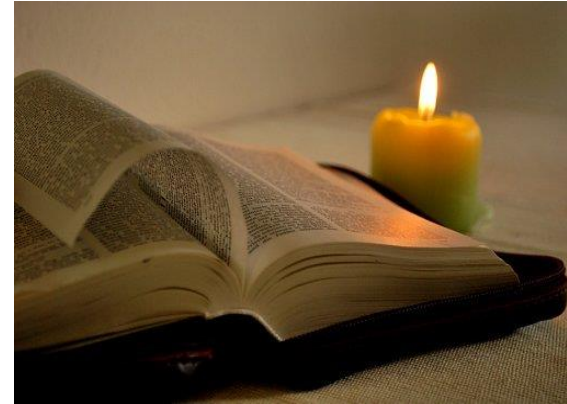


# East Solent and Downs Methodist Circuit



## Prayer Diary March/April/May 2025

### Our calling

The calling of the Methodist church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its Discipleship in Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism.

### Circuit vision

The vision of the Circuit is growing the Kingdom of God among all people through the Holy Spirit

East Solent and Downs Methodist Circuit  
Registered Charity Number 1153209  
Circuit Website [www.esanddcircuit.org.uk](http://www.esanddcircuit.org.uk)

## Aid to prayer:

### Supernumerary ministers within the Circuit:

Richard Atkins-Greig	Gordon Charlesworth
David Coote	Malcolm Groom
John Illsley	David Rice
Malcolm Rothwell	Geoffrey Senior
Bill Stillwell	Christine Walters
Beryl Wright	

### Lay employees:

Catherine Burt	Compass Project Pioneer
Heather Carne	Anna Chaplin
Susan Commons	Anna Chaplin
Stephanie Woolcott	Circuit Administrator
Margaret Heathcote	Circuit finance Officer

### Minister in other appointments within the Circuit:

Peter Lee      Ashley Lovett      Mark Noakes

### Ecumenical colleagues

Kate MacFarlane - Hart Plain

Iain Robertson - Bordon

### Circuit Stewards

Mike Petter      Alison Rice      Matthew Thomas

### Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Please use the preaching plan for names

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks to God for new ways to engage with the local community
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bring to God in prayer farmers and those who care for the land
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Please pray for the ministry of the Circuit Administrator and Circuit Finance Officer
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	'I lift up my eyes to the hills where does my help come from, my help comes from the Lord the maker of heaven and earth' (Psalm 121vs 1,2)
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Please pray for the life and witness of Havant Fellowship. Rev Elize Goddess
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bring to God in prayer someone you know who is unwell
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Please pray for the leadership of the wider Methodist Church. The President and Vice President
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks to God for the beauty of creation
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bring to God in prayer the transport network: pilots, bus, train and taxi drivers
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	Please pray for the life and witness of Haslemere Fellowship. Rev Dave Faulkner, Deacon Janice
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding' (Proverbs 3 v 5)
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup>	Please pray for the life and witness of Drayton Fellowship. Rev Elize Goddess
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bring to God in prayer someone you know who is unsettled or fearful about the future
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks to God for the Blessings you have received in the past month

## Welcome

Thank you for picking up a copy of the Circuit prayer diary. Throughout each week there is a pattern, a rhythm:

- Sunday - a time to give thanks to God
- Monday - a time to focus on community life
- Tuesday - a time to pray for our Circuit life
- Wednesday - a time to ponder
- Thursday - a time to pray for our Circuit life
- Friday - a time to focus on those we know
- Saturday - a time to reflect on the different ministry opportunities we share

Gracious God,  
 We celebrate Your goodness to us,  
 Draw us closer to Yourself and to one another,  
 as we seek Your way ahead for our own lives  
 and the life of our Circuit.  
 To You be all praise and glory. Amen

## March 2025

Sat 1st	Please pray for the gathering of the Circuit meeting today, for encouragement and clarity
Sun 2nd	Give thanks to God for the first signs of Spring
Mon 3rd	Bring to God in prayer your local neighbourhood
Tue 4th	Please pray for all supernumerary ministers within our Circuit
Wed 5th	Ash Wednesday 'Our soul finds no rest until it finds its rest in God' St Augustine
Thur 6th	Please pray for the life and witness of Gosport Fellowship. Rev Pauline Crispin
Fri 7th	Bring to God in prayer someone you know who is caring for someone
Sat 8th	Please pray for all who offer ministry through leading Bible study and discussions groups
Sun 9th	Give thanks to God for the gift of prayer
Mon 10th	Bring to God in prayer those who work on the roads and collect our rubbish and recycling
Tue 11th	Please pray for the life and witness of Hart Plain Fellowship. Rev David Muskett, Rev Kate
Wed 12th	Jesus said 'I am the way and the truth and the life' (John 14v6) During this season of Lent may we seek to know that in deeper measure.
Thur 13th	Please pray for the life and witness of Lindford Fellowship. Rev Dave Faulkner, Deacon Janice

