

31 <sup>st</sup> May	On this day in 1911, the <i>RMS Titanic</i> was launched in Belfast, only to sink a year later on its maiden voyage. Let's pray today for people who are traveling long distances to an uncertain destination, especially for refugees and other displaced or homeless people who don't know if they will survive the journey, or be received if they arrive.
7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>8 Exec meeting</b> On this day in 1946, the BBC began broadcasting its television series again, having been off air for 7 years during WWII. Let's pray today for those who are rediscovering what peace looks like, and let's also pray for those for whom peace feels like a distant dream. Let's also remember to praise and thank God for the conflicts that have come to an end, internationally, and domestically.
14 <sup>th</sup> June	On this day in 2017, Grenfell Tower burnt down in London, killing 72 and injuring a further 74. Let's pray today for those people who are unsafe in their homes, and for those who have been displaced due to damage or danger. Let's especially pray for those people who are responsible for the safety of buildings, so that the Grenfell Tower tragedy might never repeat itself anywhere in the world.
21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>25/26 Exec meeting; 26 Vice Chair interviews; 27 FTG and Mary Bosanquet Lecture</b> On this day in 1957, Canada swore in its first female Cabinet Minister, Ellen Fairclough. Let's give thanks to God for the rights and freedoms women enjoy which are still relatively new, and let's pray for those places where women still don't have a voice in politics or leadership.
28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>27-1 Methodist Conference</b> On this day in 1838, Queen Victoria was crowned. Let's pray today for leaders and powerful public figures around the world, especially those who hold influence over the people. Let's pray especially for countries where leadership is disliked or uncertain.
5 <sup>th</sup> July	On this day in 1948, the National Health Service was created. Let's give thanks for the NHS and all the workers within it. Let's pray for the protection and continuation of the NHS, and let's pray for those people and countries who cannot access basic healthcare.
12 <sup>th</sup> July	On this day in 1971, the Australian Aboriginal flag was flown for the first time. Let's pray for all those around the world who still feel the sting of colonialism, and let's pray for a future in which different peoples can live together with peace and dignity.
19 <sup>th</sup> July	On this day in 1979, the largest ever ship-borne oil spill was caused by the collision of two oil tankers. Let's pray today for the health of our oceans and for those who are working hard to reverse the damage done to marine life by human irresponsibility.
26 <sup>th</sup> July	On this day in 2016, the Solar Impulse 2 became the first solar-powered aircraft to circumnavigate the Earth. Let's give thanks for scientific advancements that allow us to study and wonder at God's amazing creation, from the depths of the sea to distant galaxies.
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	On this day in 1776, exactly 250 years ago, the United States Declaration of Independence was signed. Let's pray for young countries, especially those still finding their feet after colonialism. Let's also pray particularly for the USA in these turbulent times, and pray for wisdom, discernment, and compassion from their leaders and public figures.
9 <sup>th</sup> August	On this day in 1907, the first ever Scout camp finished at Brownsea Island. Let's give thanks for all those organisations, especially those aimed at children, that are founded in Christ. Let's give thanks for the Scouts and the Boys' and Girls' Brigade which still gift joyful formative memories for the next generations.
16 <sup>th</sup> August	On this day in 1958, singer-songwriter, producer, actress, and director Madonna was born. Let's give thanks for those women who carved out space for other women in the music and film industries.
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	<b>25-29 WFMUCW 15<sup>th</sup> World Assembly Auckland New Zealand</b> On this day in 1948, the World Council of Churches was formed by 147 churches from 44 countries. Let's pray today for Christian unity and ecumenical initiatives worldwide. Let's also pray for those churches and Christians who act with hostility toward different denominations. As women from around the world gather in Auckland we pray for safe travelling and a time of blessing for all.
30 <sup>th</sup> August	On this day in 1797, Mary Shelley was born. Let's give thanks to women writers and artists who forged the way for other women in the arts, and for our foremothers who fought for rights and privileges which were already offered to men to be extended to women.



