

Digital Prayer Card

Wealdstone Methodist Church

serving God



in this community

Our Calling

As a member of the Methodist Church, I am called to:

“Worship with the local church, including regular sharing in Holy Communion, and through personal prayer.”



Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

James Montgomery (1771-1854) StF 573

We may wish to spend a few moments thinking
about or discussing what it means to you to
share in Holy Communion...

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A prayer of adoration

Lord Jesus,
God the Father exalted you to the highest place,
because you became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Thank you for emptying yourself of all but love,
so that we can know the redeeming love of the
Father.



In return, we offer to you our lives in praise and
adoration to your holy name.

Jesus, our redeemer and our friend, **Amen**

Audrey

(Based on Philippians 2:9-11)



A prayer for Wealdstone Methodist Church

Our gracious Heavenly Father, as we enter this new season, we pray for your continued Grace upon Wealdstone Methodist Church. We commit our plans to your unfailing hands, and we ask that you order our steps in all we do together as a church family. Help us to always remember that you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of need. Lead us, guide us, and make your face to shine upon us every day of our lives, in Jesus mighty name we pray, **Amen**

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Dwelling in the Word

An invitation to reflect prayerfully on the scripture by 'Dwelling in the Word':

The purpose of Dwelling in the Word, is to allow God's Spirit to speak to the church through scripture and each other. It is an exercise in listening to the Holy Spirit, to scripture, and to one another.

We do the same passage many times, so that as we dwell in the Word, the Word begins to dwell in us. You are invited to 'Dwell in the Word' once a week – alone, with a friend or family member, or with a small group over coffee, in person, on the phone, WhatsApp, or via Zoom, etc.



How to get started

Pray the Dwelling in the Word prayer aloud (see below).

Read the passage below aloud twice.

Notice where your attention is drawn – a word, a phrase, a sentence.

It may be something new, something puzzling, something affirming.

Take a few minutes of silent reflection.

Read the passage aloud a second time.

Write down the significant word or phrase or share it with another.

When this activity is repeated at another time you may be surprised that God's Spirit gives you a very different message.

Reflect on any new thoughts or that of another person.

A prayer as we dwell in the Word

Loving God,
Although our destination is not yet clear,
May we trust in your graceful promises;
Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
May we be rooted in your loving regard;
Though our attention is inclined to wander,
May we hear the things you are saying;
Though we often neglect your influence,
May we be convicted of your power to change,
In Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Dwelling in the Word Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11: Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayers for others and ourselves

Each prayer point can be expanded in our own words:

We may wish to spend a brief moment praying for the Church, the world, friends and family and ourselves:

Pray for...

- WMC's life and work in the community...
- the world, governments and peoples...
- creation and the effects of climate change...
- family and friends...
- the local community, local authority...
- those who are sick or in any kind of trouble...
- those who are bereaved...
- ourselves and any other need that comes to mind...

Blessing

God, be gracious to us
and bless us,
and make your face
to shine upon us, **Amen**



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