

## March 2021

- 2     △ Rural Specialists' Meal, The Wesley, London
- 5-7   △ Darlington District
- 6-8   ▣ South East District
- 8-9   ■ Connexional Leaders' Forum, High Leigh, Hertfordshire
- 12-14 ▣ Lincolnshire District
- 12-14 △ Yorkshire North and East District
- 20-22 ■ Methodist Council, Woodland Grange, Leamington Spa
- 25-29 ■ Plymouth and Exeter District

## April 2021

- 6-11   ▣ ECG (Equipping, Calling, Going) Seminars
- 16-18 ■ Isle of Man District
- 23-26 ■ East Anglia District

## May 2021

- 4-7    ■ Diaconal Convocation
- 7-9    ▣ Shetland District
- 8-9    △ 130th Anniversary of Longmoor Methodist Church, Liverpool
- 12-16 ■ European Methodist Festival, Germany
- 19-24 ■ London District
- 24     ■ Wesley Day Celebration, St Paul's Cathedral and Wesley's Chapel, London
- 28-31 ■ Cliff College Festival, Derbyshire

## June 2021

- 3-6    △ Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly District
- 9-13   ■ Methodist Church in Ireland Conference
- 20     △ 150th Anniversary of Woodbridge Methodist Church, Suffolk
- 23-1 July  
      ■ Methodist Conference, Birmingham



Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a **new** thing;  
now it **springs** forth,  
do you not perceive it?  
I will make a **way** in the wilderness  
and **rivers** in the desert.

[Isaiah 43:18-19 \(NRSV\)](#)

  
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**THE BEST  
OF ALL IS,  
GOD  
IS WITH US.**

## The Presidential Year 2020/2021



**The President**  
The Revd Richard Teal



**The Vice-President**  
Mrs Carolyn Lawrence

  
**The Methodist Church**



Isaiah 43:18-19 (NRSV)

As this Prayer Diary is being developed we are in the middle of unprecedented times in our nation and across the world. Everyone will have been affected by coronavirus in different ways but whatever the circumstances of our lives, individually or as a nation, these well-known words of Wesley are hopefully an encouragement to us all.

During our year of office, as we journey around the Connexion, we really hope to be an encouragement to you no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

While travelling, we will be thinking about growth, both personally and corporately and seeking to find ways to help you do both! Richard wishes to engage in this theme particularly from a rural perspective. Our chosen Bible verses from Isaiah 43:18-19 remind us that God wants to do new things amongst us and to bring life and growth even in people and places that seem to be dry or tired.

Our theme also fits with the launch of *A Methodist Way of Life*. This is a great tool for our personal discipleship and growth, and also with the Evangelism and Growth strategy, *God for All*, finding ways to reach out to our communities with God's love and to make more disciples of Jesus.

We are so grateful to you for walking with us on this journey of growth and for your prayer support. We look forward to meeting many of you through the coming year and sharing some of our Christian journey together.

Love and blessings,  
Richard and Carolyn

## Engagements for the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2020/2021 for you to use in your prayers.

**Key** ■ Joint engagement ▲ President ☐ Vice-President

### July 2020

- 14 ☐ Circuit speaker regarding Global Relationships trip to Brazil
- 20-23 ▲ Synod Cymru/Wales Synod
- 26 ▲ Leaving/Retirement Service, Driffield Hornsea Circuit

### August 2020

- 21-23 ▲ Scotland District and Shetland District
- 30 ▲ Driffield Hornsea Circuit Welcome Service

### September 2020

- 2 ■ Connexional New Year Services, London  
(am) Wesley's Chapel Service  
(pm) Westminster Central Hall Service
- 8 ■ Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes New Year Service, Manchester
- 10-14 ▲ Rural Programme for Students, Queen's Theological College, Birmingham
- 17-20 ▲ Shropshire and Marches, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District
- 20 ☐ 400th Mayflower Service, Plymouth
- 21-22 ■ Connexional Leaders' Forum, High Leigh, Hertfordshire
- 26-29 ■ Northampton District

### October 2020

- 4 ▲ Cornerstones 10th Anniversary Celebration, Chester le Street Methodist Church, Durham
- 4 (am) ☐ Putney Methodist Church, London
- 4 (pm) ☐ 25 Years of Racial Justice Service, St Paul's Cathedral, London
- 8-11 ☐ Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly District
- 9-11 ▲ Lancashire District
- 12-13 ■ Methodist Council, High Leigh, Hertfordshire

- 23-25 ▲ Yorkshire West District
- 24 ☐ World Federation Day for Methodist Women in Britain, Chippenham, Wiltshire
- 30 ■ 3Generate 365

### November 2020

- 2-4 ▲ Presidential Armed Forces visit
- 8 ■ Remembrance Services, London  
(am) Cenotaph  
(pm) Hinde Street Methodist Church
- 14 ▲ Germinate Conference, Arthur Rank Centre, Kenilworth
- 17-21 ▲ Lincolnshire District
- 26 ■ Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, London
- 27-29 ▲ Nottingham and Derby District
- 27 ☐ Circuit visit to Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District

### December 2020

- 5 ▲ Seminar on 'Evangelism and Religious Communities', Oxford
- 9 ■ Methodist Independent Schools Trust's (MIST) Annual Service of Dedication
- 24-25 ▲ Leading worship in the Driffield Hornsea Circuit

### January 2021

- 12 ■ Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service, London
- 22 ■ Queen's Theological College, Birmingham
- 26-27 ■ Methodist Council, High Leigh, Hertfordshire
- 28 ■ Southlands College, Roehampton

### February 2021

- 1-3 ▲ Methodist Tri-Service Chaplains' Conference
- 5-7 ☐ Lancashire District
- 5-7 ▲ Bristol District
- 13 ■ All We Can Conference
- 20-23 ■ Channel Islands District
- 26-28 ▲ Cumbria District