

**Week beginning Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Trinity Sunday**

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

To God the Trinity  
Be endless honours done,  
The undivided Three,  
And the mysterious One:  
Where reason fails, with all her powers,  
There faith prevails, and love adores.

*Isaac Watts*



# MGM Prayer Diary Spring 2015

**'In everything, with praise and thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.' Phil 4:6**

Please support with your prayers,  
those with responsibility for leadership within the Circuit:

**Our ministers:**

Rev Paul Donnison & his wife, Mary  
Rev Phillip Poynor & his wife, Rachel

**Rev Lin Healy**

**Our Lay Workers:**

Mrs Eileen Gardiner  
Mr David Ellis

**Circuit Stewards**

Mr John Cullwick  
Mrs Margaret Evans  
Mr Clive Gardner  
Mrs Diane Jones  
Mrs Gaynor Logan  
Mr Paul Savage  
Mrs Diane Stoltman

**Our Supernumeraries:**

Rev Donald Wright and his daughter, Janice  
Rev Marshall Edwards [URC] and his wife, Irene  
Rev June Vaughan [Welsh Congregational]

Pray for Christians in Zhejiang Province  
where officials appear to be continuing  
their campaign to demolish or 'rectify'  
churches. More than 200 churches  
have been affected; many have had  
their crosses removed by force. Pray  
that the campaign will stop.  
*Release International*

Saturday 16th  
Julian Quiet Day at Fleur-de-Lys

Pray for whoever is leading worship in  
your church tomorrow.

**Week beginning Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Thank God that we are free to worship  
when and where we choose.

Wednesday  
Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
Pray for your church fellowship and the  
life and witness of your church within  
your community

Thursday  
Rhymney Valley Healing Group

Friday  
**Prayer for the wider world  
Tanzania**

Praise God that what contacts call a  
spiritual 'fire', burning in the churches.  
Some believe that persecution is in-  
creasing because of the high number of  
people converting to Christianity.  
*Release International*

Saturday  
Pray for whoever is leading worship in  
your church tomorrow.

**Week beginning Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Pentecost  
'They were all together in one  
place.....' Acts 2:1  
The Circuit worships at Aberdare**

Wednesday  
Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
We thank God for the tie that binds us  
together in him.  
Please pray for strong links within the  
Christian Community of your town/  
village

Friday  
Celtic Prayer – Ystrad Mynach

**Prayer for the wider world  
Nigeria**  
Pray for an end to the bloodshed in Ni-  
geria. Pray that God will give the Gov-  
ernment and military leaders wisdom  
and renewed resolve in tackling Boko  
Haram. Pray that those responsible for  
such violence will renounce such action  
and seek peace.. *Release International*

Saturday  
Pray for whoever is leading worship  
in your church tomorrow.  
Pray for all who will be gathering for  
worship in your Community .

Mrs Naomi Blatchford  
Mrs Penny Smith

Pray that the Lord will meet the needs of our Local Preachers in training and that he will encourage and sustain them in difficult times.

## MAY

### Week beginning Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please 'pray without ceasing' that another presbyter will be found for MGM

### Messy Church

Ferndale  
Cascade

Monday

Monday Club – Ystrad Mynach  
House Group – Aberdare

Tuesday

Circuit Choir - Abercynon

Wednesday

Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
We thank God for all those who are called to ministry with young people. Please hold in your prayers the leaderships and helpers at Aberdare; Cascade; Ferndale; Newtown and Rhydyfelin. Pray also for the young people and their families.

Thursday

Leadership Team meeting

Friday

### Prayer for the wider world

#### North Korea

Pray for comfort and strength for the thousands of Christians imprisoned in labour camps and the isolated believers who worship in secret. *[Open Doors]*

Saturday

Pray for whoever is leading worship in your church tomorrow and for your church fellowship.

### Week beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Christian Aid Week

Newtown

United service at St Winifred's

Nelson

United service at Penuel

Tuesday

Julian Meeting - Fleur-de-Lys

Wednesday

Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
Pray for your Minister and the leadership within your own church.

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Friday

Celtic Prayer – Ystrad Mynach  
Coffee morning

### Prayer for the wider world

#### China

## Circuit Prayer

Father,  
give us Your strength

to be what You want us to be;

Give us Your joy in doing Your will;

Give us Your truth to see the realities;

Give us Your hope to see the possibilities;

Give us Your love to see it all through

In the likeness of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.

Amen



Please pray, earnestly, for the needs of our circuit asking especially, that God will provide a presbyter to replace Phillip.

## PRAYERS FROM ACROSS THE CIRCUIT FLEUR-DE-LYS

We give thanks for:

All in our Circuit who are working to ensure that our churches meet for worship.  
We are truly blessed and ask that God will be at their side in all they do in his name.

