



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

### **CIRCUIT PRAYER BUDDY PARTNERSHIP (MATCH 3)**

‘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 our churches as follows:

- ❖ One church to pray for i.e. **Scorton/Galgate; Galgate/ Scorton** and so on.
- ❖ When you are matched with a new church, introduce your church to either the Prayer Coordinator, 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.**
- ❖ **Provide the prayer requests of your Buddy church to your Church Contact and invite the Minister, Local Preacher or Worship Leader to include in the prayers of intercessions at each Sunday Service.**
- ❖ **Monthly** communications between the buddy churches with any new specific prayer requests and to give updates of how God has answered prayer.
- ❖ **Quarterly Feedback to Jo** from your **Prayer Co-ordinator.**
- ❖ Quarterly we will rotate the churches and form a new buddy relationship.

***If you have any questions or concerns regarding your partnership, please contact Jo in the first instance.***

When we have, through faithful, continuing, prayerful discernment, identified needs or situations which require 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.’

*1 John 5: 14*

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*