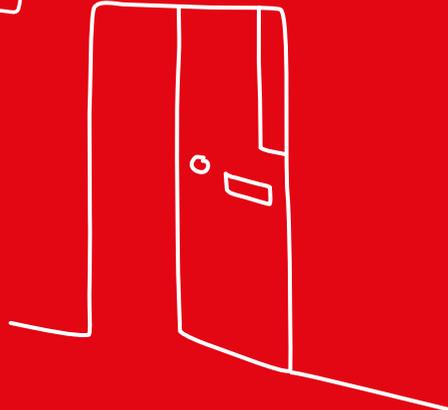
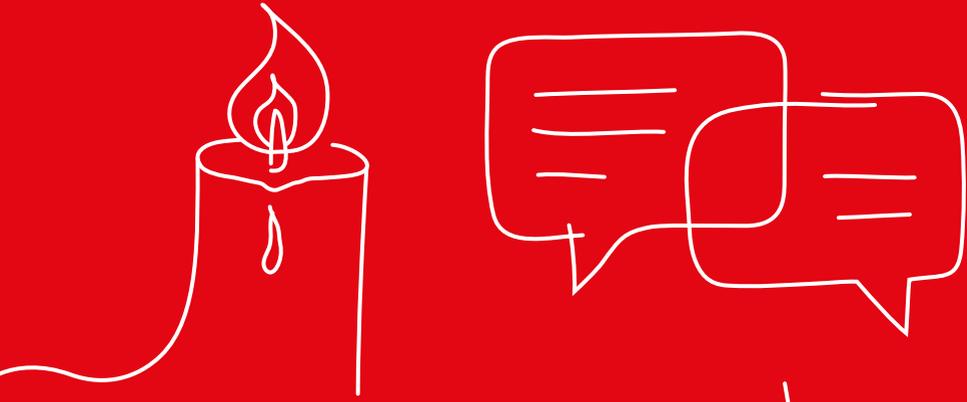


WEST LONDON MISSION

PRAYER DIARY 2022



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Transforming lives since 1887

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The West London Mission is a Circuit of the Methodist Church. It has two city-centre churches at Hinde Street in Marylebone and King's Cross, and three areas of mission which are priorities for the churches and circuit:

1. The WLM Services offers a wide range of services to enable people to develop their potential. It employs over 65 staff in different locations around London.
2. Students' and young adults' ministry, in both churches and at Methodist Chaplaincy House which is a student community at King's Cross.
3. Reflection on working faithfully enabled by our workplace minister.

All this work is an expression of our historic roots and our inclusive Christian ethos.

Each of the churches engages in worship, learning and caring, service, and evangelism, in ways that reflect Methodist tradition and their distinctive identity, history and context.

God of transformation, pour out your Spirit on the life and work of the West London Mission we pray.

Through your grace, we watch in hope for lives to be changed through encounters with the diverse outreach of the Mission.

As we hear Christ's call to unity within our diversity, may we be ready to proclaim the gospel of love for all.

Amen.

 **DAY 1****The West London Mission Circuit**

God of truth and love, your mission throughout the ages has been to bless your children. We praise you that such blessing has been made known through the West London Mission; its churches and its social action. We thank you for those who have faithfully served in ages past and for all who currently fulfil your mission. The Mission has always responded to changing circumstances; keep us alive to the movement of your Spirit guiding us to new opportunities.

 **DAY 2****The life and witness of King's Cross Methodist Church**

- Give thanks for the Cantonese, Mandarin, and International services and for the work with children and young people, and the BBC group.
- Pray especially for migrants arriving in Britain from Hong Kong and China and finding a home in the church.
- Pray for the ministers, lay workers and for the leadership team.
- Pray too for wisdom in planning for redevelopment.

