

Gillian Sloan
 John and Sharon Harbottle
 Jonathon and Isabel Hill
 Hans and Mary Van der Corput
 Gina and Malcolm Oliver
 Grace and Daniel Pratt Morris-
 Chapman, Kwame, John, Anna and
 Ewuradwowa
 Michael Tettey, Joanna, Joelle and
 Janelle
 Claire Smithson

Melissa Newell returning to Ecuador with
 SAMS Ireland (South American Mission
 Society)

Please pray for:

- planning permission to be granted soon in Ongota
- Fabiola, being ordained on Sunday 18th May
- all our activities, especially the comedor and English classes which will finish at the end of the school year at the end of June.
- Rev Geoff Hamilton, as he takes up his appointment in June with SAMS as Mission Director.

We continue to hold all those recently returned in our prayers: Malcolm Oliver

recently sent out his newsletter, which includes the following:
Whilst we have been so blessed over the past few years.. others have had a much more challenging journey...

- *We pray for those for whom the end of the Mission Partner program has been so traumatic.*
- *Those who have given their lives to serving God far away from their roots and often out of their comfort zone.*
- *Those who have had to say goodbye to longstanding colleagues and fellow professionals knowing that their work is not finished..and there is still so much to do.*
- *Keith and Ida Wardell who continue as Mission Partners (UCZ and Church of Scotland) in rural Zambia working and living in and around Mwandi Hospital in healthcare and supporting those with additional needs.*
- *The United Church of Zambia as it moves beyond celebrating 60 years since its inception, that it may be true to its calling and work with other churches and faith communities in seeking first God's Kingdom.*

MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2026

With a focus on South Asia, the Indian sub-continent and Pakistan.

29th - 31st May 2026

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Prayer requests for Autumn 2025 should reach Maggie by Sept 15th 2025 via email to prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk



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An update to the Prayer Handbook supporting our mission partners working across the world and in Britain

Please use with the Prayer Handbook (PH) – the days are highlighted - and copy 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/

Pray for the Global Relationships Team:

Andy Dye: Director of Global Relationships

Rebecca Boardman: Deputy Director for 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 news on incoming partners 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.

Save the date:

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Mission Partners Prayer Concerns and Requests

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

“Mighty Father we give thanks for our part in a world church. Bless all those who share in diverse ways across the mission of the church. May the message of the Gospel reach the hearts and minds of you children across the world.” Amen

Rachel and Sylvester Deigh – The Gambia – PH Day 2

We pray for Rachel and Sylvester who are now serving in The Gambia until the end of this Church year.

Birmingham District Link with the Kadoma District of the Zimbabwe Methodist Conference PH Day 5

Annekatherin and Matthias Buchold - South Africa - PH Day 6

Please pray for:

- the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, who's conference theme is "Awakening prophetic urgency and agency - Becoming an alternative community": may this church, as they engage with this theme more and more, walk in God's way towards the people outside the church, to bring healing to the world.
- the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, as they are on a "pilgrimage of renewal", preparing for the Mission Congress in September, what is held every 10 years, to refocus the church.
- the work of Matthias and Annkathrin, in being white, European mission partners in a country, that was exploited by colonialization and Apartheid and whose effects still affecting the live of society and church. May God help us, to see and hear and feel, before speaking and acting and let us grow in humanity.
- our furlough in Germany in June to July this year, that we can touch people hearts with our stories of God's church in the world. May God grant us travel mercies.
- our oldest son, who went back to Germany after Easter, to start an apprenticeship and will stay with the grandparents. May God guide all change

of our family life in this and bless his new ways.

Keith and Ida Waddell - Zambia - PH Day 7

South West Peninsula District and links with the Diocese of Cuttack, Odisha, Church of North India - PH Day 12

Cuttack Sunday was marked on the Sunday before Lent to inform and encourage support for the Partnership both in UK and in Cuttack. Particular prayers were offered for The Christian Hospital in Berhampur, Odisha, which recently celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the commencement of medical work in Berhampur. From the first missionary doctor in 1900 to the present day Director, Dr M K Nanda, there has been consistent leadership of this impressive facility. With the recent visionary renovations and rebuilding programmes, the hospital continues to expand its inclusive range of treatments to the community. It also supports two health clinics, which bring much needed maternal and health care to numerous rural communities. We thank God for his faithful provision over the years, and we pray that God will continue to call skilled and gifted people to serve within the hospital and its clinics.

The students of the Orissa Theological Training College in Gopalpur-on-Sea were also celebrating - a Valedictory Programme in April marked the conclusion of their 3 year theological and ministerial studies. For those who will now move on to pastor their own churches and congregations, please join in prayers that their ministries will be blessed and that they will find joy in their calling. We appreciate that the communities that they

serve can carry tensions and we pray that they will be protected, and find people of peace to support and encourage them. We pray too for those who continue at the OCTC, both staff and students, coping with the challenges of funding.

David Hardman - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

Sarah Lowe – Sri Lanka – PH Day 16 Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20

Northampton District Twinned with the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon - PH Day 23

North West England District PH Day 24 Cumbria Mission area link with Argentina -

Good Friday 2025 included a ‘first’ for the Cumbria – Argentina partnership when 4 Cumbrian women shared in a Good Friday time of reflection with women from across Argentina through a Zoom link. It had been an enthusiastic and spontaneous invitation from Ana Bustos, co-ordinator of ‘FeMMA’ (the Argentine equivalent of MWiB), with little opportunity to prepare! However, what couldn’t be understood in all the talking in Spanish was conveyed through the warmth of participants in Argentina to each other and to ‘Cumbria’!

We also pray for the NWED’s other district links:

- Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area with PHAKAMISA.
- Lancashire mission area partnerships with Uruguay, Papua New Guinea and Sierre Leone.

Barry and Gillian Sloan - Germany - PH Day 26

Southampton District link with Zambia - PH Day 26

Through Jenny Featherstone (a past Mission Partner now living in Zambia) and my other Zambian links, the main needs for prayer are:

- the effects of climate change and the need for rain is the main concern but if the rains are too heavy then crops are washed away.
- Pray for Jenny Featherstone’s work with those who are recovering alcoholics in Choma and for her work with Happy Planet in making brickettes out of biomass so that trees are not cut down for charcoal.
- The current Government has now made secondary school free for all but there is a massive shortage of schools and teachers, and class sizes are often about 90plus
- Also, the state School Uniform policy means that many poor children continue to be excluded from education.
- For the United Church of Zambia: give thanks and pray for the lay leadership and discipleship, which are essential for the mission and ministry of the UCZ.

Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29

Please pray for Fiona, who recently attended the Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME), a body to which, among others, the Church of Scotland, Methodist Church in Britain and the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy all belong. She was there at the invitation of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) to participate in the second Africa Europe Ecumenical Forum on Migration. For Forum participants, this was an opportunity to deepen understanding as well as to strengthen relations between the AACC and CCME. We all acknowledge how important it is for those working on migration to be aware of different geographical and political perspectives and, indeed, to work together to advocate for change.

Matthew Laferty—Italy—PH Day 29

Recently returned Mission Partners - PH Day 31

Karen and Ray Borg
Chris and Linda Haines