

1 st March	World Day of Prayer 1st This year's World Day of Prayer materials are produced by Christians in Palestine. These things are planned long in advance, but it seems to be particularly poignant this year. The theme of the service is taken from Ephesians, 'bearing with one another in love' – this is a good focus for all of us but, also, a good opportunity to listen to the voices of Palestinian women. Find a service to go to, or look at the wide range of resources here: https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2024-theme-and-country-palestine/
8 th March	Maggie is keynote speaker at Romford 'Come fly with me' event 9th ; Executive meeting 11th This is an important week for women: International Women's Day, Mothering Sunday and International Barbie Day(!). And 2024 marks 50 years of the ordination of women in the Methodist Church. Give thanks for those who have changed the role of women and pray for all those for whom change is slow in coming.
15 th March	Today is Red Nose Day – you probably know that! Red Nose Day attracts huge support and publicity – and money. Sometimes it can all get a little bit much! But let's celebrate people being moved to care and be generous – celebrities and ordinary people, rich and poor trying to do their little bit of good. And pray for those whose stories of need will be made public, and those whose stories will remain unknown.
22 nd March	Finance Task Group 25th We are beginning Holy Week. And so we pray: Lord Jesus, as you go into this week, give us the courage to stay alongside you and to be known as your disciples.
29 th March	Easter 31st Scripture promises us, 'A crown of beauty instead of ashes'. Easter is the assurance of God's promise. Sometimes it seems we dwell in the ashes and don't savour the crown of beauty! Pray for a week of love and light where you can see, and maybe be, the beauty of the resurrection in the life of the world.
5 th April	Executive meeting 8th ; Swanwick Task Group 10th On the Sunday after Easter, people often remember how Jesus walked alongside 2 disciples as they went home after the resurrection and was recognised as he sat and ate with them. Where do you find God in your home life? Sit and think about each room in your house and the doors where people go in and out. The British Methodist Church doesn't have a 'home blessing' service, but the United Methodists have one here: https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship/a-service-for-the-blessing-of-a-home
12 th April	Easter Offering service 14th Great Bentley, Essex – contact Maggie for zoom details It is very likely that this weekend sees the end of Ramadan. Our Muslim sisters and brothers will end their fasting with celebrations, visiting family and special food. It's also 'Siblings Day' and 'Pets Day'. Pray for those who share our lives as neighbours, family, friends and our beloved pets. Be thankful for the companionship we share and commit to build bridges where we find distance or difference.
19 th April	Epworth Old Rectory Trustees 18th – Ruth & Maggie; Swanwick Conference 19th – 21st Whether you are able to join the gathering of Methodist Women in Derbyshire this weekend or not, pray for all the women of the Methodist Church under our banner, 'For Women, For Justice , for Christ'.
26 th April	Ruth at Broomhall and Sound service 28th New ministers (presbyters and deacons) are looking towards moving from training at Queens into their first ministerial appointments. We pray for them as they embark on their journey.
3 rd May	Ruth at Alsager Peace & Justice Group 8th The 'Walking with Micah' materials from the Methodist Church encourage us to consider challenges that face us as we seek to be part of a justice-seeking church. Pray for all who: tackle inequality & poverty; enable a flourishing environment; seek justice for refugees; oppose discrimination and pursue peace.
10 th May	Easter Offering service Calvert Memorial church 12th zoom details from Maggie; Trustees & Ambassadors zoom meeting 13th ; Maggie keynote speaker at Cornwall District Day Penzance 14th As we continue to move forward and embrace changes as MWiB pray for all who serve as Trustees and Ambassadors; and all who organise local groups providing such valuable support to women of all ages.
17 th May	Garden Party at Epworth Old Rectory 18th ; Ruth at Easter Offering service Sandbach 19th We give thanks for generations of Methodist women who have served and witnessed to the faith, some of whom are celebrated and remembered within the Methodist Women's Collection at Epworth. Pray for all the women who serve and witness today both in the UK and across the world, our WFMUCW sisters.
24 th May	Wesley Day 24th Today we remember John Wesley's special experience of God at a meeting he wasn't looking forward to(!). Wesley was already very religious but now heart was warmed as he understood that God was about love and not more striving. We give thanks for the Wesley brothers and for a warm-hearted, whole hearted pattern of our Methodist life. Pray for our worldwide Methodist family and your local church.



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 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, Jacky Woor
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)