Pamela Williamson (our leader) being at the December Ecumenical Julian Meeting.

All groups meeting at Mount Zion taking part in our Carol Service led by Rev Lin Healey and for our close relationship with them.

The Girl Guides' Association taking part in two services during the year and for the families attending. We seek God's guidance for ways to increase these occasions.

The choir from Fleur-de-Lys Primary School who sang at our Welsh Tea on 25<sup>th</sup> February for Arthritis Care

We ask for prayers for:

Nora, in a Nursing Home in Llandogo

All in hospital/waiting for test results/ having treatment – and for their families at this concerning time.

Our ministers and their families.

The Flower Festival, as preparations continue.

## NELSON

We give thanks for the United Services that have been held this year strengthening our ecumenical link.

We ask for prayers for :-

Mr Lawrence Faulkner and his son Keith.

Mrs Moyra Whiteman.

Mrs Pat Lapsa and her husband Bert who is in hospital.

Mr Tony Morgan.

The Church Action Group meeting on the second Wednesday each month

United Services as follows:-

Mrs Phyllis Paveltish

## Week beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

We pray for Paul and the churches for which he has particular responsibility, in addition to his work as Superintendent.

Monday

House Group - Aberdare

Tuesday

Circuit Choir - Abercynon

Wednesday

Praying for

MID GLAMORGAN MISSION

We pray for the Bible study/House groups within our Circuit

'Come Holy Ghost [for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke],  
unlock the truth, thyself the key,  
unseal the sacred book'.

*Charles Wesley*

Thursday

Rhymney Valley Healing Group

Friday

Celtic Prayer – Ystrad Mynach

Friday

## Prayer for the wider world Kurdistan

Thank God that the Government of Kurdistan has declared itself to be a safe haven for refugees, including Christians fleeing persecution in Iraq. Pray that political leaders in this region will contin-

ues to uphold religious tolerance.

*Release International*

Saturday

Please remember our Worship Leaders in your prayers thinking especially of:

Mrs Yvonne Savage

Mrs Gillian Berry

Mrs Elizabeth Davies

Mrs Pat Roberts

Mrs June Jones

Mr Terry Mower-Jones

## Week beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Please pray for Phillip in his role as Tutor to the Local Preachers in training.

## Joint Services

Aberdare at Newtown

Treherbert at Blaenrhondda

Wednesday

Praying for

MID GLAMORGAN MISSION

We pray for all the groups that meet regularly for prayer within the Circuit,.

Please pray that more of our fellowships will feel able to commit to this vital part of our ministry together.

Saturday

LOCAL PREACHERS ON NOTE

Mrs Avril Barry

Miss Asha Naz Khan

LOCAL PREACHERS ON TRIAL

**Week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Easter Day**  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Monday  
Monday Club – Ystrad Mynach  
House Group – Aberdare

Tuesday  
Circuit Choir - Abercynon

Wednesday  
Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
Prayer for the leadership and fellow-  
ships of churches close to you geo-  
graphically and for the Joint Services.

Thursday  
Leadership Team meeting

Friday  
**Prayer for the wider world**  
**Syria**  
Pray for protection and provision for  
Christians in Syria, particularly Muslim  
background believers who are  
especially vulnerable.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Please remember our Local Preachers  
in your prayers thinking especially of:  
Mr Colin Paveltish  
Mr Terry Britten  
Mrs JC Davies

Please pray for whoever is leading wor-  
ship in your church tomorrow

**Week beginning Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
We thank God that Deacon Stephen  
Richardson and his wife Gillian will be  
joining us in September. We ask God's  
blessing on them both and pray that  
they will find us welcoming and ready to  
work with them.  
Tuesday  
Julian Meeting - Fleur-de-Lys

Wednesday  
Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
We ask God's guidance about how we  
can better interact with our communities  
and our particular neighbourhood.

Friday  
Celtic Prayer – Ystrad Mynach

**Prayer for the wider world**  
**Iraq**  
Pray in faith that God will maintain a  
Christian presence in Iraq, a country  
whose Christian heritage dates back  
thousands of years.  
*Release International*  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Please remember our Worship Leaders  
in your prayers thinking especially of:  
Mrs Lynne Britten  
Mrs Merle Davies  
Mrs Dorothy Jones

March 6<sup>th</sup> Women's World Day of Prayer at Salem. 2.30 pm.  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday Service at Calfaria 2.30 pm.  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Sunday at Penuel 6.00 pm.  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary at Salem 6.00 pm. Preacher Rev. P. Poynor.

All the collectors who will be making the house to house collection for Christian Aid  
during the week following the Sunday Service

We give thanks to all who read the Prayer Diary and offer words of  
support and consolation.

ABERFAN  
Please pray for:  
United services for Women's World Day of Prayer prepared by women of the Baha-  
mas. We are enlightened and inspired by the information given through this service.

United weekly Lent meetings led by different people.  
Continuation of Church Council Meeting.  
God's guidance for the way forward.

United Easter Services.

NORTON BRIDGE  
We welcome Ysgol Pontsionnorton for their assemblies The theme has been The  
Beatles enthusiastically received by parents and grandparents who support them .

We ask for prayers for all who are not able to attend worship there is an urgent  
need throughout our communities. We ask for special prayers for our adherants.

We discussed at our Church Council how we will proceed with our Bible studies and  
a good solution was reached using any Las. We will have a time of worship and  
prayer followed by Bible Study. We ask for prayer as we hope this will help with fill-  
ing the plan.

The Welcome Friends lunches continue to be well received the numbers seem to  
grow although we are limited with how many we can cater for.

We are so thankful to those who transport us each week, cars are limited but we

manage to arrive in time for Worship and I think we must never forget the organist. We ask God's blessing on them all.

Prayer is vital for our friends who attend the Anglican Churches throughout the Pontypridd area they are also holding meetings towards forming a Team Ministry.

We look forward to welcoming Rev .Robin Wood leading our Church Anniversary on March 1st and Rev Lynne Healey leading our Agape on April 2nd.  
World issues are constantly in our prayers.

#### TONYPANDY

Alongside our concerns for our individual church fellowships and circuit comes the reminder of other concerns:

1. Churches our friends and families belong to.
2. New people who have come into our lives, with anxieties and feelings of loneliness and helplessness.
3. Relatives who are aged or ill.
4. Our own feelings of wanting to be in several places at one time!
5. Despair at situations in the world.

#### ABERDARE

We give thanks for:

The continuing generosity of people in giving to the 'Food Bank'

Having more volunteers offering to assist with 'Junior Church'.

Our joint services - it is a joy to worship with our friends from around the circuit.  
All the organisations who use our premises each week.  
The ministers and local preachers who lead us in worship each Sunday.

All the people who work so faithfully behind the scenes in our Church.

Prayers are asked for:

All our sick and elderly friends, who, for various reasons are unable to worship with us at present.

Our weekly Prayer time.

#### Prayer for the wider world

##### Pakistan

Please (continue) to pray for Asia Bibi, Punjab Christian, a mother and a farm labourer, who is on death row for 'blasphemy'. She's been detained since 2009. She has filed an appeal to the Supreme Court after having an appeal rejected by a High Court.  
*Release International*

##### Saturday

Please remember our Local Preachers in your prayers thinking especially of:  
Mr David Ellis  
Mr Brian Davies  
Mr Ian Wakeham

Please pray for whoever is leading worship in your church tomorrow

#### Week beginning Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

##### Palm Sunday

The circuit desperately needs a presbyter when Phillip retires later this year – let us resolve to keep this situation upper most in our prayers.

##### Monday

Lent Study Groups

Led by Rev Paul Donnison

##### Praise him.

##### Songs of Praise from the New Testament

Session 6 – Word made flesh

Afternoon at Abercynon

Evening at Aberdare

#### Joint Services

Ystrad Mynach & Nelson at Cascade  
Tonypandy at Ferndale

##### Wednesday

Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
Pray for churches within our Circuit where there opportunities for outreach with groups that meet in their buildings for various activities:  
Aberdare; Cascade; Tonypandy;  
Rhydyfelin; Fleur-de-Lys; Norton Bridge

#### APRIL

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Celtic Prayer – Ystrad Mynach

#### Prayer for the wider world Somalia

Pray for stability in Somalia and that a strong government will be formed that will prioritise religious freedom.  
Pray for protection for secret believers and for wisdom to know who to trust.  
*[Open Doors]*

##### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Please remember our Local Preachers in your prayers thinking especially of:  
Mrs Eileen Gardiner  
Rev June Vaughan  
Mr Ken Baker  
Mr Paul Cooke

Please pray for whoever is leading worship in your church tomorrow

in your prayers thinking especially of:  
Mrs Gwyneth Maliphant  
Mrs Jane Williams  
Mr J Cullwick

Please pray for whoever is leading worship in your church tomorrow

### **Week beginning Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Lent 4**

Please remember Eileen, in your prayers today, the fellowship at Blaenrhondda and the communities she serves. Pray also, for her family. We thank God for her faithfulness.

