

- Barry in his role as Partnership Coordinator for Europe, as he supports the wider work of the Global Relationships Team to raise awareness of the world church.

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

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty of your creation and for the land of Zambia. We lift up our nation and its leaders, praying for wisdom, knowledge, and a deep sense of responsibility to protect the environment. Please pray: for Jenny Featherstone, (former Mission Partner) and her work with Happy Planet, trying to prevent the cutting down of trees for charcoal by making sustainable cooking bricks.

- that the means is found to pay the staff of Chodort Training centre at the end of September who are struggling

because they have not been paid for 3 months

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

Fiona continues in her role as European and Legal Affairs Advisor, with Mediterranean Hope, funded through other partners. Please continue to hold her and all she is involved with in your prayers.

#### **Matthew Laferty—Italy—PH Day 29**

Director of the Methodist Ecumenical office in Rome, working through GBGM (United Methodist Church).

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

##### **Rachel and Sylvester Deigh**

Rachel has been appointed as the Chair of the new West Midlands District—see day 3 in the PH

**Watch out for details of our ZOOM conference coming soon.  
Mission in the Indian Sub Continent**

**Also put this in your diary NOW:**

### **MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2026**

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

**29th - 31st May 2026** at Cliff College

Details to follow later

For more information go to [mwm.org.uk/conferences/](http://mwm.org.uk/conferences/)

#### **Methodists for World Mission (MWM)**

[www.mwm.org.uk](http://www.mwm.org.uk)

**President:** John Howard

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**MWM Prayer and Care coordinator:**

Maggie Patchett

**Prayer requests for Winter 2025 should reach**

**Maggie by Dec 15th 2025 via email to**

**[prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk](mailto:prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk)**



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# *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 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](http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission-partners). 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 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](http://www.methodist.org.uk/people-in-mission)

**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.

**EXTRA!**

**ZOOM online conference coming soon:**

**Mission in the Indian Sub Continent**

**Look out for details!**

### **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.

*Great God who spans all the world and beyond, comfort and protect all those who have left their homes and families to witness for you in unfamiliar places. May we welcome those we meet and support those who need our help, through Jesus Christ our loving Saviour. Amen.*

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

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

- Praise our Lord for the continuing relationships between Mwandi Mission General Hospital, Zambian Government and the Churches Health Association, as we transition from a Primary Care to a Specialist Facility.

Give thanks for :

- the new Gender-Based Violence Survivors One-Stop-Centre, which has been recently opened at the hospital; pray that the local community will see God's love in action;
- God's abundance, nationally, in the recent maize harvest; Pray for the price of mealie-meal to fall and for its availability and affordability for all.
- the Mission Team; for their integrity and diligence. Pray for their well-being and refreshing in their family times.

Please continue to pray for Keith, Ida and family, in their live and work, giving thanks to God for his help and provision.

#### **Melissa Newall - Ecuador - PH day 10**

##### **Please pray for:**

- Melissa, now supported by SAMS, as she enters her 5th year as a Mission Partner; for the renewal of the Holy Spirit in her work and on the Ecuadorian church;
- the newly elected Bishop of the Methodist Church in Ecuador, Rev. Silvio Cevallos;
- travelling mercies, after a very heavy rainy season, which made travel difficult;
- children's church activities which recommence with the new school year.

#### **Sarah Lowe – Guyana – PH Day 11**

**Please pray for** Sarah, recently moved from Sri Lanka to Guyana, that she settles in well.

#### **Haiti - Day 11**

As gangs continue to disrupt school, church and civic life we pray for the educational work and establishments: for children and teachers; school boards and governors; ancillary staff and parents; for Sunday schools, youth groups and uniformed organisations, that their resilience may be rooted in their faith in Jesus.

*Sharon and John Harbottle*

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

<https://swpmethodist.org.uk/cuttack/>  
Please pray for

- The District as it prepares to host a visit from some students and staff from the Orissa Christian Theological College in Gopalpur-on-Sea, hopefully in Spring 2026
- the 28 new students recently enrolled and for the continuing students, especially those from rural and economically disadvantaged families, giving thanks for their quiet strength and determination. (hear/read about the College here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRj9dj-vn10](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRj9dj-vn10) )
- the Christian Hospital at Berhampur, its Director Dr Nanda, the staff and the nurses' school as they continue to offer the best care to their patients.
- friends in the Christian Organisation for Education and Development, and the small English-medium nursery for the children of some of the lowest paid workers and daily labourers in Puri.

- our partners who face political, social and financial pressures because of their Christian commitment. We give thanks for faithful witness and prayer, and for a profound commitment to mission and ministry that is inspirational.

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

David, due to return to Jerusalem in early September, asks for prayers for:

- Ceasefire
- Release of Israeli Hostages and Palestinians on Administrative Detention
- International Leaders, as more countries pledge to recognise Palestine as a state, that this may lead to meaningful process that will lead to lasting justice and peace
- For all the Palestinian communities threatened by the violent settler movement
- All those in the region, Israeli and Palestinian, who commit to seek peace through non-violent resistance to Israeli policies of occupation, war and oppression

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

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

##### **Please pray:**

- For the new Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, Bishop Miki Hans Abia giving thanks for his successful visit to the UK which is helping to strengthen the links between our two denominations;
- for the mission and ministry of the Cameroon Women's and Men's fellowship not only in this country but throughout the world;
- for peace with justice and reconciliation as the peoples of Cameroon vote in the upcoming Presidential elections;
- that our District will continue to strengthen our links with our brothers and sisters in Cameroon in this new Connexional year.

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

*Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area link with PHAKAMISA:*

Phakamisa is a ministry of Pinetown Methodist church near Durban in South Africa, and exists to serve and uplift impoverished communities through the provision of Educational training resourcing and support. Please hold Zethu Kuzwayo, the Director, in your prayers as she attends the NWED Synod, and her others visits in the UK in September. For more information see <https://phakamisa.org/>

#### *Cumbria Mission Area Link with Argentina:*

Give thanks for over 20 years of the Cumbria Argentina Partnership: for all that has been, all that continues to be and all that is still to come.

Please pray:

- that recent changes - Cumbria becoming a single circuit and the previous Cumbria District being part of the North West of England District - will strengthen the Partnership and offer possibilities for wider cooperation.
- for the people of Argentina and the challenges they face: economic, political, social and environmental:
- For strength for the leadership of the Methodist Church in Argentina (IEMA) as they give voice to the gospel message and seek justice for those marginalised.
- pray for the mitigation of the effects of climate change after a year that has witnessed severe floods and fires.

We continue to remember the Methodist women of Argentina and their meaningful connections with Methodist Women in Britain in Cumbria.

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

##### **Please pray for:**

- Barry and Gillian as they continue to lead the Fresh Expression ministry of INSPIRE in Chemnitz, and especially for the start of their new small group for seekers.