

23-25 ■ Cliff College Festival, Derbyshire

Late May/June

■ Buckingham Palace Garden Party, London

June 2020

5-10 ■ Isle of Man District

10-14 ■ Methodist Church in Ireland Conference, Lisburn

25 June – 2 July

■ Methodist Conference, Telford

So What's the Story...?

Thank you for picking up this card and for travelling with us prayerfully in our Presidential year. As President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference we know that we are part of a company of praying people and enter the year with a sense of God's grace surrounding us, thanks to your love and support.

Our theme for the year is a question: 'So What's the Story...?' The picture on the front of this Prayer Card will pop up in other places throughout the year. Our co-written book *So What's the Story...?* is intended to aid study and reflection individually, in your house group or in church worship. We want to encourage every Methodist (and many more) to re-discover the importance of stories – biblical, historical or personal. Telling and hearing stories is a key way of expressing and exploring our faith.

Our theme also links with 3Generate's 'Year of Testimony'. We want to encourage even the most diffident amongst us to say something about God's part in our life. Stories can be told in so many ways. Listening to, and learning from people we might think are very different is crucial for the peace and unity of our communities, both locally and across the world. Following Jesus entails entering into the great stories of God, and to live them again in a wide variety of contexts and situations, bringing peace, justice and joy. Fun can be had too!

With peace and our prayers for you,

Clive and Barbara

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The Presidential Year
2019/2020

Engagements for the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2019/2020 for you to use in your prayers.

Key ■ Joint engagement ▲ President □ Vice-President

July 2019

- 12-14 ▲ 350th anniversary of Susanna Wesley's birth – keynote speaker at Conference
- 20 ▲ Opening of The Spire project – Southampton District
- 20-21 ▲ Tolpuddle Martyrs Weekend, Tolpuddle, Dorset
- 25-30 ▲ Cornwall District – Isle of Scilly and Camborne, Truro

August 2019

- 23-26 ■ Greenbelt Festival, Kettering

September 2019

- 1 ■ Wesley's Chapel, London (am)
- 1 ▲ Welcome Service for Youth President (pm)
- 1 □ Central Hall, Westminster London (pm)
- 3 ■ Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes New Year Service, Manchester
- 11 ▲ Methodist Independent Schools Trust's (MIST) Annual Dedication and Strategy Day, London
- 14 □ District Synod Northampton District
- 15 □ Woburn Sands Methodist Church 140th Anniversary
- 23-24 ■ Connexional Leadership Forum, High Leigh, Hertfordshire
- 23-24 ▲ Labour Party Conference, Brighton
- 30 Sept – 1 Oct
□ Conservative Party Conference, Manchester

October 2019

- 11-13 □ Darlington District and Barnard Castle Methodist Church 125th Anniversary
- 14-15 ■ Methodist Council
- 18-20 □ Yorkshire North & East – District Gathering, Scarborough
- 19 ▲ Keynote speaker for Reflect Annual Open Conference, London
- 21 ▲ Action for Children Service
- 22-24 ■ London District's Superintendents Residential Meeting
- 26 ▲ Dedication of Centre for Health and Pastoral Care (Holy Rood House), Thirsk

November 2019

- 8-9 ▲ Northampton District (Inter-Faith Week)
- 8-10 □ Birmingham District
- 10 ▲ Remembrance Service, Cenotaph, London (am)
- 10 ▲ Hinde Street Methodist Church, London (pm)
- 12-14 ▲ Speaker at Methodist Women in Britain, Plymouth and Exeter District
- 16 □ Study Day, Leeds
- 17 ▲ Annual Thanksgiving service, Whitechapel Mission, London
- 22-24 ■ 3Generate, Southport
- 28 ▲ Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, London
- 30 Nov – 01 Dec
▲ Liverpool District

December 2019

- 3-5 □ Discipleship and Evangelism Gathering, Cliff College, Derbyshire
- 8 ▲ Preacher, Bradford Cathedral
- 15 ▲ Christmas service, Darley Dale Methodist Church, Matlock

January 2020

- 2nd week in January
■ Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service, London
- 14-15 ■ RAF Forces visit, Lincolnshire
- 17-19 ■ Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District
- 24 ■ Queen's Foundation, Birmingham
- 29-30 ■ Methodist Council

February 2020

- 4-6 □ Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District
- 7-10 ■ District Visit Wales Synod/Synod Cymru
- 10-12 ▲ Methodist Tri-Service Chaplains' Conference
- 22 ■ All We Can Conference
- 29 Feb – 3 Mar
▲ Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District

March 2020

- 6-8 ■ Chester and Stoke on Trent District
- 9-10 ■ Connexional Leadership Forum, Hinsley Hall, Leeds
- 20-23 ▲ East Anglia District
- 28-30 ■ Methodist Council

April 2020

- 18-20 ■ Gilsland Methodist Chapel 150th Anniversary, Cumbria District
- 21-23 ▲ Shetland Isles District
- 24-26 ▲ Scotland District

May 2020

- 5-6 ■ Diaconal Convocation
- 7-11 ■ Channel Islands District, Anniversary of 75 years of Freedom
- 24 ■ Wesley Day Celebration, St Paul's Cathedral and Wesley's Chapel, London