

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE: A recognition of the dangers posed by a complete ban on conversion therapy and the 'no loopholes risk'; Protection of children and teenagers from sexual distortions, at least until they are old enough to understand the implications; for the Cass review to be up held; the rights of Christian parents to teach Biblical truth; the reigning in of the excesses of gambolling; For God to reign supreme over all legislation. (Romans 12:2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5).

CHURCH ISSUES: MET: David Hull as he prepares to step down and Chris Briggs as he prepares to take over as chair in November; David as he moves into the new role as MET's Ambassador in the new year, reaching out to grass roots Methodism; the trustees and executive; wisdom and discernment for the future work God is calling us to. (Colossians 1:9-11; Hebrews 13:20-21).

NATIONAL ISSUES: Government: the newly elected Prime Minister, Sir Kier Starmer and all members of Parliament; the formulation of godly policies; a return of integrity and trust amongst all

politicians; courage for Christian MP's to speak out against any injustices and to stand up for Christian values; a return to our Christian roots. (Deuteronomy 28:1-2; Philippians 2:1-5).

NHS & SOCIAL CARE: Adequate funding to deal with the back log of those awaiting treatment and operations, acerbated by strikes; fair pay and working conditions for all who work in the organisation; understanding and patience on the part of the public towards doctors and nurses; better communication between the various departments - children's services, social services & mental health; care packages for the vulnerable. (2 Samuel 22: 31-33; Isaiah 40:31).

WORLD ISSUES: Persecuted church: Islamic controlled countries; dictatorships and oppressive regimes; justice and upholding of basic human rights; exposure of discrimination and inequalities; strength and resilience for those suffering; protection for church families and for their needs to be met; persecutors to have an encounter with the Holy Spirit. (1 Peter 5: 6-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5).

ICHTHUS: Give thanks for the life and work of Roger Foster and the legacy he has left. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leadership of Ichthus going forward; that the ethos of Ichthus to grow across the nation and the world; unity in the Holy Spirit; the continued reaching out to believers everywhere, and from all walks of life. (Ephesians 4:11-13; Matthew 28:19).

Church Issues:

THE METHODIST CHURCH: The newly elected President and Vice President of Conference, Rev Helen Cameron and Mrs Carolyn Godfrey as they take up office; the Secretary of Conference, Jonathan Hustler; all those in positions of leadership; children and young people to receive biblically based teaching; youth and children's workers. (Acts 20: 28; Proverbs 3:1-6).

NATIONAL ISSUES: Gangs, knife crime and County Lines: youngsters entangled in gang culture; knife crime

and drug abuse; County Lines; those reaching out to young people, giving positivity and purpose, especially Christian outreach workers; for the Christian message of hope to reach all young people. (Psalm 145:17-20; Psalm 107:13-16).

CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE: Those struggling to stand up for Christian values in workplaces, especially in media and education; for their integrity to shine out; courage and boldness to speak out against injustices; protection against false accusations and lies. (2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 6:10-12 & 18).

WORLD ISSUES: War Torn Areas: For de-escalation of the conflicts in Russia/Ukraine, Israel/Gaza, Sudan; wisdom for the peace makers; those in refugee camps; understanding amongst world leaders and the political will to tackle the situations; adequate aid and resources. (Psalm 121; Psalm 55:22).

CREATIVITY: Give thanks for God's gift of creativity of all kinds; time and space in busy lives to explore hidden and latent gifts of creativity; people's eyes to be opened to the endless possibilities of creative expression to share the Gospel message in visual and accessible ways, especially to those who have difficulty in relating to the written word and verbal communication. (Exodus 31:1-6; Psalm 149:3).

CHURCH ISSUES: Local Churches: To become increasingly aware of the need to find a greater depth of faith; an urgency to come to God in prayer seeking his will for individual churches, a re-kindling of the work of the Holy Spirit and empowerment and acceptance in the use of the gifts of the Spirit. (Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:1-5).

NATIONAL ISSUES: Social Reform: Creative solutions to deal with the rising crisis in mental health services; the prison system and all who work in it –

especially chaplains & James Timpson, minister in charge of prisons; the criminal justice system; integrity and uprightness of all serving in the police force. (Romans 15:1-2; Proverbs 10:12).

TERRORISM: Perpetrators of terror to encounter God; victims to find the peace of the Lord; change to regimes across the world encouraging acts of terror; cyber-attacks and international espionage. (Psalm 34:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7).

WORLD ISSUES: Planet in Crisis: Repentance for our abuse of the planet - our ravaging of its resources, destruction of eco-systems, pollution of the land and sea; our 'throw away' society especially in the west and a greater commitment to re-cycling & up-cycling; worldwide commitment to reduce carbon emissions; the pioneering of new technologies to reduce emissions and the political will to make it happen (Isaiah 24:4-6; Jeremiah 12:4).

REVIVAL: A recognition across the nation of our need for God; Acknowledgement of our own inability to bring about change; repentance of our rejection of Godly values; a passion to seek holiness in individuals, the church and across the nation; a crying out for God's intervention in our broken society and a transformation of every aspect of life across our land. (Matthew 6:33; James 4:7-10).

CHURCH ISSUES: Repentance: An acknowledgement across the Connexion of the move away from Biblical holiness; the admission of sin and the need for repentance; denial of the Holy Spirit's power; going our own way rather than seeking God's vision for the church. (James 4:4-10; Proverbs 3: 5-7).

NATIONAL ISSUES: Immigration: Minister in Charge of Immigration, Yvette Cooper; wisdom on the way forward; good working relations with European nations to tackle the issue; those fleeing persecution in

their own countries; the exploitation of those crossing the channel in small boats; bringing to justice of the criminal gangs perpetrating the exploitation and suffering of vulnerable people. (Leviticus 19:33-34; Zechariah 7:9-10).

ANTI-SEMITISM: Protection of relationships between Muslims and Jews in Britain; protection for the Jewish population in Britain; those intent upon violence towards Jews to find the peace of the Lord; Ephraim Mirvis Chief UK Rabbi, Tzipi Hotovely Israeli Ambassador to UK, Zara Muhammad leader of British Muslim Council. (Romans 10:12-13; Acts 10:34-35)

WORLD ISSUES: American Elections: For unity amongst the people and for campaigning to be peaceful; an end to the vitriolic language between the parties; for the candidates, Donald Trump and Kamala Harris to have respect for each other; God's outcome. (Romans 14:19; Hebrews 12:14-15)