



## Prayer for conference

*Lord show your delegates the way  
and let them follow.  
Be present with them..  
Help them to be present with you.  
Let them attend to your way of love,  
Let them listen to your voice  
And see you in each other.  
Show their hearts your true way  
And let them follow your lead.  
Amen*

## Circuit Prayer Diary June 2019

### **Methodist Conference 27th June-4th July**

*June is the month when Methodist Conference normally begins.*

*Those chosen by district and connexion to attend arrive to carry out a huge variety of business.*

*A certain number of people will be around..by Wednesday in preparation for the two main waves of arrivals on Thursday, this year June 27th, when the presbyters arrive and Saturday, this year June 29th when lay and deacons arrive.*

*Thursday and Friday. are **presbyterial** sessions.*

*Some issues are “business” orientated , others are of a different character including the memorial service for those who have died and the pastoral address.*



*By now those of going have received two thick volumes of agenda plus our conference handbook.*

*There is lot of reading and we get more arrive as conference approaches though not usually large documents.*

*This year we are fortunate to be in the **Hilton Metropole Birmingham** again , as 2014 and 2017.*

*By Saturday lunchtime more or less all of the lay delegates will have arrived*

*We are housed and fed here and the hotel has a large conference room which comfortably seats the 306 delegates.*

*Without tables I believe the seating on Saturday for the opening of Conference and on Sunday for the reception intro full connexion of this year 's ordinands is 625.*

*This year all the **ordination services** are taking place at 4pm on Sunday 30th June . **Ray Borrett**, whom many of you will know, will be ordained at Coventry Central Hall. Bonni-Belle and I have our tickets!*

*On Monday morning the business sessions start . When I say "business" this happens alongside prayer and worship. The whole proceedings are very much underpinned with prayer..*

*Business starts at 9.15 and finishes at 6.30 with a lunch break and tea/coffee breaks.*

*Both at lunchtime and in the evening there are fringe events which are optional.*

*These often include some really good speakers, so a conference day can be long one!*

*Please pray for the Conference that God will lead us aright as we make our decisions and plan for the future.*