Monday  
Lent Study Groups  
Led by Rev Paul Donnison  
**Praise him.**

#### **Songs of Praise from the New Testament**

Session 4 - Humility  
Afternoon at Abercynon  
Evening at Aberdare

Thursday  
Rhymney Valley Healing Group

### **CIRCUIT MEETING at Aberfan**

Friday  
**Prayer for the wider world**  
**Iran**

Please pray for the many Christians imprisoned in Iran, often in harsh conditions. Pray that God will sustain and comfort them and that he will use them

to minister to fellow inmates.  
*Release International*

Saturday  
Please remember our Local Preachers in your prayers thinking especially of:  
Mrs Wendy Watts  
Mrs Linda Owen  
Mrs Margaret Evans  
Please pray for whoever is leading worship in your church tomorrow

### **Week beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Lent 5 – Passion Sunday**

Please hold David and his family in your prayers today.  
We thank God for him and for his leadership of the joint Bible Studies and the Healing group in the Rhymney valley.

Monday  
Lent Study Groups  
Led by Rev Paul Donnison  
**Praise him.**

#### **Songs of Praise from the New Testament**

Session 5 – New Birth  
Afternoon at Abercynon  
Evening at Aberdare

Wednesday  
Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
For Churches attempting new approaches in worship

Friday  
Celtic Prayer – Ystrad Mynach

The Soroptomists Annual Daffodil Festival which culminates on Sunday March 1st with a Gymanfa Ganu at 6.00pm.

The ecumenical Bible Study groups which will begin in Green Street on Monday February 23rd at 7.30 p m

Our joint service with Newtown Church April 26th at 6.00pm.

Easter Services: Maundy Thursday: 7.00 pm

Good Friday: 10.30am, after which hot cross buns will be given out around Aberdare

Easter Sunday Services: 10.30 am and 6.00 pm.

## MARCH

### Week beginning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Lent 2

Please hold Paul, in his role as our Superintendent minister, in your prayers today, along with Mary and their family.

### Messy Church

Newtown; Cascade

Monday  
Lent Study Groups  
Led by Rev Paul Donnison

### Praise him.

### Songs of Praise from the New Testament

Session 2 - Gratitude  
Afternoon at Abercynon  
Evening at Aberdare

Fleur-de-Lys History Society meeting in the morning on the first Monday of each month.

Monday Club – Ystrad Mynach

Tuesday  
Circuit Choir - Abercynon

The Flower Girls' Group (formerly WI) meets on the first Tuesday of each month

The Joint Bible Study, led by David Ellis, meets fortnightly in the Rhymney Valley.

Wednesday  
Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
Please hold in your prayers today  
Our ministers, Paul and Phillip and the  
Circuit Leadership Team

Local Preachers' Meeting - Abercynon

Thursday  
Leadership Team meeting

Weekly Craft Class at Fleur-de-Lys

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Women's World Day of Prayer

Led by the Christian women of the  
Bahamas;

'The voice of prayer is never silent, nor  
dies the strain of praise away'.

Praise God that we can be part of this  
world wide day of prayer.

*Men are welcome to share in this experience!!*

Coffee Morning, weekly, at  
Ystrad Mynach

### Prayer for the wider world Vietnam

Pray for wisdom for Pastor Nguyen  
Hong Quang, whose Mennonite congregation has suffered renewed persecution in recent months. It's centre in Ben Cat was ransacked in November and its

members say they have been harassed  
and attacked.  
*Release International*

Saturday  
LOCAL PREACHERS ON NOTE  
Mrs Avril Barry  
Miss Asha Naz Khan

LOCAL PREACHERS ON TRIAL  
Mrs Naomi Blatchford  
Mrs Penny Smith

Pray that they will know the influence  
and guidance of the Holy Spirit in their  
preaching and studies.

### Week beginning Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Lent 3

Please pray for Phillip and the churches  
for which he has particular responsibility,  
remembering too, Rachel, Mary  
Jane and David.

**Joint Service**  
Blaenrhondda at Treherbert

Monday  
Lent Study Groups – Led by Rev Paul  
Donnison

### Praise him. Songs of Praise from the New Testament

Session 3 – Image of God  
Afternoon at Abercynon  
Evening at Aberdare

Tuesday  
Julian Meeting - Fleur-de-Lys

The Allsorts Club and the Ladies Circle  
meet fortnightly at Fleur-de-Lys.  
The Bridge Club meets every week.

Wednesday  
Praying for  
MID GLAMORGAN MISSION  
As we look for ways to be innovative  
and find fresh expressions of being  
church in our communities today, let us  
earnestly seek God's guidance.

Thursday  
Leadership Team meeting

Friday  
Celtic Prayer – Ystrad Mynach

Gelligaer Ramblers meet once every 3  
months at Mount Zion, Fleur-de-Lys

### Prayer for the wider world India

Thank God that he is continuing to  
bless Gospel ministry in India. Pray  
that he will continue to build his church,  
in the face of rising opposition from Hindu  
nationalists. Pray that God will sustain  
Christians and their pastors living in  
difficult areas.

*Release International*

Saturday  
Please remember our Local Preachers