

Hot off the Press

The date for the 2026 WDP Gathering has been set. It will be held on **Saturday the 13th of June** and the theme will be **“United in Prayer for Justice and Peace”** (which is also the theme for the 2027 WDP Service)

Further details will be available early in the new year but please **keep the date free**

With this Newsletter you will find enclosed;

- Your order form and report form (your organiser number is on this sheet. Please use it with all correspondence)
- Gift Aid forms to give out at your service
- Giro form - if applicable
- Invitation to our AGM - hybrid
- Report from Scottish Bible Society

Please note - Order and report forms should be returned as soon as possible and **no later than the end of April.**

- **Offerings** – Can be banked using the Sort Code 83-20-06 and Account No. 18873111 or using the paying-in slip or sending a cheque to the Treasurer made payable to **WDP Scotland** as soon as possible after the service. Using the donate button on the WDP website which can also be used to bank offerings/donations.
- If you have ideas about what you would like mentioned in future newsletters, please email Marjorie;
marjoriepaton.wdp@btinternet.com
- **Check out our website and/or find us on Facebook**
www.wdpScotland.org.uk

World Day of Prayer

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We hope you are looking forward to, and preparing for, the service for 2026 which has been written by the women of

Nigeria with the theme:

“I Will Give You Rest: Come”

Matthew 11:28-30



A Note from the Convenor

I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year festivities and life has returned to normal. It is a very stressful period and brings a lot of difficulties as well as joy. It is good to focus on the meaning of the season – the tidings of great joy heralding that our God is an Incarnate God well able to comprehend the downs as well as the ups of human life.

It is maybe now at the beginning of the year that we can perhaps most appreciate the theme of WDP 2026 – *I will bring you rest*.

I would like to share with you one of the sadnesses of 2025 for the National Committee. Rosana James died in September 2025. Rosana only joined the committee in April of 2025 representing the Union of Catholic Mothers. In those few months however she had shown herself to be an energetic, willing and above all insightful committee

member and we were all looking forward to working together over a number of years. Sadly this was not to be. We all feel the better for having known her even over a short period and remember her family and friends in their loss.



Countdown to the World Day of Prayer

This will be on our website and Facebook page. Please join us for these reflections and Prayers. This year we are asking the leaders of Christian churches to lead them

Trilateral Meeting

The Scottish Committee are in talks with the committees of Ireland and England, Wales and Northern Ireland to re-establish a trilateral meeting to share ideas, fellowship and ideas for 2027

Meeting of Young European Women

Tanja Povsner of Slovenia is setting up a group of Young Women to work together in fellowship and friendship. Scotland is represented by Kathryn Howe of the Salvation Army

Prayer Partners

Following on from The European meeting in June it was decided to try to meet with our prayer partners more often. Scotland is in prayer partnership with Croatia (Senka Sestak Peterlin) and Hungary (Rev Eva Gerofi and Rev Marta Pinter) We will meet 4 times a year for prayer with our next meeting being on 28th January, led by Hungary.

Meeting with German WDP

We are invited to join an online meeting (in English / German) on the evening of February 12th. Nigerian women who fled to Germany will be talking about their country. Zoom details from Marjorie

Messy Church 2026

The committee of England, Wales and Northern Ireland have commissioned a programme for 2026 and would be delighted if you would like to use it. It is on their website www.wwdp.org.uk

2027

We celebrate 100 years of World Day of Prayer. Why not invite a speaker to show appt on WDP Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow or to show a video of how WDP began. Contact Marjorie who will arrange.