# Methodist Women in Britain



for women, for justice, for Christ

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

## Prayer Diary

June to August 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.*

<b>Day 1</b>	Methodist Women in Britain Cochairs: Leonora Wassell & Olive Ruzvidzo
<b>Day 2</b>	Helen Kim Scholars Britain & Ireland: Madeleine Reed & Heidi Hogan
<b>Day 3</b>	WFM&UCW World President: Sipiwe Chisvo & WFM&UCW President Emerita: Alison Judd
<b>Day 4</b>	London, Beds, Essex & Herts and South East MWiB Area Trustee: Annah Mwadiwa
<b>Day 5</b>	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Mid Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Jenny Parnell
<b>Day 6</b>	Bolton & Rochdale and Lancashire MWiB Area Trustee: Philippa Hill
<b>Day 7</b>	Methodist Women in Ireland All Ireland President: Alexa Brown
<b>Day 8</b>	Bristol and South Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Gillian Pengelly
<b>Day 9</b>	MWiB Ambassadors: Helen Cornick, Cynthia Bonds, Ruth Dawson, Margaret Dunn, Priscilla Samasuwo
<b>Day 10</b>	World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women
<b>Day 11</b>	Liverpool, Chester & Stoke, North Wales, Manchester & Stockport MWiB Area Trustee: Chris Thompson
<b>Day 12</b>	Methodist Women in Britain Communications Officer: Bronwen Braisdell
<b>Day 13</b>	Darlington, Newcastle and Cumbria MWiB Area Trustee: Debs Coggrave
<b>Day 14</b>	World Day of Prayer Representative: Charity Madenyika & MWiB Empowerment Gifts Sylvia White
<b>Day 15</b>	Methodist Women in Britain Resources Officer: Caroline Fillery
<b>Day 16</b>	Methodist Women in Ireland and Manx Methodist Women
<b>Day 17</b>	Lincolnshire and East Anglia MWiB Area Trustee: Rita Rowe
<b>Day 18</b>	Cornwall and Plymouth & Exeter MWiB Area
<b>Day 19</b>	Methodist Women in Britain Digital Media Coordinator: Ruth Dawson
<b>Day 20</b>	WFM&UCW Area President & Vice President: Barbara Easton & Wanda Hogan
<b>Day 21</b>	MWiB Ambassadors: Elizabeth Colley, Jacky Woor, Hazel Jackson, Susan Eldridge, Gillian Womersley, Sue Smith
<b>Day 22</b>	Methodist Women in Britain Finance Officer: Sheila Hall
<b>Day 23</b>	Notts & Derby and Northampton MWiB Area Trustee: Menesia Chikazi
<b>Day 24</b>	MWiB Ambassadors: Diana Bosman, Linda King, Maggie Woods, Nina Rawlins, Alison Richardson, Pam Gidney
<b>Day 25</b>	MWiB Ambassadors: Ann Taylor, Janet Thompson, Margaret Johnson, Brenda Stuart-White, Di Smart
<b>Day 26</b>	Southampton and Channel Islands MWiB Area Trustee: Liz Chick
<b>Day 27</b>	MWiB Ambassadors: Judith Oldroyd, Delphine Gratrix, Pamela Stenson, Becca Wakelin
<b>Day 28</b>	MWiB Ambassadors: Gwenda Humphries, Susan Murrell, Naledi Phaladi, Viv Lowe, Sue Nickson, Alison Judd
<b>Day 29</b>	Yorkshire West, Yorkshire North & East and Sheffield MWiB Area Trustee: Janice Clark
<b>Day 30</b>	Scotland and Shetland MWiB Area Trustee: Barbara Harrison
<b>Day 31</b>	Your local officers, activities & projects; Our new WFMUCW Trustees Izzy Salmon & Helen Cunningham

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

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