

**Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29**

**Please pray:**

- At a time when rhetoric is hostile and positions are polarised, for fear to be diminished through courageous conversation, informed discussion and encounter;
- at a time when European governments are shrinking the "protection space", for the continuation - and expansion - of programmes supporting safe and

legal admission to Italy of people in need of international protection;

- at a time when the church feels embattled and in decline, for a clear connection to be made between faith, action and the joy of engagement.

**Matthew Laferty—Italy—PH Day 29**

**Recently returned Mission Partners - PH Day 31**

**Rachel and Sylvester Deigh**

## MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2027

Same weekend—the one after the end of May Bank holiday but

**NOTE the DATE:**

**4th - 6th JUNE 2027**

at Cliff College, Calver, Hope Valley, Sheffield S32 3XG

### Pilgrimage to India

Methodists in World Mission are holding a **14 day pilgrimage** to northern India from **24th September to the 7th October**, visiting the Christian Community there and having time at both the Taj Mahal and the Golden temple, ending with a short retreat in the foothills of the Himalayas. **Places are still available.**

To express an interest please contact Inderjit Bhogal on:

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### Methodists in World Mission (MWM)

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Prayer requests for Autumn 2026 should reach Maggie by Aug 20th 2026 via email to [prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk](mailto:prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk)



**Methodists in World Mission**

# Prayer and Care

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**An update to the Prayer Handbook supporting our mission partners, district twinning and global connections**

**Please use with the Prayer Handbook (PH) – the days are highlighted - and copy/ forward to to others for wider circulation and in church newsletters.**

Both paper and electronic copies are available as well as further information in prayer letters and on the Global Relationships pages on the Methodist Church in Britain (MCB) website [Mission Partners - The Methodist Church](#)  
Contact the Global Relationships team or MWM if you need support to access further information. For the current Global Relationships e-news and updates on the use of the World Mission Fund by our partners see [www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/global-relationships/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/global-relationships/)

### Pray for the Global Relationships Team:

**Andy Dye:** Director of Global Relationships

**Rebecca Boardman:** Deputy Director of Global Relationships

**Vicky Royle:** Programmes Delivery Officer

**Barry Sloan:** Partnership Coordinator for Europe

**Andrew Ashdown:** Partnership Coordinator for Africa.

**Sandra Lopez:** Partnership Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean

**Sheila Norris:** Partnership Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific

And with a focus in Britain, **Nigel Cowgill:** Global Communities Officer

**Stella Townson:** Hong Kong Communities Support Officer

**Trudi Awuku:** World Mission Fund Officer

**Simon Bennett & Natalie Hastings:** Administrators

**Pray for World Church Partners working in the U.K.** - all who leave their homes to share in the mission and ministry of the church here in Britain.

For further news see: [People in Mission: Mission Partners, Nationals in Mission, Volunteers and the GR team - The Methodist Church](#)

**We continue to pray for all our partner churches across the world**, and for all who have experienced distress, sadness and loss from Climate change, natural disasters, war and violence, or other events around our world. This affirms our precious gift of prayer that we offer to each other both near and far.

**MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2027**

**Save the Date**

**4th—6th June 2027** at Cliff College

**More details will follow**

### Prayer requests from Mission Partners, Ministers overseas and District twinnings

We pray for all whether or not they have sent in specific prayer request. Please use the Prayer Handbook for details.

Loving God, we hold before you all who serve You through the Methodist Church across the world, often in difficult or challenging circumstances. May they know your presence and guidance, and may they know they are held and supported in prayer each and every day. Amen.

#### West Midlands District PH Day 3

Please pray for:

- their longstanding partnership (20 years) with the Free Methodist Church of Rwanda - which they will be celebrating when Bishop Samuel comes to the Methodist Conference in June;
- their links with the Methodist Church Zimbabwe.

#### Annekatherin and Matthias Buchold - South Africa - PH Day 6

#### Keith and Ida Waddell - Zambia - PH Day 7

We give thanks for:

- the surgical team, support staff, and patients attending UCZ Mwandu Mission General Hospital for the 60 life-changing operations, (15 were large goitres) carried out in the past 10 days;
- for protection and the good outcomes for all concerned;
- those who give so freely of their time, skills and resources to those in great medical need;
- all our supporters; who make the life and work at the hospital such a blessing for many.

Please pray for:

- our volunteer doctors, Anton, Lily and Tomas, ready working here and the Mission Teams planning to visit

Mwandu later this year, that travelling arrangements will not be affected by current world fuel problems;

- Keith and Ida and all the practicalities involved, as we purchase the truck and for a trouble-free delivery from South Africa.

#### Melissa Newall - Ecuador PH day 10

Give thanks and pray for:

- building plans finally underway in the church plant of Ongota – building is expected to start in May or June;
- close and deep relationships within the community I live and serve in, and that God will work through and in those;
- the young people in our church, some of whom have recently given their life to Christ, and others who are looking to learn leadership skills in the church.

#### Sarah Lowe – Guyana PH Day 11

#### South West Peninsula District link with the Diocese of Cuttack, Odisha, Church of North India PH Day 12

<https://swpmethodist.org.uk/cuttack/>  
The SW Peninsula District continues to develop its partnership with the Diocese of Cuttack. Cuttack Sunday was celebrated in various churches across the District on Sunday 15 February

2026, the Sunday before Lent. This year we were encouraged to focus particularly on the work of the Orissa Christian Theological College (OCTC).

We have always been keen to extend an invitation to our friends from the Diocese of Cuttack to come to the UK, and we are pleased to report that preparations are well underway for the visit of a group of 5 or 6 staff from the Orissa Christian Theological College in the second half of May 2026. The programme will include visits to various parts of the District, to John Wesley's New Room, Bristol, and The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. Our guests will also be contributing to the programme for the MWM Conference at Cliff College, the focus for which is Mission in South Asia.

Our prayers are that visas will be granted, and that the travel and arrangements being made will deepen our friendships and understanding, and prove to be a rich and fulfilling experience for our guests and hosts alike.

#### David Hardman - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

#### Isle of Man District twinned with Sierra Leone - PH day 15

#### Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20

#### North West England District - PH Day 24

*Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area link with PHAKAMISA:* a project of Pinetown Methodist Church in South Africa. We continue to pray for all the projects including the wandering schools, the

caregiver and beadwork groups and the gardening projects: the Gogo's gardens are currently looking incredible - a beautiful example of community spirit in action.

*Cumbria Mission Area Link with Argentina:* We give thanks for the links between Cumbria MWiB and FeMMA in Argentina (the equivalent of Methodist Women in Britain), who support each other and shared their conference theme, which included a focus on 50 years since military rule in Argentina when the 'disappeared' story began.

#### Barry and Gillian Sloan - Germany - PH Day 26

Please pray for:

- the outreach ministry of INSPIRE, our fresh expression of church in Chemnitz; that people's hearts and minds will be changed, and that the team members will continue to find wisdom in every encounter with the people they serve;
- Barry as he combines his work in INSPIRE with his work as Partnership Coordinator for Europe in the Global Relationships Team;
- Gillian as she serves in INSPIRE, keeping things running on a daily basis.

#### Southampton District link with Zambia -PH Day 26

Please pray for:

Zambia during the coming months campaigning for the national and local elections on August 13th.

Give thanks for:

the church growth in the UCZ, that has led to the establishment of a new presbytery - Lusaka East, and pray for the leader of this new presbytery, Bishop David Mujumila.