



PRAYER DIARY 2016-2017



West London Mission
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The **West London Mission** (WLM) is a circuit of the **Methodist Church**. It is a circuit with two city-centre churches at Hinde Street in Marylebone, and King's Cross.

It has three circuit mission projects:

- Professional social work services
- A student community at Methodist Chaplaincy House
- Work with students and young adults across the circuit

During 2016-17 we are exploring the possibility of a fourth circuit project which will aim to support church members in their workplaces.

We encourage members of our churches and all who care about the West London Mission to use this prayer diary as an expression of commitment to our common life.



Loving God,
whose will, revealed in Jesus,
is that people should know life in all its fullness,
direct and sustain the West London Mission,
as it seeks to
live in your grace,
share your love
and make your way known.

Amen

DAY 1

The West London Mission

- Give thanks for those who have been faithful stewards of the WLM's work and vision in past generations and for all who contribute to our life, mission and witness in the present age.
- Pray that we might be faithful to our calling to respond to the transforming Gospel of God's love in Christ and to witness to it through our life and work.

DAY 2

Life and witness of King Cross Methodist Church

- Give thanks and pray for the diversity of the four congregations – Cantonese, Mandarin, International and British Born Chinese – that make up the church.
- Pray for the redevelopment team developing the building and that the planning application process will be smooth and speedy.
- Pray that the newly appointed leadership team will have solidarity to carry out the vision of reaching the Chinese and local communities.
- Pray for creativity to meet the needs of the different groups in the community and church, including children, youth, students, professional, adult and elderly.
- Pray for encouragement and support for the pastoral team and their families and for Sue the administrator.
- Pray for creativity to meet the needs of the different groups in the community and church, including children, youth, students, professional, adult and elderly and for Chicken Chow Mien.

DAY 3

Life and witness of Hinde Street Methodist Church

- Give thanks for the classes, class leaders and their assistants, and for all who exercise pastoral care in the church community.
- Give thanks that Hinde Street is part of the Inclusive Church Movement, and pray that each member of the congregation will live out this commitment in their home, work, church and neighbourhood.
- Pray for Richard and the property committee, as they hold responsibility for maintaining and developing the lovely building we have inherited.
- Pray for Bob, Marta and Halina, the caretaking and cleaning team.



1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.”

DAY 4

The staff team

- Give thanks for the unity and diversity of the staff team
- Pray for the ministers – Sue, Kong Ching, Linda, Val, James, David C, David M and Daniel. For Sue as she moves towards the end of her ten-year appointment and considers the future. For Kong Ching and Val as they continue their appointments following re-invitation. And for Linda and James following their ordination.
- Pray for the Lay Workers – Cheng Cheng, Miriam and Katie, and Ya Qin.

DAY 5

Big House Camberwell

- Give thanks for the partnership with the Royal British Legion over the last four years supporting this work with homeless ex-service people.
- Pray for the residents moving from homelessness to their own accommodation.
- Pray that there will be opportunities for residents to find training, work and volunteering.
- Pray for new links to be established with other veterans' organisations to facilitate the work.
- Pray for the work of Jamie, the manager, the staff team and volunteers.

DAY 6

Hinde Street Communities

- Give thanks for the communities' participation in the life of Hinde Street and the West London Mission and for the many and varied gifts they bring.
- Pray for new and existing members of the two Hinde Street Communities as new relationships are formed, and fresh community life established.
- Pray for a developing sense of community in each house, and for growing engagement with the life of the church.
- Pray for the management group and pastoral visitors.



Luke 1.78-79

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

DAY 7

Highbury Counselling Centre

- Give thanks for the work of Marie, the previous clinical co-ordinator whose work has helped establish a firm basis for further growth and development, and for all the volunteer counsellors who enable HCC to deliver counselling to vulnerable clients.
- Pray that enough resources will be available to both HCC and to Mental Health Services generally.
- Pray that people will continue to offer as counsellors in order to meet increasing numbers of clients.
- Pray for the new staffing structure. Manager – Adrian, Clinical Coordinator – Kalli, Administrator – Marie, and the counsellors and supervisors.

DAY 8

Methodist Chaplaincy house

- Give thanks for the developing sense of community and the engagement of students in the life of King's Cross Church.
- Pray for Methodist Chaplaincy House with its students, centre manager Ben, warden Linda, the Christian Community Interns Charlie and Sally and the management committee.
- Pray that the new students may find a home from home in MCH.
- Pray for the greater integration of MCH into the life of Kings Cross Methodist Church and the Circuit.



DAY 9

The Haven

- Give thanks both for the support from placing authorities in enabling residents to reside at the Haven and for the continuing journeys of transformation by staff and residents, facing the challenges that arise.
- Pray for those residents who have moved on, for those who are suffering from ill health, and remember with gratitude the lives of those who have passed away.
- Pray that the new residents will settle in and benefit from the skilled services offered.
- Pray for the manager, Sei, and the staff team and volunteers.

