



The Methodist Church in Sheffield

... growing followers of Jesus

30/04/25

Dear Friends

I hope you are all well.

As I engage with the Scriptures in my daily devotions and as you prepare to lead Sunday worship weekly, I often write prayers. I have therefore written many prayers over many years. I am sure that is something many of you do every week. Some of these prayers I share on social media and others just never get used again. I was asked to contribute one of those prayers for a recent publication (focussing on justice). I offer it to you below for use:

“God of all people and all generations. We raise a joyful song to you, because you are good, and your love endures forever! You mercifully touch the untouchable leper in love and with healing. But you also overturn tables in anger at injustice.

In our weakness empower us to challenge unjust powers that oppress. Equally, O Christ, enable us to show and speak love and mercy where necessary. Help us always to get the balance right - to speak truth to power, but also to show grace and to speak your life-giving word where it is needed.

Liberator God, free us from evil systems of mindsets, activities and structures which falsely and positively express themselves in our personal, collective, and institutional life as the need for belonging, identity and expression of difference. Energise us to work for and prepare for a moment in time, a place, and a way of living together, where we see Christ in each other and reflect Christ to one another.

Our hope is in your unfailing love, O Great Shield. Shelter us and watch over us, O Great Protector. But, help us not to be a hidden people, O Great Energy Giver. Paint our hearts with brushes of your love and compassion. Inspire and enable us to find new ways to be a force of love and justice - a witness for you during these times. Amen.”

Have you got some prayers (creative or written) to share. Please get in touch with me and I will find ways to share it more widely across the circuit.

I want to remind you again that I use the Preaching Plan every week in my personal prayers. So please know that when you prepare for and lead worship, that I have prayed for you by name.
Every blessing.

Your brother in Christ
Romeo

For your information, please find enclosed:

- your Preaching Plan (if requested),
- your print out of appointments,
- your Preaching Card

Please take time to read this letter carefully and to transfer dates into your diary for the coming year.

I remind all preachers that if you are unable to take any appointments in a particular quarter it is your responsibility to find an accredited substitute and inform the superintendent minister. **Please use the office as a last resort to find a replacement.**

The Cut-off date for submitting Plan availability for the September to November Plan is Mon 30th June

For your information please see below the Plan making timetable;

Mon 30 th June	Deadline for submitting Plan availability
Tues 1 st – Thurs 3 rd July	DW to add pre-arranged appointments
Fri 4 th – Mon 14 th July	Ministers to put in their own dates and agreed pre-arranged services, local plan makers to put in church pattern and agreed pre-arranged
Tues 15 th July	Plan making team to fill in the gaps
Fri 18 th – Tues 22 nd July	Proof reading by ministers
Wed 23 rd	Plan to be published and distributed

The upcoming dates for the LWPM gatherings will be on Thursday 5th June, 7.30 pm, Greenhill MC & Wednesday 3rd September, Venue tbc.

There are a number of appointments which were unable to be filled, please see below. If you are able to help please let the Circuit office know as soon as possible;

Appointments still to be filled

29 th June	11:00 am	Green Moor
27 th July	10:30 am	Crane Moor
	11:00 am	Hatfield House Lane
24 th August	10:45 am	Banner Cross
	10:30 am	Crane Moor
	10:30 am	Stanwood
	10:15 am	Woodseats
31 st August	10:30 am	Brightholmlee

Circuit Support Team