

### Circuit Prayer leading up to Sankofa 3

Dear Lord, Sometimes, our understanding of what you are doing is too small. We can be focused on struggle and decline but overlook what you are doing through us as a whole. Sometimes there is too much money in our thinking, and not enough faith in Jesus. Help us to balance our pragmatism and purpose with the truth that you give us what we need to fulfil your mission. Help us to turn to you as we discern how you are calling us to support each other as a circuit of churches.

We give thanks:

For our over 300 members of the Methodist Church, and those others who are not members but are part of us.

For the last 30 new members we have made, and other new people who have joined us.

For our presence in over 12 communities

For our capacity to welcome people with acute physical needs, and learning differences.

For our 16 worshipping congregations - midweek and Sundays

For our 3 Foodbanks, our donation points, and our community family meals.

For our Homeless Pod, our partnership with the Garden House

For our Preschool, and the preschool we enable.

For our 4 Messy Churches

For our 3 Toddler Groups

For our 5 Sunday Schools

For our working with 5 uniformed groups and 3 schools.

For our 2 After-School Clubs

For our support of teenagers

For our 8 Coffee Mornings

For our 14 Bible Study or Fellowship Groups

For our 8 Shared Interest Groups.

For our Livestream Witness of over 1200 broadcasts since lockdown.

For our links with Methodist Homes, the Leprosy Mission, The Light Project, The Salvation Army, and Equipping the Saints.

For our enabling of the Peterborough Christian Bookshop, and Christian Options for Peterborough Schools.

For all of our work with Churches Together.

For the work we support by offering our premises to community groups that are so many and varied that we cannot do them justice here. Forgive us for the times when we underestimate what you are doing, and when what you are doing does not fit our neatly ordered categories. We give thanks that you will continue to grow this work in the future. Help us to find our part in that. Without your vision in us, we will perish (Proverbs 29:18)