

**CHRISTIAN HOLINESS:** A desire amongst **individuals and churches** to seek a new/renewed understanding of Holiness and the transformation that it can bring; for the church to return to its Wesleyan roots of spreading Scriptural Holiness across the land; the wind of the Spirit to fall bringing restoration and a longing to move into a deeper relationship with God. (1 Thessalonians 4:7; Leviticus 20:7).

**FOCUS ON THE CHURCH: Children and Young People:** Inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit for all youth and children's workers connexionally; the ongoing work of 3-Generate; clear Biblically based teaching; protection from erroneous teaching and false doctrine. (Proverbs 2:1-6; Titus 2:7-9).

**Cliff College:** Cliff College: Ashley Cooper as he steps down as Principal and for Andrew Stobart as he takes up the role; for continued evangelical teaching for students; continuity for the staff. (Exodus 18:21; Ephesians 4: 11-16).

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**FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES: National Leaders:** Integrity and justice, wisdom and strength for the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and all members of the Cabinet; a return to God and the move of the Holy Spirit at the centre of government and the formulating of godly policies; the Royal family. (Zechariah 7:8-10; Proverbs 28:2).

**The Vulnerable:** People struggling to make ends meet – those on low incomes, especially people with young families and the elderly; adequate resources for organisations trying to help - food banks, help with debt especially Christians Against Poverty; those living with disabilities and special needs. (Acts 20:35; Proverbs 31:8-9).

**FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES: Russian/Ukraine War:** De-escalation of the conflict; concern over the increase of Russian espionage/sabotage across Europe, and the involvement of North Korea and China; for God to act towards Putin; Russian people to see through the lies perpetrated; resilience for the Ukrainian people and the resources needed to combat Putin's advances. (Psalm 33:13-16 & 18-22; Romans 1:18).

**JUBILEE+:** For the charity's commitment to see churches change the lives of all who live in poverty in communities; for local churches to have compassion and a desire to engage with those living in poverty within their neighbourhoods and be empowered to tackle the issue; for those living in poverty to respond to outreach and find the love of Jesus. (Galatians 6:9; 1 John 3:17-18).

**FOCUS ON THE CHURCH:** **MET: Chris Briggs as he takes up office as Chair;** for the Executive and Trustees; for wisdom and discernment on the way forward; David Hull as he prepares to take on the MET:Revive Ambassador Role; ongoing Bible studies and prayer meetings. (Isaiah 41:9-13; Hebrews 10: 22-24).

**Methodist Church:** The President and Vice President of Conference, Rev Helen Cameron and Mrs Carolyn Godfrey; Secretary of Conference, Rev Dr Jonathan Hustler; all in positions of leadership; for an awareness across the connexion of the shift away from Biblical values, for a desire to halt this and to bring about repentance. (Acts 20: 28; Proverbs 3:1-6).

**FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES:** **Integrity and Accountability:** For all institutions and services throughout the nation - both public and private sectors,

media & government; all decisions made for the good of the population and not individual interests. (Proverbs 10:9; 1 Peter 3:10-12).

**Hospices and End-of-Life Care:** Resources and adequate funding for palliative care, care homes, and hospices (especially where beds have had to be withdrawn owing to lack of funding); nurses, doctors and all who care for the terminally ill, struggling to deliver good quality care owing to the lack of necessary resources. (John 14:1-3; Hebrews 6:10).

**FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES:** **America:** The Trump administration: for godly policies; the effects across the globe of possible decisions taken – particularly in trade and defence; peace and unity across the nation in the different factions. (1 Timothy 2:1-2; Philippians 2:3-8).

**Political Instability:** the growing political discontent across the planet; in Europe – France, Germany, Britain and across the world; protection of democracy in South Korea; for stability in Syria, that the Islamist group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham will hold to its statement of establishing a democracy in the country. (Psalm 37:5-7; Psalm 118:8-9).

**Personal response to holiness:** For ourselves, searching and spending time with God and offering ourselves as living a sacrifice to God, seeking to grow in holiness; opening ourselves up completely to God, recognising afresh our own sinfulness through the sacrificial love of Christ on the cross. (1 Peter 1:14-16; Isaiah 35:8)

**The Work of Keswick Convention:** Giving thanks for the vision pioneered so long ago and its ongoing work in today's society; the priority of hearing God's word, becoming like God's Son and serving God's Mission; for God's power to break through into individual lives, bringing transformation and hope to the lives of many. (1 Chronicles 16:23-25; Matthew 28:19-20).

**FOCUS ON THE CHURCH: Revival:** for the wind of the Holy Spirit to sweep through the church bringing transformation and vibrancy to local churches throughout the land; for the acceptance of, and a longing to experience God's power operating in all aspects of church life, drawing many new believers into God's kingdom. (Acts 3:19-20; Psalm 85:4-7).

**FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES: Education:** The upholding of the Cass Report and for it to become enshrined in law; protection for our children and young people against harmful ideologies; wholesome curriculum content in all schools; the Education

Secretary Bridget Phillipson; people and organisations who present biblical teaching in schools; colleges and universities struggling with finances. (Mark 9:42; Colossians 2:8).

**Christians in the Workplace:** Particularly those working in politics, the media and education; for strength and resilience and protection against discrimination; for their integrity to shine out; for the right words to challenge harmful practices and policies. (Isaiah 43:1-3a; Luke 21:14-15).

**FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES Planet in Crisis:** Changing weather patterns across the globe; areas affected by extremes of weather – soaring temperatures & flooding; resources to combat the underlying causes; new strains of crops to stand extremes of weather; farmers coping with these extremes of weather. Cry to the Lord for mercy. (2 Chronicles 7:13-14; Revelation 4:11).

**Persecuted Christians:** Oppressive regimes; justice and fair treatment for detainees and their families; protection for churches; for persecutors to see the love of Christ in the persecuted; organisations working to bring to public notice the plight of the persecuted across the globe – e.g. Barnabas Aid, Open Doors and Release International, amongst others. (James 1:12; Philippians 1:27-30).