 **DAY 3****The life and witness of Hinde Street Methodist Church**

- Pray for all who enable worship, in church and on Zoom; give thanks that emerging from the challenges of the pandemic, new ways of connecting people have been discovered.
- Pray for the Classes, their leaders and deputies, that through them, each Class member may be cared for pastorally, and meeting in Class, share in learning, prayer and fellowship, that the body of Christ may be developed.
- Pray for all who are following up the stewardship campaign and for continued growth.

 **DAY 4****The circuit churches staff team**

- Pray for ministers, lay workers, administration staff, circuit and church stewards, who in partnership, lead the work of the churches. Pray especially for those who are new to their roles.
- Pray for wisdom from the Spirit as churches seek new lay employees to enable mission.
- Pray for discernment for all involved in the ministerial invitation process.
- Pray for the monthly meeting of ministers and the monthly circuit staff meeting; give thanks for the prayer, learning and support of both meetings and staff meetings in churches.



DAY 5

Working in a strength based way across the WLM Services

- Give thanks for the work done and continuing to be done to work in a strength based way in all the WLM Services.
- Pray for everyone to grasp a renewed vision of how we work and to embed our ethos and values in the everyday.
- Pray that the WLM Services remain open and curious to explore ways of working that are proven to help people through tough times into a life well lived.
- Pray for all the WLM Services teams.



DAY 6

The Hinde Street communities

- Give thanks for the two communities at Hinde Street and for the 11 people in their 20s and 30s; for the life and vitality they each bring to the church.
- Pray that deep and mutual relationships will continue to develop between the church and all community members, to enable flourishing for all.
- Give thanks for all the work the Community Management Group do to enable the communities to run smoothly; and for the support given by the community visitors.



John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.



DAY 7

Our work offering affordable, professional counselling

- Give thanks for the quality work of the volunteer counsellors and assessors at WLM Highbury Counselling Centre (HCC) and the purchase of a bespoke centre at Woodfall Road.
- Pray for enough resourcing to run the community clinic safely, and for successful partnerships with other Mental Health and Community services, especially in response to the pandemic.
- Pray that HCC remains accessible to people asking for support, and that therapists in training will offer their time as counsellors.
- Pray for the manager, counsellors, staff team, supervisors and steering group.



DAY 8

Methodist Chaplaincy House

- Give thanks for the new community of students formed each year in Methodist Chaplaincy House.
- Pray that all the residents may feel at home and share with each other in building a thriving, caring community, where each person may grow and flourish.
- Pray for a greater integration of MCH into the life of King's Cross Church and for the church to supportively engage with MCH.
- Pray for the students, centre manager, warden, the Christian Community Interns, and the management committee.



DAY 9

Our work with people from a person led, transitional, strength based position

- Give thanks for our partnership with the Mayday Trust who are helping us to move to an asset, strength based way of working.
- Pray for growing understanding of the changing culture across the WLM Services.
- Pray for people who use our services to take up the offer of one to one coaching through the personal transition service.
- Pray for the two asset coaches spearheading this work.



DAY 10

The Chinese congregations at King's Cross Methodist Church and in the UK

- Give thanks for the Chinese Methodist churches / groups in the UK.
- Pray they will seize the moment to creatively and warmly welcome the influx of new migrants (British National Overseas) from Hong Kong, China.
- Pray for the ministry of hospitality and care to meet the needs of the new migrants and initiatives to provide discipleship.
- Pray that believers will boldly yet gently demonstrate their faith.
- Pray for the wellbeing of the ordained ministers, lay workers, staff, volunteers, and their families.



DAY 11

Our work in promoting financial resilience and helping people to thrive in a digital world

- Give thanks for developing partnerships at St Luke's Hub with the local community.
- Pray for the strengthening of relationships with local organizations and the community around St Luke's Hub.
- Pray the work of the hub becomes more accessible to the local community.
- Pray for the work of the manager, the team and volunteers.



DAY 12

Our work with students and young adults at King's Cross and Hinde Street

- Give thanks for all that students and young adults offer, praying that they will be valued in church and society.
- Pray for Christ Renewing Eternally Within (CREW), the King's Cross student and young adult fellowship, its members and leaders, welcoming all to explore Christianity in an open environment, sharing and supporting each other in their faith.
- Give thanks for 'Soul Food' and Bible Study at Hinde Street; that young adults and students will experience a sense of God's community.



