

30th Nov	Advent Sunday; 16 Days of Activism continue to 10th December; 2nd Swanwick Task Group On this day in 1924, Shirley Chisholm was born. She would become the first black woman elected to the United States Congress. Let's give thanks today for the social progress made towards equal rights, & pray for the continued fight for racial & gender equality in government, in workplaces, in media & education, & in the church.
7th Dec	8th Exec meeting On this day in 1732, the Royal Opera House opened in Covent Garden. Let's praise God for the beautiful creativity He grants to humanity, and pray for everyone across the world who are called to glorify God through their creative endeavours.
14th Dec	On this day in 1918, the first general election with women voters was held in the UK. Let's praise God for the huge work done by our foremothers to gain equal rights for women, and let's pray for the countries around the world where women's voices are still smothered in political and professional settings.
21st Dec	Christmas Day On this day in 1844, the Cooperative Movement began in Rochdale. Let's give thanks for the people who have fought for the rights and welfare of the poorest in our communities. Let's continue to pray for all those across the world who don't have their basic needs met, especially in places with no government assistance.
28th Dec	On this day in 1918, the first woman was elected MP – Constance Markievicz. Let's pray for those places around the world that still have skewed representation in their governments. We look forward to a future where everyone is represented and every voice is heard.
4th Jan	6th Finance Task Group On this day in 1853, memoir-writer Solomon Northup regained his freedom after being kidnapped and spending 12 years as a slave in the American south. Let's pray today for the downfall of modern-day slavery and human trafficking. Let's pray in earnest for everyone who is currently caught in the mechanisms of slavery, remembering that we serve a God of deliverance, who delights to break every chain.
11th Jan	12th Exec meeting On this day in 1569, England's first recorded lottery was held. Let's pray for everyone who is suffering from gambling addiction, and for their families. Let's also pray for those people who are vulnerable to gambling, that they will be protected from any addiction forming in their lives.
18th Jan	22nd Webinar Mental Health 7.30pm On this day in 1896, the first X-ray generating machine was exhibited. Let's give thanks to God for all the medical advances that have been made, and continue to pray for revelation for those things which as of yet have no relief or cure.
25th Jan	On this day in 1890, Nellie Bly completed her record-breaking round-the-world journey in just 72 days. Nellie also put herself in harms way to expose the abuse of women in Victorian mental institutions. Let's give thanks today for people who are willing to risk themselves for the benefit of others, and pray protection and strength on those who are doing so right now.
1st Feb	2nd & 3rd Lancashire Retreat Leonora; 5-6th Trustees meeting; 6-7th Exec meeting On this day in 1884, the first volume of the Oxford English Dictionary was published. Let's give thanks for widespread literacy, and for the advances in quality of education. Let's pray for those people for whom education is still inaccessible, and let's also pray for educational reform where necessary.
8th Feb	On this day in 1968, Black students were attacked at South Carolina State University while they protested racial segregation. Let's give thanks today for the people who fought and died for civil rights, and let's continue to pray for those people who still receive hate, discrimination, or injustice due to their ethnicity, skin colour, gender, or other protected characteristic.
15th Feb	Ash Wednesday On this day in 1949, excavation of the caves at Qumran began, which led to the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Let's give praise to God for the gift of Scripture and the extraordinary way in which the Bible came together.
22nd Feb	22nd Olive at Knutsford Methodist Church; 26th Webinar Domestic Abuse 7.30pm On this day in 1943, three members of the non-violent White Rose resistance were executed for high treason in Nazi Germany. Let's pray today for all non-violent protesters and resistance groups who are working towards a world free from fascism, cruelty, and corrupt government.

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

Prayer Diary

December 2025 to February 2026

*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: Leonora Wassell & Olive Ruzvidzo
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: Jenny Parnell
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 Ambassadors: Helen Cornick, Cynthia Bonds, Ruth Dawson, Margaret Dunn, Priscilla Samasuwo
Day 10	World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women
Day 11	Liverpool, Chester & Stoke, North Wales, Manchester & Stockport MWiB Area Trustee: Chris Thompson
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 and Manx Methodist Women
Day 17	Lincolnshire and East Anglia MWiB Area Trustee: Rita Rowe
Day 18	Cornwall and Plymouth & Exeter MWiB Area Trustee:
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 Ambassadors: Elizabeth Colley, Jacky Woor, Hazel Jackson, Susan Eldridge, Gillian Womersley, Sue Smith
Day 22	Methodist Women in Britain Finance Officer: Sheila Hall
Day 23	Notts & Derby and Northampton MWiB Area Trustee: Menesia Chikazi
Day 24	MWiB Ambassadors: Diana Bosman, Linda King, Maggie Woods, Nina Rawlins, Alison Richardson, Pam Gidney
Day 25	MWiB Ambassadors: Ann Taylor, Janet Thompson, Sue Clarke, Margaret Johnson, Brenda Stuart-White, Di Smart
Day 26	Southampton and Channel Islands MWiB Area Trustee: Liz Chick
Day 27	MWiB Ambassadors: Judith Oldroyd, Delphine Gratrix, Pamela Stenson, Barbara Rumfitt, Becca Wakelin
Day 28	MWiB Ambassadors: Gwenda Humphries, Susan Murrell, Naledi Phaladi, Viv Lowe, Sue Nickson, Alison Judd
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 & projects & our Trustees who have stepped down this year

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer