblies and seasonal events.

Strengthening unity in Local Ecumenical Partnerships and the active kingdom building work of Churches Together.

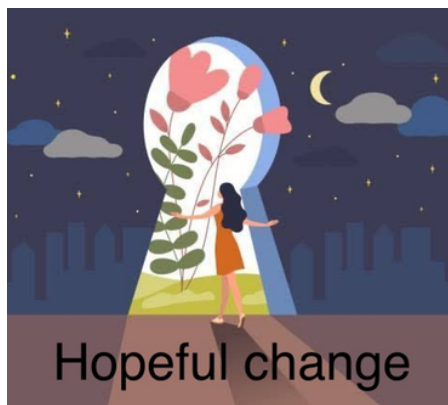
## Please Pray For

Discernment of what should happen at Dogsthorpe Methodist Church and for a steering group to facilitate this.

The ongoing changes in the Circuit, that members continue to seek God's grace as we strive forward as Christ's ambassadors and kingdom building people.

Membership and Bible study groups to inspire and encourage effective discipleship.

Ministers, lay workers, preachers, worship leaders, teachers and Church Councils that they are energised, blessed and sanctified in their work for the Kingdom of God.



**Father God, thank You for the Peterborough Circuit and the new, evolving kingdom building work that continues. We are reminded that with this joy you are with us through sorrow and painful processes of change. Continue to inspire us with your vision of hope. Amen.**



### Superintendent

Rev'd Colin Sherwood

### Ministers

Rev'd Sarah Gower

Rev'd Claire Davison

(Authorised Presbyterian's)

### Lay Pastoral Assistant and 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.

### Give Thanks For

The ways caring for the planet is becoming more embedded into the life of the District.

The Eco Summit gatherings where ideas can be shared and where all are welcome.

Action for Hope grants enabling more churches and Circuits to be eco-conscious.

### Please Pray For

People across the District who are doing this work often by themselves. May they find like-minded folk in the community and in other faith groups.

Churches steadily working towards Eco Church awards.

All who lead worship across the District that they may be mindful of the environment in all their planning.



**Creator God,  
thank you for this  
wonderful planet rich in  
diversity.**

**Give us the courage to  
change how we live so  
that this planet may be  
protected and cherished.  
In the name of Christ,  
Amen.**



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

# Day 23

## Nene Valley

The Nene Valley Circuit comprises 7 Churches situated in East Northamptonshire. Our Churches are in a mixture of rural and small town settings. We are enthusiastic about serving God in our Communities. Our Mission Statement is To Plant Faith, Grow God's Kingdom and Provide Places Where All People Can Flourish.

### Give Thanks For

Growing sense of unity and common purpose within the Circuit.

Signs of growth in many of our groups and activities – Pizza Project / Messy Church / Alpha / Connect and Create etc.

The opportunity to be involved in the leadership of an Alpha Course at HMP Five Wells.

The love and care evident in the churches.

### Please Pray For

Missional and Community Activities becoming more embedded with local church leadership.

Continuing to journey together to discern God's plan for our future as we explore becoming one church on seven sites.

Rev'd Ruth, the staff team and the CLT as they work together to lead the Circuit.

Becoming a place where inclusivity is part of our nature.



Wellingborough Pentecost

**God of all Hope, Thank you  
for your wonderful gift of  
hope - hope grounded in  
you and all your promises.  
However difficult our  
situation, help us to trust  
our future to you, knowing  
that we are not just  
'clutching at straws', but  
standing on the Rock that  
cannot be shaken.  
Amen.**



#### **Superintendent**

Rev'd Ruth Charlesworth

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

Angela Bridge

Andrew Creamer

#### **Operations Manager**

Ruth Austen

#### **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

Opportunities we have as an Order for gathering together at Convocation and in Area Groups. May these times of gathering inspire us to care for each other and express our care for the wider world.

Those of our number in the Order who have died this year. Whose ministry and service have inspired and influenced us. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Deacon Karen McBride who this year steps down as Warden of the Order and takes up appointment in Leicester.

This year as we remember and celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the re-opening of the MDO to candidates.

### Please Pray For

Deacon Claire Gill as she begins her role as Warden of the Order. Michelle Legumi as she continues as Deputy Warden.

James Blackhall and Mel Wheeler – now moved from the District to take up probationer appointments.

Deacons (Student, Active, Supernumerary and probationer) struggling with health issues and balancing work, ministry and family issues.



Deacons gathered together for Convocation at Yarnfield Park, May 2026

**Gracious God, our world needs a transformed economy. One in which love reigns and power is used wisely. Where things which will be to the benefit of poorer communities are produced in abundance and freely available. Loving God, we pray for those whose lives are torn apart by war, conflict, earthquake and flood. Now is a time for generosity beyond anything that has gone before. Amen.**



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

Deacon Maggie Blake  
Deacon Richard Beckett (Area Group facilitator)  
Deacon Karen McBride  
Deacon Sharon Dilley  
Deacon Fiona de Boltz  
Deacon Margaret Hale  
Deacon Sylvia Kempson  
Deacon Ian Murray  
Deacon Mary Neal  
Deacon Steve Peck  
Deacon Judith Wray  
Rev'd Eileen Appleyard (MDO Associate)

# 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.

## Give Thanks For

All involved in the stationing process, both connexionally and locally.

The time, prayers, discernment which is given to the stationing process by all involved.

The opportunities to discuss and come to decisions regarding the stationing process.

## Please Pray For

All presbyters, deacons and their families, involved in stationing as they reflect on their particular circumstances.

Circuit stewards and Circuit Invitation Committees as they reflect on the future of their Circuit and discern the way forward to enable them to fulfil the mission of the Circuit.

Sonia Hicks, District Chair, and Sue Walters, Lay Representative, as they seek to give prayerful, careful advice to presbyters, deacons and their families.

All those engaged in Station Matching groups for the prayerful decisions made in matching presbyters to circuits.



**Almighty and loving God,  
be with all involved in the stationing  
process. It can be a stressful time  
and we ask that you are with  
presbyters, deacons, and their  
families as they discern their  
future.**

**We pray also for circuit staff as  
they discern the way forward  
enabling them to fulfil the mission  
of the church. Be with them all,  
giving them time  
to reflect on their futures.  
Amen.**



**District Lay Stationing  
Representative**  
Sue Walters

# 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 joint work with Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Deanshanger between Methodists, Ecumenical partners, charities and community groups.

Churches across our Circuit that are reaching out to their communities through warm spaces, community cafes and coffee mornings.

Guiding our Circuit through the process of recruiting a new Circuit Treasurer.

The flourishing work among young people at Freeman Memorial and Queensway. We praise God for enthusiasm, faith, and commitment that are growing in the lives of young people.

## Please Pray For

Deanshanger Methodist Church community as they continue work with Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

Deacon Ian Murray and the calling you have placed upon his life, as he serves in his appointment in our Circuit, grant him wisdom, strength, compassion and joy.

God's people as they seek to uplift their neighbours with the message of the gospel.

Congregations to be filled with compassion, wisdom and courage so that they may shine as lights in their communities.



Heartwarming Day Pillar at the Milton Keynes Rose

**Loving God, We thank you for all who offer care, support and friendship to refugees and asylum seekers. Bless volunteers, staff, churches, charities and community groups who welcome strangers with kindness and compassion. In the name of Christ who welcomed the stranger we pray. Amen.**



### Superintendent

Rev'd Edson Dube

### Ministers

Rev'd Dr Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

Deacon Ian Murray

Rev'd George Mwaura - AP URC

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

### Circuit Administrator

Ann MacKinnon

### Circuit Stewards

Jackie Commey (Senior Steward)

Doreen Bell

Cathy Hampton

Tendayi Pearce

### Circuit Secretary

Chris Linford

### Circuit Treasurer

Jonathan Osae

### 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 work closely together in unity. In a vision taken from Isaiah ‘behold I am doing a new thing” we love sharing the love of Jesus in new and creative ways.

## Give Thanks For

The New one church on four sites that has just been formed.

Our staff and CLT team as they serve across the circuit.

The churches lay volunteers within our circuit.

## Please Pray For

The ministers and CLT they serve across the Circuit.

Several of the new grant projects that are happening within the churches this year.

The new, one church on four sites as it becomes embedded and starts its work together.

The Wycombe Homeless connection that all our churches support within our circuit boundary.



**Father, hear us as we pray,  
comfort us, in times of  
sorrow, lift us in times of  
weariness, cheer us in  
times of joy.  
Hold us when we doubt and  
lead us when we go astray.  
Give us grace to turn our  
face to you, accept your  
gifts, and receive them with  
an open heart.**



**Superintendent**  
Rev'd Kate Strange

**Ministers**  
Rev'd Genevieve Awude-Stahnkah  
Rev'd Rachael Prince

**Supernumerary**  
Rev'd Alan Bolton

**Circuit Stewards**  
Graham Everitt (Senior Steward)  
Vicky Everitt  
Neil Manthorpe  
Suzanne Soper  
Paul Strange  
Mike Wright

**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 appointment of a second community worker in the Circuit working at Gerrards Cross Methodist Church.

