

Gracious God, we give you thanks  
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,  
and for the example of loving and faithful service  
which she has shown among us.  
Help us to follow her example of dedication  
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

(Collect from Church of England resources for Platinum Jubilee.)

Gracious Loving God, as your people here in this Circuit we bring before  
you the needs and concerns for this season of our journey together.

We remember with appreciation the ministries of Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf  
and Revd James Mather as their roles change within The Circuit.

We pray for rest and refreshment for Revd David Shaw and Revd Chris  
Evans as they receive the gift of a Sabattical from the Methodist Church.

We thank you for the work of the Eco Missional Area group and the work  
they are encouraging and enabling for us to become an Eco Circuit.

We look forward to the Circuit Children's Event at Tilehurst MC on July  
10th with the visit of Duggie Dug Dug and we also pray for all churches  
undertaking holiday clubs this summer. May your cascading blessings  
abound.

And we continue to seek your guidance Lord as we explore where you  
are leading us locally within our churches and as a Circuit.

All for your glory.

AMEN.

"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

John Wesley

An idea for prompting your prayers  
using your hand

Thumb - those closest to you, friends  
& family  
Pointer - church leaders and others  
who show the way  
Middle - tallest, those in authority  
Ring finger - weakest, those in need  
Smallest - yourself

## Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers June to August 2022

### Service

As far as we are able, with God's help:

We will help people in our communities and beyond.

We will care for creation and all God's gifts.

We will challenge injustice

**May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the  
transformation of the world.**

(from Methodist Way of Life)

### A PRAYER FOR GOD'S WORLD

God of grace and love,  
embodied in time and space,  
we glimpse your glory  
in the living word of Christ  
and the dancing fire of your Spirit.

In the light of your presence  
you call us to open our eyes  
to the gift of your good creation  
and to take delight

in all that you have made;  
may we be truly thankful,  
truly happy

and truly responsible

as we step lightly upon the hallowed earth.

In the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

(Written by Rev. Julian Pursehouse,  
Chair of East Anglia Methodist District)



## A prayer as we Dwell in the Word

Loving God,  
Although our destination is not yet clear,  
May we trust in your graceful promises;  
Though we are uncertain of ourselves,  
May we be rooted in your loving regard;  
Though our attention is inclined to wander,  
May we hear the things you are saying;  
Though we often neglect your influence,  
May we be convicted of your power to change,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



*Luke Jerram's earth installation Gaia at Salisbury Cathedral*

## Dwelling in the Word text: Philippians 2: 1-15 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.