

Continuing to **ReImagine...**

## **The Peterborough Circuit of Churches**

**A Call to Prayer during social distancing and self-isolation:**



**Centred on God  
Everyone an Evangelist  
Transformational Leadership  
New Places for New People  
Every Church a Growing Church  
Church at the Margins  
Young Evangelists, Pioneers, and Leaders  
Digital Presence: Digital Age Mission**

**CENTRED IN GOD**

#CentredInGod

- Map a clear, flexible discipleship pathway for a Methodist way of life.
- Make worship a way of life.
- Deepen knowledge of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for individuals, local churches, and our circuit as we are transparent about our vulnerabilities, open about our faith, and discovering constantly new ways in which we can connect with each other, and worship.

Pray that through our pastoral care, our worship resources, and our links with the wider community that newcomers will recognise the ‘place’ and ‘value’ of the Church, and are encouraged to explore the difference that faith can make to their lives.

**TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

#TransformationalLeaders

- Equip lay and ordained people to lead churches through change.
- Coach leaders and teams to move from vision into action.

Thank God for our progress before the pandemic, not least through Reimagine. For CLT, for our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting, and for all of our leaders, that God would help us transform people,

**EVERYONE AN EVANGELIST**

#EveryoneAnEvangelist

- Help everyone talk naturally about what God is doing in their lives.
- Build everyone’s confidence to invite people to explore following Jesus.
- Create a visible and compelling Methodist presence at major public events.

Give thanks for the new people who are connecting with us. Ask God to help us rethink what it means to be 'church', especially church online and church 'at home'. Ask God to help us to mentor people and capitalise on this new life that is in our midst.

**4** **NEW PLACES FOR NEW PEOPLE**

#NewPlacesForNewPeople

- Start new Christian communities for unaffiliated people in every circuit.
- Help existing churches experiment with fresh expressions of church.
- Develop a robust discernment and training pathway for pioneers and planters.

**5** **EVERY CHURCH A GROWING CHURCH**

#EveryChurchGrowing

- Empower every church to build local community relationships.
- Enable every circuit and church to write and implement a living mission plan.
- Embed core practices of growth in churches throughout the Connexion.

Pray for those who may feel marginalised; those who are not suffering with the virus but nonetheless face life-threatening illness. Pray also for those who are struggling with their relationships, their finances, with 'grief,'

Pray for members of the circuit who are **Keyworkers**, or who volunteer for organisations such as the NHS, Foodbanks, Night Shelters or Phone Helplines. Help us to discern how God is calling us to work in partnership. Pray for growth.

**6** **CHURCH AT THE MARGINS**

#ChurchAtTheMargins

- Start a movement of new Christian communities led by those at the margins.
- Work alongside people experiencing poverty to deepen community engagement.
- Build on the biblical connection between evangelism and social justice.



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**YOUNG EVANGELISTS,  
PIONEERS, & LEADERS**

#YoungFaithLeaders

- Invite young people to imagine and pioneer new churches.
- Invest in discipleship and leadership development with children and young people.
- Encourage and free young people to share faith in their networks.

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Pray for young people that they might find healthy peer groups and access to spiritual support. Pray for all youth leaders as they continue to link with young people. Pray for a mutual support between younger and older people.

Pray that our engagement via social media would be meaningful, giving rise to genuine fellowship and supportive relationships. Pray for God's direction as to how we link the virtual with the physical when self-isolation restrictions begin to ease.



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**DIGITAL PRESENCE:  
DIGITAL AGE MISSION**

#DigitalSpirituality

- Embrace the internet as our parish through digital evangelism.
- Create online Christian community to explore and expand faith.

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These prayers have been prepared by Rev Langley bearing in mind the challenges we are facing as a consequence of social distancing and isolation.

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