



Methodist Women  
in Britain

## Prayer Diary October to December 2017

### October

#### 7th October

Pray for the One Mission Forum meeting today, and Jill Barber as she leads it for the first time. At the beginning of Prisons Week we pray for those who minister in our prisons and with families affected by having a loved one in prison.

#### 14th October

We pray for the Methodist Council meeting at High Leigh on 16th–17th October and for wisdom in all their decision making. Pray for Alison Judd going to Rome 17th–20th October for the World Methodist Council steering committee.

#### 21st October

At the beginning of One World Week, which has as its theme, 'Good Neighbours – my world depends on us', we pray that God will show each of us how we can be good neighbours to those in our families, communities and across the world.

#### 28th October

Pray for our World Federation Day taking place today in Grimsby on the theme, 'Mind the Gap – Gender Equality in the 21st Century' we pray for all those taking part and those who will attend.

MWIB is the British Unit of  
The World Federation of  
Methodist and Uniting  
Church Women



*What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer*

### November

#### 4th November

Pray for the MWiB executive (Sandra Goodwin, Anne Browse, Carolyn Lawrence, Gillian Womersley and Jude Simms) as they take time out together on retreat in Cheshire this week. We also remember the women of North America and the MCCA as they meet for their Area Seminar 9th–12th November.

#### 11th November

As we observe Remembrance Day, we pray for all those who are going through bereavement and loss. We also pray for those men and women who serve in our armed forces and for the chaplains who seek to support them.

#### 18th November

Pray for the MWiB executive as they meet in London 21st–22nd November, that God will guide them in their discussions, planning and decision making. We also pray for the All We Can Board of Trustees meeting in London on 23rd as they work out the aims and values of the charity and seek to honour God in all the good they do around the world.

#### 25th November

As we mark 'Women Against Violence' Sunday we pray for those women in our own nation and around the world who suffer violence at the hands of those closest to them. We pray they will have the confidence and courage to stand against the violence, and pray for those who work to support and help those who are affected.

*"This, then, is how you should pray:*

*'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven.'*

Matthew 6:9–10

### December

#### 2nd December

At the beginning of the season of Advent we pray for all those who will attend carol services and Christmas events in the coming weeks that they will discover the light and love of Jesus afresh. On International Volunteers Day (5th December) we pray for all those around the world who willingly give of their time in different ways and pray that God will guide us in ways we can use our own time to be a blessing to others.

#### 9th December

As we mark the United Nations International Human Rights Day on 10th December we give thanks for the freedom we enjoy, and pray for those who do not have freedom of speech or worship, and those who are enslaved by poverty or fear.

#### 16th December

We pray for our Mission Partners around the world who will be celebrating Christmas far from loved ones at home. We also remember those in our world who have no place to call home this Christmas – the homeless, those who are displaced in their own lands or refugees in another country.

#### 23rd December

Remember those for whom Christmas can be a difficult time – for those who have lost a loved one or are alone, for those with financial problems and those who have difficult family relationships to cope with. We give thanks for the gift of Jesus and pray that his presence will be close to those who struggle.

#### 30th December

As 2017 draws to a close we reflect on God's sustaining love with us over the year and ask for his help and guidance for the year to come.

*'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."  
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

*Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)*



# Praying for Forum Reps and Methodist Women in Ireland

## Day 1

President Sandra Goodwin  
Vice President Anne Browse

## Day 2

London District Rep Patsy Constantine  
Dublin District (Ireland)  
MWI President *vacancy*  
World Fed Rep *vacancy*  
*[Pray that these vacancies may soon be filled]*

## Day 3

South East District Rep Credwyn Tolhurst  
Finance Officer Gillian Womersley

## Day 4

Beds, Essex & Herts District Rep Jenny Broadbridge  
Midlands & Southern District (Ireland)  
MWI President Gillian Kingston  
World Fed Rep Elsie McDonnell

## Day 5

Birmingham District Rep Diana Bosman  
Helen Kim Scholar (Britain) Rachel Allison

## Day 6

Bolton & Rochdale District Rep Anne Cash

## Day 7

Bristol District Rep Carolyn Buley  
Lakelands District (Ireland)  
MWI President Ruth Morrow  
World Fed Rep Marion Henderson

## Day 8

Synod Cymru Rep Margaret Morgan  
Wales Synod Rep Ronnie Dean

## Day 9

Cumbria District Rep Margaret Newrick

## Day 10

Channel Islands Rep Pam Gidney  
North West District (Ireland)  
MWI President Anne Fallows  
World Fed Rep Rachel Fallows

## Day 11

Chester & Stoke District Rep Chris Thompson

## Day 12

Cornwall District Rep Adrienne Simpson

## Day 13

Darlington District Rep Win Aston  
North East District (Ireland)  
MWI President Sally Rock  
World Fed Rep Joan Russell

## Day 14

East Anglia District Rep Ruth Arnold  
Women's World Day of Prayer Rep Irene Hayes

## Day 15

Isle of Man District Rep Lesley Bridson  
Belfast District (Ireland)  
MWI President Brenda-Anne Duncan  
World Fed Rep Violet Craig

## Day 16

Your local MWiB officers, activities, and projects

## Day 17

Lincolnshire District Rep Rita Rowe

## Day 18

Liverpool District Rep Janet Walton

## Day 19

Manchester & Stockport District Rep Angela Doyle

## Day 20

Newcastle-upon-Tyne District Rep Judy Tasker

## Day 21

Lancashire District Rep Wendy Bridgeman  
Down District (Ireland)  
MWI President *vacancy*  
*[Pray that the vacancy may soon be filled]*  
World Fed Rep Liz Russell

## Day 22

Nottingham and Derby District Rep Sue Palmer  
Communications Officer Jude Simms

## Day 23

Northamptonshire District Rep Nina Rawlins

## Day 24

Plymouth & Exeter District Rep Deborah Kirk  
Helen Kim Scholar (Ireland) Wanda Hogan

## Day 25

Sheffield District Rep Ann Taylor  
Portadown District (Ireland)  
MWI President Dorothy Harrison  
World Fed Rep Helen Moorehead

## Day 26

Southampton District Rep Hilary Evans  
WFM&UCW World President Alison Judd

## Day 27

Yorkshire West District Rep Glenys Vere

## Day 28

Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District Rep Joan Wickett

## Day 29

Yorkshire North & East District Rep Elaine Turner

## Day 30

Scotland District Rep Barbara Harrison  
Shetland District Rep Sylvia White

## Day 31

World Fed Area President Louise Wilson  
World Fed Area Vice President Carolyn Lawrence