

## Darlington District Methodist Women in Britain

'Rooted and Grounded in Love'

Programme October 2024 to July 2025

All are Welcome

Please watch for posters in your churches and information on the Darlington Methodist District website: darlingtonmethodistdistrict.org.uk

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# Message from District President and District Ambassador Pamela Stenson

"Rooted and Grounded in Love" (Ephesians 3:17 King James Bible) is our MWiB theme for the coming year; it is based on the World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women's (WFMUCW) European Seminar that 40 MWiB friends from all around Great Britain along with 50 Methodist women from 18 different European countries attended in Porto for 4 days in June 2024.

Debs and I were both there, and look forward to sharing this message around the District as often as possible in the months ahead, especially by invitation to lead your local MWiB meetings and Church services in your Circuits: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:17+18 NIV).

This year we are actively seeking a new Vice President to take over as District MWiB President, with the support of the current team. It was a huge delight to witness the leadership of many younger Methodist Women at the WFMUCW Seminar, reminding me of my own experiences half a lifetime ago. Please continue to pray for a new generation of Methodist women to come forward to accept and embrace the challenges of this 21st century within MWiB locally, nationally and internationally.

I believe that because we are so firmly "rooted and grounded in love" it can be the moment for real change and challenge so that our Tree of Life can continue to grow strong and firm in faith and love for all and be truly representative of us as we work together for the healing of the nations (see Revelation 22 v2).

Pamela

#### **Autumn Day**

Monday 28th October 2024 at Greens Lane Methodist Church, Greens Lane, Stockton-on Tees. TS18 5HP. Refreshments from 10:15am, service starts at 11am. Afternoon session 1:30 - 3:30pm. Please bring your own lunch, refreshments provided.

#### **Advent Service**

Friday, 6th December 2024 at Barnard Castle Methodist Church, Flatts Road, Barnard Castle. DL12 8PW. There is no parking at the church although you can drop off passengers. Refreshments from 10am, the service starts at 10:45am. This is a morning only event and there are no refreshments after the service. There are however lots of cafes near by.

#### **World Day of Prayer**

7th March 2025, please support an event near you.

#### Area MWiB Minsteracres Retreat

14th to 16th March 2025. Facilitator Mrs Barbara Easton. This event is an opportunity to meet with women from the Newcastle and Cumbria Methodist Districts. More details will be available nearer the time.

### **Spring Event**

Wednesday 14th May 2025 at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, 21 Cockton Hill Road, Bishop Auckland. DL14 6EN. Refreshments from 10am, service at 10:45am. Please bring your own lunch, refreshments are provided. Afternoon session 1:15 to 3pm.

#### **Summer Afternoon**

Wednesday 25th June 2025 at Marske-by-the-Sea Methodist Church at Hummershill Lane, Marske. TS11 7DH. Singalong with afternoon tea from 3:30 - 5:30pm.

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If you want to know more about the vacancies or wish to contribute to the Co-ordinating Team please get in touch with one of the above.

If you have ideas for the 2025/26 programme or wish to host an event, please let us know.