DAY 10

The Chinese congregations at King's Cross Methodist Church and beyond

- Give thanks for the leadership of the lay people as they guide the churches mission and ministry.
- Pray for sufficient resources and personnel, to build bridges with the wider Chinese community, especially the children and young people.
- Pray for the vibrant outreach and intentional disciple-ing among the twelve sister Chinese congregations throughout the country.
- Pray for the organizing team and the annual Winter Camp in December to effectively build bridges with the international students and local youth.

DAY 11

St Luke's

- Give thanks for continued partnerships with Emmaus Lambeth and the Walcot Foundation that has enabled St Luke's to continue as a vibrant community hub.
- Pray for those who come to the Hub, that through their involvement they will build confidence and gain skills to deal with life's challenges.
- Pray that the many projects - digi-buddies, money champions, The Lambeth Living Well network (mental health), healthy holidays, English for Speakers of Other Languages classes, GP food co-op garden - will receive the funding and volunteer support needed for them to continue and develop.
- Pray for the work of Sam, the manager, his staff and volunteers

DAY 12

Work with students and young adults at King's Cross and Hinde Street

- Give thanks for all that students and young people offer to our churches.
- Pray for the Kings' Cross young adult fellowship leaders Daniel, Cherry, Chloe and Jiaheng as they learn about leadership and plan student fellowship over the next year.
- Pray for "Soul Food Nights" at Hinde Street where young adults meet for bible study, a meal and fellowship once a month,
- Pray that as new students arrive in London, King's Cross Church and Hinde Street will enable them to feel welcomed and loved, and to experience God as they build new friendships and become part of church life.

DAY 13

Those who use church premises at King's Cross & Hinde Street and links with the wider communities in which we are placed

- Give thanks for the variety of ways the churches relate to the communities of Marylebone and King's Cross.
- Pray for the Tuesday meditation group at Hinde Street where people from anonymous groups, the congregation and the local area come to share silence together.
- Pray for the Tuesday night Women's Drop-in at King's Cross and the ministry of the sisters led by Sister Kay, and their partnership with the church.
- Pray for the anonymous groups, and the Chinese Christian Gambling Rehab Centre at King's Cross, and for the 69 anonymous groups which meet at Hinde Street.

DAY 14

Katherine Price Hughes Approved Premises

- Give thanks for the on-going work at KPH with men coming out of prison.
- Pray that they receive the right support to enable them to live positive lives within the community.
- Pray for the new staff members and their role in key-working and supporting activities with the residents.
- Pray for our partnership with the National Probation Service which is essential to the day to day running of the service.
- Pray for the manager and the staff team.

DAY 15

London District

- Give thanks for the life and witness of the London District.
- Pray for Michaela and Nigel, the London District Chairs, and the administrative team that supports them.

DAY 16

Big House Clapham

- Give thanks for the smooth running of the service and for the increased move-on options for residents through partnership working.
- Pray for the residents as they engage with the responsibilities of holding a tenancy.
- Pray that residents will make positive moves into the community.

DAY 17

Chinese work with immigrants and asylum seekers

- Give thanks for the continuing commitment of the church to migrants and asylum seekers.
- Pray for resources and volunteers for the innovative and intentional outreach ministry among them.
- Pray for openness to their host communities among those who have become permanent residents in the UK.
- Pray for wisdom and skill for the ministry team as they advise and assist them with the wide variety of their needs.

DAY 18

Central Office Social Work team

- Give thanks for the continuing development of support for the Social Work services based at Hinde Street Methodist Church. For the administrative support offered by Executive Assistant, Laura and for the Business Support Manager, Gary who oversees the management of buildings and IT.
- Pray for Executive Director of Social Work, Jon and the Head of Services, Jude as they oversee WLM's Social Work.
- Pray for the growth in depth and quality of our social work and for increased impact among people who are marginalised.

DAY 19

Work with homeless and vulnerably housed people

- Give thanks for the variety of ways the different parts of the WLM relate to and support homeless and vulnerably housed people.
- Pray for the Wednesday Club at Hinde Street, the Friday Club at King's Cross and for the partnerships with C4WS, and the businesses who offer volunteer support.
- Pray for the involvement of King's Cross with the Camden Cold Weather Shelter, Hinde Street and the West London Day Centre with the Westminster Winter Night Shelter, and for the communities of guests and volunteers created each winter.

DAY 20

Chaplaincy to the Social Work

- Give thanks for the way in which faithful visiting in the social work services enables profound conversations to emerge
- Pray for the right people to come forward as chaplaincy volunteers to help expand this work.
- Pray for the chaplain, Ruth and the volunteers working with her.

