

## WIRRAL METHODIST CIRCUIT - PRAYER DIARY MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30th – <b>Mothering Sunday</b> Give thanks today for our relationship with God in and through our mother church.	31 <sup>st</sup> – Pray with thanksgiving for Supernumerary Ministers and Retired Deaconesses, continuing their ministries in preaching, serving and in prayer for us.					1st – <b>St David's Day.</b> David became renowned as a teacher and preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches. May his devotion inspire us.
2nd – Pray today for our Ordained staff, giving us leadership and seeking to build us all up in the discipleship and service to which we are all called. May our staff continue to know the joy of their calling and ministry.	3 <sup>rd</sup> – In the middle of Fair Trade fortnight, pray about issues of trade justice – how does it affects you? Can you do more to encourage trade justice or stop doing things that sustain injustice?	4th – Give thanks for worship and fellowship opportunities in many of our churches through the week – prayer, praise, practical working etc., all reaching new communities of faith.	5th – <b>Ash Wednesday</b> As the Methodist Art Collection goes on display at Trinity E Port, pray for and join the circuit service at 7.30pm where we are privileged to have Rev Ruth Gee, President of Conference to preach.	6th – Pray for the Ellesmere Port Arts Festival, publicly launched tonight with the Ruth Gee and Civic Dignitaries. Pray that the whole festival and the Methodist Art Collection will be inspirational in the town and circuit.	7 <sup>th</sup> – Pray for the, sadly, vital work of food banks across Wirral and West Cheshire. May the evident need continue to challenge us, and inspire our response to social justice issues within our communities.	8 <sup>th</sup> – Today sees the Resource Picnic at Greasby – an opportunity to explore a variety of ways of engaging with children and families. Give thanks for those who are coming to share their experience and ideas
9th – Pray for lay staff – individually with different and specific roles in the life of our circuit. May they continue to find joy in ministering and serving us all.	10th – Pray for the District Probationer Committee as two probationers from Sankey Valley circuit continue their journey towards ordination at this year's conference.	11th – Today is the next of our Circuit Carousel Meetings, giving opportunity to learn and contribute to the new ways of living our connected life circuit - 2.00pm at Little Sutton.	12th – Pray for our local hospices, care homes and places of respite – that those in frailty and vulnerability may find not just care but peace and comfort at this vital stage of life.	13th – Today's Circuit Carousel Meeting, giving opportunity to learn and contribute to the new ways of living our connected life in the circuit – 7.30pm at St Luke's Hoylake.	14th – Pray for the work of debt counselling services, especially Christians Against Poverty, as they seek to enable quality of life for those crippled by unpayable debt.	15th – Give thanks for local hospitals – Arrowe Park, Countess of Chester and Clatterbridge. Pray for the dedication of staff in all departments, often working with people at their most vulnerable.
16th – Pray for those completing pre ordination training, especially those due to join our circuit staff in the summer, that they may feel excited at the Godly challenge they will face.	17th – <b>St Patrick's Day</b> Pray for trust and faithfulness like that of Patrick. Pray also for the meeting of Church Treasurers as they look at the Circuit Assessment.	18th – The circuit staff will be gathering with Methodist Art Collection today, to pray together with the depictions of Lent and Easter themes. Pray for their fellowship and mutual support.	19 <sup>th</sup> – Pray for those providing primary health care in our communities; doctors, dentists, nurses, midwives, chemists. Whilst often beleaguered in the press, give thanks for their continuing dedication and care.	20th – Pray about the ongoing situation in Syria, as the UK doors have begun to open to the possibility of refuge here. Pray for understanding of the distinction between refugees, asylum seekers and migrant workers.	21st – As the issues of banks and pay day loans continue, pray for the role and work of Credit Unions, seeking to provide simple and costs effective financial solutions in local places.	22nd – Today in 1956 the Civil rights leader, the Martin Luther King, was convicted of organising an illegal boycott by black passengers of buses in Alabama. Give thanks for the improvement in racial justice, and pray for the work yet to be done.
23rd - As we hold the circuit "FAMILY SERVICE" (TwPG 3.00pm) may we continue to learn what it means to be a connected family of Methodist People across the Wirral peninsula and beyond.	24th – Safeguarding is sometimes seen as a frustration, but it should be our joy to seek to ensure that everyone with whom we have contact is safe in our presence. May we see this piece of work as an expression of our care.	25 <sup>th</sup> – Give thanks for the life and ministry of our churches in our local communities. Pray that the heritage that we inherit becomes a vibrant legacy of faith for future generations.	26th – Rejoice in the unspoken ministry in our communities that members of our churches perform, through local civic office, working in and with numerous charities and quiet one to one support.	27th – Give thanks for the volunteer stewards helping with Art Collection in Ellesmere Port, especially where they are able to share faith stories with those who visit.	28 <sup>th</sup> – As Mothering Sunday approaches give thanks for good relationships with human mothers and pray for those whose relationships are not good. Pray, where possible for healing.	29 <sup>th</sup> – Pray for the Leaders of Worship and Preachers who have fellowship around the Art Collection today, led by Gill Dascombe – Vice President Designate of the Conference