

1 st December	As Advent begins we pray for an 'Out of the Ordinary' Christmas this year, praying that we can scratch below the surface to find the hope and love of God in the hidden treasures all around us; and that we can bring that hope and love to our communities too.
8 th December	<i>Pray that candidates will apply for the position of CoChair; on the 11th the Exec meet.</i> This year we are called to leave the 2 nd candle of Advent (the Peace candle) unlit as a reminder that we stand in solidarity with all who are suffering in the Holy Land. This week pray for peace in all areas of our world, our communities, our churches, our families, our own lives.
15 th December	Our Jewish sisters and brothers are reaching the climax of the celebrations of Hannukah, a festival shaped by the daily re-telling of the story of God saving his people in ancient times. How is God shaping your story? Pray for your own walk with God this week.
22 nd December	Christmas approaches – great anticipation for some, anxiety and dread for others; for many a bit of both. Stop and pray for space and peace in the midst of it all. If you are in 'Martha' mode, be more Mary! And if you are in a bleak space this Christmas, we also pray for you.
29 th December	Between Christmas and New Year is Kwanzaa, a seasonal celebration (invented in the 1960s) of African heritage. We pray for our African sisters and brothers, especially thinking of our friends of African heritage living in Britain; and Methodist Women in the Africa area of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.
5 th January	<i>Pray for MWiB meetings: 8th Shortlisting for the next CoChair; 10th Swanwick Task Group.</i> At the start of a New Year and a month that many find long and cold and dark let us pray the old prayer together: 'Lighten our darkness we beseech Thee O Lord and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.'
12 th January	<i>On the 15th Bookings open for Swanwick conference & the Exec meet.</i> The 18 th is apparently world Winnie-the Pooh day! A.A.Milne's stories have many attractions, not least the range of recognisable characters. Are you a Piglet, a Pooh, a Tigger or one of life's Eeyores? This week pray for a person you know who is very like each character. Thank God that we are all different and yet each have something to bring to the church and to the community.
19 th January	<i>Pray on 24th for the work of the Finance Task Group; on the 25th Maggie is at BEH meeting.</i> The 25 th is both Burn's Night & St Dwynwen's (Welsh 'St Valentine'); a good day to celebrate our MWiB sisters in Scotland and Wales. Let's pray for our sisters across the British Isles.
26 th January	This is a big year for European Methodist women as we prepare to meet in Porto in June. Pray for all the preparations, for those leading and those joining. Pray for all who hold office in WFM&UCW and for the growing number of Methodist Women across the world church.
2 nd February	It is UK Hedgehog Day – the massive decline in hedgehogs in our lifetime is maybe a sign of the environmental crisis to come. In fact, in which we are living. This seems like a good week to pray for God's world, our home; and to pray that we may be good stewards of creation.
9 th February	<i>On the 12th Exec meet; 15th/16th Trustees meet.</i> Pray for everyone who offers their time to Methodist Women in Britian; those who lead locally and nationally; those who do the jobs that make things happen, sell the merchandise or put out chairs. We thank God for all this work & pray that God will uphold all those with new, and sometimes heavy, responsibilities.
16 th February	<i>Pray on 21st for Ruth in Runcorn, Chester & Stoke District Day.</i> Did you get any Valentines? Tokens of love can be important but they don't all come on Valentine's Day. What do you treasure that reminds you that you are loved by God? We don't always feel that God is close – so special moments and memories can be precious. Thank God for God's love to us, and see if you can give someone a sense of being 'special to God' in the next couple of days.
23 rd February	<i>Pray 23rd to 25th for Maggie at BEH retreat.</i> The 29th February is such an unusual phenomenon we feel the need to do something special to mark the day. But, put like that, every day is special. Look at Mary Oliver's poem, 'The Summer Day' which ends 'Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?'. Jesus tells us that we are intended for 'abundant living' today and every day. Pray for your own life and for those for whom abundant living is a distant dream.



Methodist Women in Britain



for women, for justice, for Christ

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

Prayer Diary

December 2023 to February 2024

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 and South East MWiB Area Trustee: Linda King
Day 5	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Mid Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Diana Bosman
Day 6	Bolton & Rochdale and Lancashire MWiB Area Trustee: Philippa Hill
Day 7	Methodist Women in Ireland All Ireland President: Olive Rowe
Day 8	Bristol and South Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Gillian Pengelly
Day 9	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Sandra Goodwin, Helen Cornick, Cynthia Bonds, Gillian Womersley, Viv Lowe
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 and 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 and East Anglia MWiB Area Trustee: Rita Rowe
Day 18	North Eastern & North Western District (Ireland) World Federation Reps: Sally Rock & Ruth Wilson
Day 19	Methodist Women in Britain Digital 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, Di Smart, Sue Smith, Jackie Hartrey
Day 22	Methodist Women in Britain Finance Officer: Nina Rawlins
Day 23	Notts & Derby and Northampton MWiB Area Trustee: Mary Gill
Day 24	Cornwall and Plymouth & Exeter MWiB Area Trustee: Elaine Banks
Day 25	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Ann Taylor, Janet Thompson, Pam Gidney, Sue Clarke, Margaret Johnson
Day 26	Southampton and Channel Islands MWiB Area Trustee: Liz Chick
Day 27	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Judith Oldroyd, Claire Middleton, Pamela Stenson, Barbara Rumfitt, Glenda Sidding
Day 28	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Gwenda Humphries, Susan Murrell, Ruth Dawson, Naledi Phaladi, Jo Richards
Day 29	Yorkshire West, Yorkshire North & East and Sheffield MWiB Area Trustee: Janice Clark
Day 30	Scotland and 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)