Sun 4th	Give thanks for God's faithfulness and provision
Mon 5th	Bring to God in prayer all who work in local industries, supermarkets and retail outlets
Tue 6th	Please pray for ministers in other appointments within the Circuit
Wed 7th	Jesus said 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you' (John 14v27)
Thur 8th	Please pray for the life and witness of Bedhampton Fellowship. Rev Elize Goddess
Fri 9th	Bring to God in prayer someone you know who is lonely
Sat 10th	Please pray for all who offer ministry alongside the refugee and asylum seeker
Sun 11th	Give thanks to God for those with whom we share life's journey
Mon 12th	Bring to God in prayer hospital and medical staff and patients
Tue 13th	Please pray for the life and witness of Petersfield Fellowship. Rev David Muskett
Wed 14th	Jesus said 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11v28)
Thur 15th	Please pray for the life and witness of Fareham Fellowship. Rev Pauline Crispin
Fri 16th	Bring to God in prayer all who are homeless and those waiting for housing
Sat 17th	Please pray for ministry offered through providing a friendly welcome and a listening ear

Tue 22nd	Please pray for the Circuit Leadership Team as they meet today
Wed 23rd	Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life' (John 11v25) Give thanks for the empty tomb, that Jesus has conquered death.
Thur 24th	Please pray for the life and witness of Liphook Fellowship. Rev Dave Faulkner, Deacon Janice
Fri 25th	Bring to God in prayer someone you know who has recently been bereaved
Sat 26th	Please pray for all who offer ministry through coffee mornings and 'drop ins'
Sun 27th	Give thanks to God for the gifts and skills of one another
Mon 28th	Bring to God in prayer those in education – schools, colleges and universities
Tue 29th	Please pray for the life and witness of the Digital Church Fellowship. David Arnott
Wed 30th	'Love so amazing, so Divine, demands my soul, my life, my all'
<b>May 2025</b>	
Thur 1st	Please pray for the life and witness of Portsmouth Fellowship. Rev Ray Goddess
Fri 2nd	Bring to God in prayer all those who are seeking to be free from debt
Sat 3rd	Please pray for all who offer ministry alongside families

Fri 14th	Bring to God in prayer all who are unemployed and are seeking work
Sat 15th	Please pray for the ministry that you offer within the life of the community
Sun 16th	Give thanks to God who guides and strengthens us
Mon 17th	Bring to God in prayer local Navy, Army and Air force bases
Tue 18th	Please pray for the life and witness of Portchester Fellowship. Rev Ray Goddess
Wed 19th	Jesus said 'I am the light of the world' (John 8v12) May the light of Christ dispel the darkness in our lives and the world.
Thur 20th	Please pray for the life and witness of Stubbington Fellowship. Rev Pauline Crispin
Fri 21st	Bring to God in prayer those who are your neighbours
Sat 22nd	Please pray for all who offer the ministry of pastoral care
Sun 23rd	Give thanks to God for the Bible and what we can learn from Holy Scripture
Mon 24th	Bring to God in prayer forestry workers, rangers and volunteers
Tue 25th	Please pray for the ministry of the Compass project and Anna Chaplaincy
Wed 26th	Jesus said 'I am the Good Shepherd' (John 10v11) In what ways have we wandered away like a lost sheep?
Thur 27th	Please pray for the life and witness of Bordon Fellowship. Deacon Janice, Rev Iain

Fri 28th	Bring to God in prayer all those who have broken relationships
Sat 29th	Please pray for all who offer ministry through food and clothes banks
Sun 30th	Give thanks to God for those who give support and encouragement
Mon 31st	Bring to God in prayer the emergency services, including the lifeboat crews
<b>April 2025</b>	
Tue 1st	Please pray for the life and witness of Midhurst Fellowship. Rev Dave Faulkner
Wed 2nd	Jesus said 'I am the bread of life' (John 6v48) How do we nourish our inner spiritual life?
Thur 3rd	Please pray for the life and witness of Wymering Fellowship. Rev Elize Goddess
Fri 4th	Bring to God in prayer all those who find life in a technological world, a challenge and a struggle
Sat 5th	Please pray for the Southampton District Synod held today at Fareham. District Chair Rev Rachel Bending
Sun 6th	Give thanks to God for the gift of music
Mon 7th	Bring to God in prayer local and national decision makers
Tue 8th	Please pray for the life and witness of Lee on the Solent Fellowship. Rev Pauline Crispin

Wed 9th	Jesus said 'I am the gate' (John 10v7) What are the things we worry about, can we hand them to God our provider and protector?
Thur 10th	Please pray for the life and witness of Emsworth Fellowship. Deacon Stephen Richardson, Rev David Muskett
Fri 11th	Bring to God in prayer all those who are struggling to make sense of life
Sat 12th	Please pray for all who offer ministry through the leading of worship
Palm Sunday	Give thanks to God for opportunities to share our faith story
Mon 14th	Bring to God in prayer dock workers, those who operate the ferries and fishermen/women
Tue 15th	Please pray for the life and witness of the Circuit
Wed 16th	Jesus said 'I am the true vine' (John 15v1) In what ways do we try to do things in our own strength rather than abiding in Christ?
Thur 17th	Maundy Thursday Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God' (John 14v1)
Good Friday	'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15v13)
Sat 19th	Please pray for all church fellowships throughout the world
Easter Day	Today let us celebrate. Christ is risen Alleluia!
Mon 21st	Bring to God in prayer those who seek to nurture good community life