



## **The Methodist Church** **North Lancashire Circuit**

### **CIRCUIT PRAYER BUDDY PARTNERSHIP**

‘A Methodist Way of Life is a way of living; trying to live our lives in response to God's love that is made known to us in Jesus. How can we encourage one another (including children and young people) to develop a rhythm of discipleship that includes regular, practical actions of worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism? And how do we help them to develop a rhythm of prayer that encourages them to expect God to speak? ‘

The Unity of the Spirit must be present in every church, for physical and spiritual growth to occur and as congregations, we all have an opportunity to support one another in love and pray for each other.

We have developed a Circuit Prayer Buddy Partnership for all of our churches as follows:

- ◆ One church to pray for another i.e. **Arkholme/Bare; Bare/Brookhouse** and so on (see the Prayer Clock)
- ◆ When you are first matched with another church, introduce your church to either the Prayer Co-ordinator; Pastoral Contact or Steward. Share the key points, joys and challenges you are currently experiencing.
- ◆ Due to GDPR, individual prayer requests should be by first name only with no specific details.
- ◆ Pray for our Superintendent; Ministers; Lay Workers; Local Preachers; Circuit Stewards; Circuit Leadership Team (CLT).
- ◆ Pray for our Circuit and District.
- ◆ Pray for changes currently taking place including: Clustering within our Circuit and the God in Love Unites Us at this summer's conference.
- ◆ Quarterly we will rotate the churches and form a new buddy relationship.
- ◆ Monthly communications between the buddy churches with any specific prayer requests.
- ◆ Monthly Feedback to Jo from your Prayer Co-ordinator or steward.

The Conference has declared 2020/21 a year of prayer so that our Church-wide commitments to evangelism; church growth; church at the margins; pioneering and church planting will flow from a deep, contemplative orientation to God's grace and love.

‘When we have, through faithful, continuing, prayerful discernment, identified particular needs or situations which require some kind of change we may engage in specifically targeted prayer, not expecting that God will do what we think is best but what God knows is best for the particular need or situation.’

*Ephesians 6:18*

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for the Lord's people.*



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## PRAYER CLOCK