DAY 13

Those who use church premises at King's Cross and Hinde Street and links with the wider communities in which we are placed

- Pray for users of the 12 Step Groups at Hinde Street and the Christian Centre for Gambling Rehabilitation at King's Cross, that in their meeting together, they may find strength in one another.
- Pray for choirs, schools and community groups who have made Hinde Street and King's Cross a home.

- May Hinde Street and King's Cross continue to offer welcoming hospitality as groups return to meeting in person.



DAY 14

Our work offering support and rehabilitation for those leaving prison

- Give thanks for WLM Katherine Price Hughes Approved Premises (KPH) working with men transitioning into the community.
- Pray that they may make the most of what is offered, and that key-working sessions and purposeful activities will help with successful transition and positive changes.
- Pray that those dealing with depression and anxiety might find peace and joy.
- Pray for our partnership with the National Probation Service under the Ministry of Justice, and options to expand.
- Pray for the managers, staff team, and partner agencies in the work.



John Wesley
1703-1791

Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?



DAY 15

The London District of the Methodist Church

- Pray for the Chairs and their district team; for grace and peace to infuse their leadership across such a wide and diverse people.
- Pray for each circuit, each Superintendent and leadership team, all facing similar challenges to the West London Mission.
- Pray for the district as it develops a new vision and mission, in the context of challenging resources and the legacy of the pandemic.



DAY 16

Our work at WLM St Luke's offering affordable accommodation for working people

- Give thanks for the sense of community amongst the people living at WLM St Luke's.
- Pray for those living in St Luke's key worker accommodation.
- Pray for all those living at St Luke's that they may find it a safe and welcoming home where they can thrive.
- Pray for the work of the manager and the team.



DAY 17

Our work with Chinese immigrants and asylum seekers

- Give thanks for those who have become permanent residents in the UK.

- Pray for the returnees to their respective homeland, that they will be a generation who model Christian faith among their peers.
- Pray for the many devoted volunteers and diligent staff that offer pioneering hospitality among the new migrants from Hong Kong.
- Pray for the leadership team to model and advocate hospitality, equality and safety for the Chinese immigrants now facing unprecedented discrimination in the host society.



DAY 18

Our work of resourcing the front line through the WLM Central Office staff team

- Give thanks for developing integrated working across all WLM.
- Pray for the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Office WLM Services overseeing and developing the work.
- Pray for the Senior Leadership Team in their strategic role for the WLM Services.
- Pray for the Finance team overseeing the administration of funds.
- Pray for the Facilities team overseeing the health and safety and quality of our buildings.
- Pray for the HR Manager and team enabling supportive, fair dealings with all HR matters.

 1 John 3:18

*Let us not love with words
or speech but with actions
and in truth.*

DAY 19

The churches' work with people dealing with poor housing or a period of homelessness

- Give thanks for the circuit churches' work with people dealing with poor housing or a period of homelessness.
- Pray for the Wednesday and Thursday clubs at Hinde Street and for the Friday Club, with links to the Euston Foodbank at King's Cross.
- Give thanks for the faithful volunteers at these activities, praying that the hospitality offered may be mutually transformative.
- Pray for the involvement in the winter night services based in hotels.

DAY 20

Our work supporting faith and spirituality in the WLM Services

- Give thanks for the way in which faithful visiting in the WLM Services enables profound conversations to emerge.

- Pray for sensitive chaplaincy support for staff and the development of the well-being agenda across the organization.
- Pray for wisdom to flex chaplaincy in response to changes in services and in the light of the pandemic.
- Pray for the Head of Faith and Spirituality and the chaplaincy volunteers.