All who enable worship to take place in the Amersham Circuit; ministers, local preachers, worship leaders and all our visiting preachers who enrich our worship life.

The craft groups in our local churches.

All who find a welcome in a local church to midweek events including Bible studies, coffee mornings and Movers and Shakers at Chesham and Gerrards Cross.

## Please Pray For

The Circuit Administrator.

God's wisdom as churches discern their future vision.

New Circuit Stewards to add to our Leadership Team.

Potential work in the new housing development adjacent to Little Chalfont.



Ever living God,  
to your wise and merciful name  
belong 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  
actions, to serve you  
and our world.  
Amen.



### **Superintendent**

Rev'd E Adam Wells

### **Minister**

Rev'd James Patterson

### **Supernumerary**

Rev'd Sally Binymin

### **Circuit Administrator/ Bookkeeper**

Lu Gigg

### **Circuit Meeting Secretary**

Ann Cloke

### **Circuit Stewards**

David Hillas

Rohan Navaratnam

### **C2C worker at Chesham**

### **Methodist Church**

Denise Gardner

### **Attractional Mission Pastor**

### **Gerrards Cross Methodist Church**

John Mushtaq

# 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

- New children’s work initiatives at Waddesdon and Whitchurch.
- The continuing impact of our Big Sing services.
- Our local preachers in training.

### Please Pray For

- Conversations about merging church councils.
- New patterns of ministry at Fairford Leys.
- Work with the homeless and disadvantaged in Aylesbury.
- Churches responding to the challenges of local arrangement services.



Gracious God  
in love  
prompt us  
into new adventures  
and in hope  
grant us  
the courage to journey  
confident in  
your abiding  
care.

Rev'd Richard Atkinson



**Superintendent**  
Rev'd Richard Atkinson  
Aylesbury, Fairford Leys (LEP  
Methodist, CofE, URC)

**Ministers**  
Rev'd Noreen Daley-Lee  
Cheddington  
North Marston (LEP CofE)  
Stewkley, Swanbourne,  
Waddesdon, Weedon (LEP CofE)  
Whitchurch, Wingrave

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

**Children's Work Enabler**  
Emma Foulger-Clarke

**Honorary 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 Districts 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

New and existing missional work across the District, including foodbanks, warm spaces, toddler groups and Messy Churches, through which God's love is being made visible.

The FEAST New Places for New People beginning across the District, and the courage and creativity of those leading them.

Churches using small grants to begin new work and deepen local engagement.

Support streams offered through ReNew gatherings for pioneers, lay workers and others serving in church.

## Please Pray For

Fruitful engagement in new housing communities, and relationships of trust to grow.

Digital training and development as a means of sharing God's love.

Renewed commitment to growth in rural and urban settings.

The Mission Team as it serves churches and circuits with wisdom, energy and grace.



**Gracious God, we give thanks  
for every sign of your love  
made visible through acts of  
service, welcome and  
witness. Bless each new and  
existing work across this  
District. Strengthen those  
who lead, serve and pray, and  
help us notice where your  
Spirit is already moving. In  
Jesus' name,  
Amen.**



**District Mission Team Leader**  
Matt Forsyth

**NPNP Lead/FEAST Enabler**  
Rev'd Kim Shorley

**FRCO Lead/Overstone  
Pioneer Community Chaplain**  
Mel Brown

**District Digital Enabler**  
Naomi Ensor

**OneVoice Podcast & Video  
Producer**  
John Rose

# Day 31

## Northampton District

As a District, we strive to be caring and inclusive in all that we do, never forgetting to be seekers after justice even when this is costly.

### Give Thanks For

Circuits seeking to be more missional and outward facing.

Time given by the laity and ordained colleagues in the work of District Committees and initiatives.

Those employed by the District and especially the District Administrative Team.

### Please Pray For

Young people within the life of our churches especially as they become a District Mission priority.

Community cohesion across the District and the courage required to stand up for justice.

Supernumerary ministers and their families particularly those with health challenges.



Loving God, thank you for the presence of the Holy Spirit working in diverse people and in diverse places across the Northampton District. May we commit ourselves to sharing the Good News of your amazing love, in season and out of season.  
In the name of Christ, we pray.  
Amen.



**Chair of District**  
Rev'd Sonia Hicks

**Deputy Chair of District**  
Vacant

**Presbyteral Synod Secretary**  
Rev'd Alan Bolton

**Representative Synod Secretary**  
Dr Hellen Okello

**District Treasurer**  
Keith Brooks

**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

**District Data Champion (GDPR)**  
Sarah Eason