

Looking forward in 2025

As Christians, we share together in what the apostle Paul calls a 'partnership in the gospel' (Phil 1:5). With this in mind, and in view of the varied opportunities and challenges before us as a circuit and in our church fellowships, The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) is inviting each one of us to engage in an intentional period of prayer, preparation and planning for our future, during 2025.

Together, as partners in our calling, we will be seeking to discover what God is saying to us at this time. Trusting the God of possibilities, we will prayerfully seek to know what he is saying to us about our mission and ministry in 'our bit of Yorkshire', asking for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we consult together.

Over the next few months, we will have different opportunities to meet, pray, share and dream together as we seek God's leading. You are invited to gather on one of three 'Journeying to a new future with God' gatherings planned for 25th January, 8th & 22nd February. The content is the same at each, and will be led by Ruth Gilson-Webb. This will be followed by a Vision Day on 5th April led by Revd Leslie Newton. More details will follow.

This leaflet offers prayer points to guide your prayers as church fellowships and as individuals. Also, we offer the prayer of St Benedict as a prayer for each church to use in times of gathered worship throughout the year.

As we pray:

Give thanks for

The faithfulness of God and the gift of the Spirit

The calling God gives to us

All who serve in different ministries in our circuit and churches

The many good things happening across the circuit

Pray for

Our lay and ordained Circuit Leadership team, Local Preachers, and all serving our circuit

Encouragement and hope within our common life

Open hearts and minds as we meet and share together to pray, prepare and plan

Ruth and Leslie as they lead us at this time

A deep sense of God's leading and clarity about how to journey to a new future in mission and ministry in our bit of Yorkshire.

Goole & Selby Circuit:

Worshipping and Serving God in our bit of Yorkshire

Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive You, Intelligence to understand you,

Diligence to seek You,

Patience to wait for You,

Vision to behold You,

A heart to meditate upon You,

A life to proclaim You;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer of St. Benedict

