

for women, for justice, for Christ

# **Prayer Diary** March to May 2023

# March

#### 1 March

Pray for Madeleine, Barbara & others returning from the World Federation meeting in Brazil on 2nd March & for Ruth speaking in Warrington that day; and for all World Day of Prayer services

#### 4 March

Pray for Daffodil Day at Westminster Central Hall today and Epworth Old Rectory Trustees on 9th March. Pray about the expectations put upon women regarding their appearance & behaviour, and for more opportunities for women across the world.

#### 11 March

Pray for Ruth speaking at the Scotland District event on zoom today. Also pray for the Exec meeting on 13 March (Ruth, Maggie, Nina, Barbara, Madeleine, Bronwen & Linda)

#### 18 March

As Mothering Sunday approaches – the opportunity to be grateful for mothering, but for some also a difficult day, we pray for families and relationships, in all their many forms.

#### 25 March

This weekend, Methodist Council meets in person in the Midlands. Pray for the women and men who serve the church in this way. Pray too for Ruth leading the Newcastle MWiB District Conference at Minsteracres this weekend that all attending may be encouraged and blessed by their fellowship together. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer

# April

#### 1 April

Easter is approaching – this means many things, but for Methodist Women there is a particular focus on the Easter Offering. Hold before God the commitment of those organising it, nationally and locally, the skill of those who prepare it and the generosity of those who give.

#### 8 April

Give thanks for God's many blessings as we celebrate Easter with family and friends. Pray for those who seek sanctuary in our country, praying especially for the Cities of Sanctuary and the 1st circuit of sanctuary and all who seek to support refugees.

#### 15 April

This weekend, Methodist Women meet for refreshment and encouragement at Swanwick. Pray for all those who gather in community, leading and learning – and for those who will not be there but are still part of our MWiB community

### 22 April

Empowerment gifts – it's time to be filling out the forms! Pray for the discernment of those who give, and the flourishing of those who have received or are hoping for the empowerment which we are able to help. Pray for the exec meeting on 24th.

#### 29 April

This weekend, Methodist educators from all over the world are meeting in the UK. In our prayers we give thanks for the contribution Methodism has made to education across the world and think of all those still involved in its work. The British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women



# May

### 6 May

We pray for the King on Coronation Day. We pray for the Royal Family who are showing that, though they are different from the rest of us in wealth and status, they are not spared the challenges of family life. We pray for our country and the Commonwealth of nations over which Charles is King – for the flourishing of all.

#### 13 May

11th May was the birthday of Florence Nightingale, so pray for women's health and for women caring for the health of others. Pray for groups supported by MWiB grants and gifts from MWiB groups across the country often working with women and children. Pray for the work of Christian Aid and for a successful fundraising week.

#### 20 May

We pray for the planet, remembering not just to pray but to commit to everything we can do to make things better and not worse. Pray for the exec meeting on 22nd as they continue to lead us towards a new sustainable future as an organisation.

### 27 May

MWiB supports international work against gender-based violence. Today we pray for everyone whom this work involves and affects. Pray for all who engage with the Thursdays in Black campaign.

"Show me how to stand for justice: how to work for what is right"





## Officers, & Methodist Women in Ireland

Day 1

Co-chair (North) Co-chair (South)

**Ruth Parrott** Maggie Woods

### Day 2

London District Rep Helen Kim Scholar (Britain) Helen Cornick

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South East District WFM&UCW World President

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**Birmingham District Rep** Methodist Women in Ireland: All Ireland President

Diana Bosman **Olive Rowe** 

Day 6 Bolton & Rochdale District Rep

Philippa Hill

Day 7 Margaret Johnston

#### Day 8

Synod Cymru Rep Wales Synod Rep

**Bristol District Rep** 

**Gwenda Humphries** Susan Murrell

Day 9 Cumbria District Rep

Judith James

Day 10 Channel Islands Rep Pam Gidney Southern District (Ireland): MWI Vice President Wanda Hogan	Lancashire North Wes Wo
Day 11 Chester & Stoke District Rep Margaret Lindley	Nottinghan
Day 12 Cornwall District	Northampt
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Day 14East Anglia District RepMary SachikonyeWorld Day of Prayer RepCharity Madenyika	Plymouth & Helen Kim
Day 15 Isle of Man District Rep Sue Collier North Eastern District (Ireland): MWI Vice President Audrey Burrows World Federation Rep Sally Rock	Sheffield D World Fed
<b>Day 16</b> Your local officers, activities, and projects	Southampt WFM&UC\
<b>Day 17</b> Lincolnshire District Rep & Communications Officer Bronwen Braisdell	Yorkshire \
Day 18Liverpool District RepElaine Phillips	Wolverhan
Day 19 Manchester & Stockport District Rep Ruth Dawson	Yorkshire I
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Dav 20 Newcastle-upon-Tyne District Rep Judith Oldrovd

#### **Day 21**

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**Day 22** m and Derby District Rep Sue Nickson

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Mary Gill Nina Rawlins

**Day 24** 

& Exeter District Rep Scholar (Ireland)

Elaine Banks Heidi Hogan

#### **Day 25**

District Rep Ann Taylor leration—Ireland Unit Correspondent Moira McMurray

#### **Day 26**

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**Day 27** West District Rep Janet Thompson

**Day 28** mpton & Shrewsbury District Rep **Pauline Beattie** 

**Day 29** North & East District Rep Janice Clark

#### **Day 30**

District Rep Shetland District Rep **Barbara Harrison** Elizabeth Colley

#### Day 30 / 31

World Fed Area President Barbara Easton World Fed Area Vice President Wanda Hogan

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