DAY 21

Fundraising Team

- Give thanks that God provides all that is necessary to do the work that is God's will, and in particular give thanks for all the generous individuals who make small but regular donations, providing a financial foundation for the social work including the Friends of the WLM.
- Pray for wisdom for all the grants officers and charity trustees who decide where to allocate grants.
- Pray that the fundraising team might continue to develop creatively to meet the challenge of raising money and communicating effectively the work done, to bring God's love to vulnerable people in a practical way.
- Pray for the fundraising team, including the interns and volunteers.



Micah 6.8

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

DAY 22

WLM links with other worshipping communities

- Give thanks for ecumenical partners in King's Cross, and the covenant between Hinde Street and Marylebone Parish Church.
- Pray that the Scriptural Reasoning initiative led by the West London Synagogue may enable the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities to understand each other better and give thanks for the opportunity to host a session at Hinde Street in July 2016.

DAY 23

For our life as worshipping communities and all who lead worship

- Give thanks for the diversity of the worshipping communities in the WLM and pray that our life together may be rooted in worship and prayer.
- Pray for all who lead worship, local preachers, worship leaders and ministers.
- Pray for Michael, Po Shan, Ya Qin and Tong Le, members of the Cantonese and Mandarin congregations, training as local preachers.
- Pray for Rob, who has joined Hinde Street as a Local Preacher in training, and for Malcolm, Christophe and Giles, who have received a note to preach this year.

DAY 24

The International Community at King's Cross

- Give thanks for the regular worshippers as well as those who join the community as visitors and pray that all will feel welcome and valued, for the commitment and shared vision of the leadership team, and all who share in leading worship.
- Pray that the community will deepen its relationship with God and each other.
- Pray for a developing sense of community with students at MCH and the weekly student fellowship.
- Pray for the links with the Friday Club offering lunch, friendship and support in housing and personal issues, and the Winter Night Shelter.

DAY 25

The West London Day Centre

- Give thanks for the tireless work of staff, volunteers and supporters that enables the remarkable work at the centre to take place.
- Pray that all those experiencing pain and distress can find inner peace, hope and healing through the work and services at the centre.
- Pray that those who feel estranged from life and have had to flee persecution may find hospitality, welcome and opportunity.
- Pray for God's blessing on all the activities and services at the centre designed to help promote wholeness in body, mind and spirit.
- Pray for the manager, the staff team and the volunteers.

DAY 26

Church and Circuit officers & staff

- Give thanks for the faithful service of those who contribute to the life and work of the WLM Circuit as officers and members of the Social Work, Property and Finance, and Methodist Chaplaincy House Committees and their sub-committees, especially new members appointed in the past year.
- Pray for openness to the guidance of the Spirit in managing resources, for clarity of vision and energy of purpose, as we plan for the future and engage with the challenges and changing trends of society.
- Pray for the Circuit Stewards, Margaret, Christophe, Rayman and William, for the Circuit Leadership Team and Circuit Meeting.
- Pray for Desmond leading the church and circuit staff based at Thayer Street and for Anya, Matthew, Roderick and Sam.

DAY 27

Workplace Ministry

- Give thanks for work, paid and unpaid, known and unknown, and for businesses and public and voluntary organisations that provide work.
- Pray for work and workplaces where there is joy and sadness, harmony and discord, the interesting and the mundane, because all human life is there. May all kinds of work be of value, may every worker be valued, may human relationships be nurtured, may those who have retired or have non-traditional experience have the chance to share their wisdom, may the young be well prepared for the world of work which they will enter.

- Pray for the potential and opportunity for a workplace ministry project to develop in the WLM in the coming year and for James as he develops this.

DAY 28

Work in the circuit with young people and children

- Give thanks for all those who work with children and young people at King's Cross and Hinde Street.
- Pray for children and young people who take part in Sunday groups.
- Pray for the children's choirs and for those learning Chinese languages at King's Cross and the friendships between the children and the young people at Hinde Street.

DAY 29

Deepening spirituality and theological reflection

- Give thanks for the way art is being used at Hinde Street to enable members and visitors to encounter God.
- Pray for the King's Cross monthly prayer meeting and daily prayer network via WhatsApp.
- Pray for the Hugh Price Hughes lectures at Hinde Street, on the theme of "Speaking of God in public."
- Pray that those who share in Hinde Street's meditation group, and who use the quiet space at the front of the church, might become ever more open to God's presence in their lives.

DAY 30 & 31

Circuit Vision

- Pray that we may continue to work together to proclaim the transforming gospel of God's love by:
 - underpinning everything we do with God centred worship and prayer
 - building communities of faithful and fruitful disciples
 - encouraging more people to be followers of Jesus Christ
 - serving the marginalized in society
 - engaging prophetically with the world
 - learning from our diversity and celebrating each other's cultures.
- Pray for inspiration and appropriate risk-taking as we undertake a circuit review.



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