

1 <sup>st</sup> June	This week, our children are busy enjoying school holidays and time with their families. But we remember that, for many young people, this is the heart of exam season. Pray for everyone involved in the challenges of these months – revising, sitting, setting, marking; for strength for those who support and calm for those who worry. Offer all of this into God’s hands.
8 <sup>th</sup> June	This week sees both World Oceans Day and World Environment Day ‘O God you are great and majestic, but you are also the God of small things. You see the sparrow that falls and know us down to the hairs on our heads. We ask you to bless the little things we each do to fight the climate crisis. Help us not to lose heart in the face of the scale of the challenge. Inspire us to come together so that our drops of concern become a tide of climate action, sweeping into the consciousness of the world’s change makers. For your world’s sake. Amen.’
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Men are a feature of this week. We have the King’s official birthday, Fathers’ Day and Refugee Week. Pray for the men of our families and communities, for Kings and refugees - men who are powerful and men who are desperate. Hold before God the men who have been part of our lives; those whose care and nurture has shaped and supported us. Pray for all those who will be challenged with extra demands of care and support this week.
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	This week sees the start of the Methodist Conference, meeting in Birmingham. Methodist Women are hosting the inaugural Mary Bosanquet lecture, with Paula Gooder talking about the unseen stories of women in the Bible. Pray for the deliberations of the Conference, the contribution of MWiB, and for Paula’s session.
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Today is an opportunity to pray for all those volunteers who keep the life of MWiB going – Ruth and Maggie taking the responsibilities of leadership; those on the exec planning and making things happen and delivering our responsibilities as a charity. Think of those who lead our local groups and take on responsibilities across the country, especially through Trustee and Ambassador roles. Thank you, God, for volunteers in every part of life.
6 July	This is a week to think about freedom – we are between American Independence Day and the French Bastille Day. Think about a spinning globe and all the places where people live under war or political oppression; think about people who do not have freedom in their own homes. Offer all these people and situations to God
13 <sup>th</sup> July	This is the week of MWiB’s Creativity Day. Whether you can be there or not, rejoice in human creativity on the domestic and industrial scale. Celebrate your own gifts, think about how you benefit from the creativity with which others fill the world. Be thankful!
20 <sup>th</sup> July	The women’s football World Cup is kicking off(!) We live in a time when women’s sport is receiving more equal coverage and women’s sporting prowess is more equally appreciated. Whether we are sporty or not, let’s thank God that the fulness of women’s lives is better recognised and allowed to flourish.
27 <sup>th</sup> July	The summer is at its height and the holidays are underway. This will mean different things to different people. Think about your community – those for whom summer brings happiness, those for whom the holiday time is a struggle. Hold all with God.
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	August is the big month for Methodists in ministry taking up new appointments. For many this means moving, with all its challenges, often uprooting family into new schools and jobs. Let’s think about them today. And pray also for those who are leaving their last appointment and moving into a new phase of life.
10 <sup>th</sup> August	As August moves on, young people begin to receive their exam results (different dates for different exams and different in the different nations). This is always a demanding time for children, families and schools, with choices and consequences, some of them life changing. Think of them today and over the next few weeks.
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Over the last few days we have had international celebrations of granny squares (yes, really!) and of young people. It’s a good time to think about how we bridge the generations, and about how we can do that as women. In your prayers acknowledge the value of age and of youth; pray particularly for young women in your church community (or those who could be!)
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Today we take a moment to think about our sister Methodist women across the world – in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the American continent. We think particularly of other European Methodist Women as we plan towards the Area Seminar next summer. Portugal here we come!
31 <sup>st</sup> August	The summer period draws to a close – who knows what season the weather will think it’s in. People are looking forward to September – a new year for many in families and the Connexion. Pray for all those you know and those in your community for whom this September has special meaning.



# Methodist Women in Britain



for women, for justice, for Christ

The British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women

## Prayer Diary

June to August 2023

*Join us in praying for Methodist Women in Britain Trustees & Ambassadors, World Federation Officers and Methodist Women in Ireland Officers as well as the work of Methodist Women in Britain across our Districts.*

*Our prayer diary can be used alongside the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook.*

Day 1	Methodist Women in Britain Co-chair North: Ruth Parrott & Co-chair South: Maggie Woods
Day 2	Helen Kim Scholars Britain & Ireland: Madeleine Reed & Heidi Hogan
Day 3	WFM&UCW World President: Sipiwe Chisvo & WFM&UCW President Emerita: Alison Judd
Day 4	London, Beds, Essex & Herts, South East MWiB Area Trustee: Linda King
Day 5	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Mid Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Diana Bosman
Day 6	Bolton & Rochdale, Lancashire MWiB Area Trustee: Philippa Hill
Day 7	Methodist Women in Ireland All Ireland President: Olive Rowe
Day 8	Bristol & South Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Gillian Pengelly
Day 9	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Sandra Goodwin, Helen Cornick, Cynthia Bonds
Day 10	Methodist Women in Ireland Southern District Vice President: Wanda Hogan
Day 11	Liverpool, Chester & Stoke, North Wales, Manchester & Stockport MWiB Area Trustee: Margaret Lindley
Day 12	Methodist Women in Britain Communications Officer: Bronwen Braidell
Day 13	Darlington, Newcastle & Cumbria MWiB Area Trustee: Debs Coggrave
Day 14	World Day of Prayer Representative: Charity Madenyika
Day 15	Methodist Women in Ireland North Eastern District Vice President: Audrey Burrows
Day 16	World Federation Ireland Unit Correspondent: Moira McMurray
Day 17	Lincolnshire & East Anglia MWiB Trustee: Rita Rowe
Day 18	North Eastern & North Western District (Ireland) World Federation Reps: Sally Rock & Ruth Wilson
Day 19	Methodist Women in Britain Media Coordinator: Ruth Dawson
Day 20	WFM&UCW Area President & Vice President: Barbara Easton & Wanda Hogan
Day 21	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Mary Sachikonye, Elizabeth Colley, Pauline Beattie
Day 22	Methodist Women in Britain Finance Officer: Nina Rawlins
Day 23	Notts & Derby, Northampton MWiB Area Trustee: Mary Gill
Day 24	Cornwall, Plymouth & Exeter MWiB Area Trustee: Elaine Banks
Day 25	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Ann Taylor, Janet Thompson, Pam Gidney, Sue Clarke
Day 26	Southampton & Channel Islands MWiB Area Trustee: Liz Chick
Day 27	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Judith Oldroyd, Claire Middleton, Pamela Stenson, Ruth Dawson
Day 28	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Gwenda Humphries, Susan Murrell, Margaret Johnson
Day 29	Yorkshire West, Yorkshire North & East & Sheffield MWiB Area Trustee: Janice Clark
Day 30	Scotland & Shetland MWiB Area Trustee: Barbara Harrison
Day 31	Your local officers, activities and projects

***What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer***

***Could I bring you all my hopes and dreams, my moments of despair?***

***Could you take what I'm thinking and find that it's a prayer?***

***(Joy Webb Singing The Faith 522)***