



Methodist Women in Britain



for women, for justice, for Christ

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

Prayer Diary

March to May 2025

*Join us in praying for Methodist Women in Britain Officers, Trustees & Ambassadors,
Methodist Women in Ireland and the World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women
as well as the work of Methodist Women in Britain across our Areas & Districts.
Our prayer diary can be used alongside the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook.*

Day 1	Methodist Women in Britain Cochairs: Maggie Woods & Leonora Wassell
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: Annah Mwadiwa
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: Alexa Brown
Day 8	Bristol and South Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Gillian Pengelly
Day 9	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Helen Cornick, Cynthia Bonds, Ruth Dawson, Margaret Dunn, Chris Thompson
Day 10	World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women
Day 11	Liverpool, Chester & Stoke, North Wales, Manchester & Stockport MWiB Area Trustee: Margaret Lindley
Day 12	Methodist Women in Britain Communications Officer: Bronwen Braisdell
Day 13	Darlington, Newcastle and Cumbria MWiB Area Trustee: Debs Coggrave
Day 14	World Day of Prayer Representative: Charity Madenyika & MWiB Empowerment Gifts Sylvia White
Day 15	Methodist Women in Britain Resources Officer: Caroline Fillery
Day 16	Methodist Women in Ireland
Day 17	Lincolnshire and East Anglia MWiB Area Trustee: Rita Rowe
Day 18	Manx Methodist Women
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: Elizabeth Colley, Jacky Woor, Hazel Jackson, Gillian Womersley, Sue Smith
Day 22	Methodist Women in Britain Finance Officer: Sheila Hall
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, Delphine Gratrix, Pamela Stenson, Barbara Rumfitt, Glenda Sidding
Day 28	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Gwenda Humphries, Susan Murrell, Naledi Phaladi, Viv Lowe
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)

2 nd March	1st Daffodil Day MCH Leonora & Maggie; 2nd Maggie Brightlingsea United Church; 3rd Leonora National Council of Women; 4th Finance Task Group; 7th World Day of Prayer On this day in 1903, the Martha Washington Hotel, the first women-only hotel, opened in New York City. Let's pray for safe spaces and communities around the world that seek to protect vulnerable people. Let's also thank God for the places where women and other minoritised people have found rest, healing, connection, and dignity.
9 th March	8th - 17th Leonora in New York for Commission on the status of women at the UN ; 11th Maggie Wholehearted Monthly; 12th Maggie Women of Faith network On this day in 1959, the Barbie doll made its debut. Let's thank God for the increase in positive female representation for young girls, but also pray about body image, that girls will feel comfortable and confident in their bodies knowing that, no matter their size or shape, they're made in the image of God.
16 th March	18th Exec meeting; 22nd Leonora Birmingham District Day On this day in 1966, Gemini 8 was launched with astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott. Let's praise God today for scientific advancement and for the mathematical brilliance of the universe He created.
23 rd March	27th Leonora Civil Society Women's Association On this day in 1933, Adolph Hitler officially became dictator of Germany. Let's pray for countries trapped under fascist leaders or emboldened leaders with their rhetoric of hate, & for world leaders, that God's Kingdom will come on Earth. Let's also pray for people who have fallen victim to the lies of fascist or hate filled ideologies.
30 th March	Mothering Sunday; 4th – 6th Swanwick Conference with Rev Sonia Hicks On Mothering Sunday, let's give thanks for our home churches where we have been nurtured in the faith. Let's also remember the wonderful Christians who have been spiritual parents to us over the years, teaching, loving, and coming alongside us on our journeys.
6 th April	8th Maggie at Epworth for President of Conference visit; 10th Wholehearted monthly zoom; 12th Leonora Manchester&Stockport District Day On this day in 1947, the first Tony Awards were presented. Let's give thanks for the arts and for artists worldwide; and pray for new artists, especially those hiding work due to controversy or low confidence.
13 th April	14th Exec meeting On this day in 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first African American to win a Best Actor award at the Academy Awards. Let's thank God for the progress made toward a world of equal rights and opportunities, and pray that more minoritised and marginalised people will be given the freedom to pursue their dreams and develop their skills and gifts.
20 th April	Easter Sunday; 24th Leonora Civil Society Women's Association This Easter, let's turn away from the events of our world and fix our eyes on Jesus Christ who died for us and rose again in victory over sin and death.
27 th April	27th Maggie EO service Tendring On this day in 1986, the Ukrainian city of Pripjat was evacuated as a result of the Chernobyl disaster. Let's pray today for places damaged and people displaced by manmade or preventable disasters, and for the people and organisations who work to bring aid to those affected.
4 th May	On this day in 1926, the nine-day United Kingdom general strike began, attempting to force the government to stop reducing the wages of 1.2 million locked-out coalminers. Let's pray today for people in Britain and abroad who are facing financial desperation without aid, and for the charities and organisations which seek to help. Let's also pray for governments and world leaders that they will seek the coming of the Kingdom and listen for the will of God.
11 th May	12th Exec meeting with Trustees & Ambassadors; 13th Wholehearted monthly zoom On this day in 1981, reggae musician Bob Marley passed away. Let's praise God for Christian artists who aren't afraid to bring their faith into their work, and let's pray that their legacies will glorify God.
18 th May	18th Maggie EO service Hastings On this day, the Disruption of 1843 took place, in which the Free Church of Scotland split from the Church of Scotland. Let's pray today for Christian unity, good relations between denominations, and God's blessing as different churches work together compassionately to serve their communities.
25 th May	On this day in 2020, George Floyd was murdered by a police officer in America, kick-starting a series of protests across the country. Let's pray today for our siblings across the world who face racism and discrimination. Let's also pray that the worldwide church will continue to root out systemic discrimination and work towards a future in which all are welcomed with respect and compassion.

(Prayer focus this quarter prepared by Madeleine Reed, Helen Kim Memorial Scholar)