DAY 21

The income generation for our work

- Give thanks that God provides all that is necessary to do this work, through, charitable trusts, grants, statutory funding, corporate supporters, churches, schools community groups and individual donations.
- Pray for all involved in fundraising – that they are inspired by a vision of the difference that can be made.
- Pray for those involved in events and challenges on our behalf.
- Pray for the fundraising and communications staff team, and the volunteers who assist them.

DAY 22

Our links with other worshipping communities

- Give thanks for ecumenical partners, Camden Faith group, in King's Cross and the covenant between Hinde Street and Marylebone Parish Church.
- Give thanks for partnerships with other faiths, churches and community groups, so that together, we may see that there is far more which unites us, than divides us.

DAY 23

Our life as worshipping communities and all who lead worship

- Give thanks that women and men are called to lead worship and preach, bringing Good News to all in a variety of ways.
- Pray for all who lead worship; local preachers, worship leaders, ministers, readers, musicians and Junior Church leaders.
- Pray for Local Preachers in training and for the Local Preachers' Meeting, which has shared a greater fellowship since being on Zoom.
- Pray that a new generation of people might hear a call to lead and preach.



DAY 24

The International Service at King's Cross

- Give thanks for continuing weekly worship and for the commitment and shared vision of the leadership team to 'Enriching discipleship and making Christ known'.
- Pray for all who share in leading worship and for all the congregation and their support and care of each other through these times.
- Pray for a continuing sense of community with residents at MCH and that everyone will deepen their relationship with God and each other, through the different fellowship groups.

DAY 25

Our work out of WLM Seymour Place with people experiencing a period of homelessness

- Give thanks for the continuing history of WLM in enabling people to move on positively from a spell of homelessness.
- Pray for successful partnership with Housing Justice in WLM Winter Spaces that helps working people needing housing into hotel provision over the winter.
- Pray for WLM's partnerships with the NHS Homeless Health team, The House of Cinn bakers who make use of the kitchen, and for future partners that will enrich WLM Seymour Place Hub.
- Pray for all who work in these areas.

DAY 26

The church and circuit committees

- Pray for those who serve on the Circuit committees, that together, we may constantly work towards achieving good governance.
- Pray for those who manage finance and property on our behalf, that through their wisdom, our resources may be carefully and creatively managed.
- Pray for the Circuit Stewards and the leadership team, as they work together to develop strategy.



DAY 27

Our workplace ministry

- Pray for the pleasures and sorrows of work, paid and unpaid, known and unknown, and give thanks for the businesses and public and voluntary organisations that provide work.
- Pray for all those whose work or education has been adversely affected by COVID-19.
- Pray for those who are unemployed and seeking work, and people unable to work due to ill health.
- Pray for the 'Working Faithfully Project' and for our workplace minister.
- Pray for those who are retired and working in a different way.

DAY 28

The work in the circuit with young people and children

- Give thanks for the opportunity to work with children and young people at King's Cross and Hinde Street.
- Pray for children and young people who take part in Sunday groups.
- Pray for wisdom, understanding, love and grace for all who work with children and young people that they may model Christian faith.

DAY 29

Our work offering supported housing to ex-military personnel experiencing a period of homelessness

- Give thanks for the partnerships that the team at WLM Burgess Park House and WLM Cherry Tree House have developed with The Royal British Legion, SSAFA, Veteran's Aid, STOLL and other agencies.
- Give thanks for each donation and the support the services receive.
- Pray that the residents take up opportunities to thrive during their time with the service.
- Pray residents utilise their strengths and skills to sustain themselves in their new accommodation.
- Pray for the work of the manager and the team.

DAY 30 & 31

Deepening spirituality and theological reflection

- Pray and give thanks for, the many ways conversations about spirituality take place; whether through the churches, in the Services, in MCH or at the workplace.
- Remember the people whose lives are transformed by meditation, art, prayer or small fellowship groups, which create communities where people can support one another.
- Pray that through theological reflection, the purposes of the West London Mission may be prayerfully developed, that everyone may thrive, and know God's love.
- Pray that behind all the practicalities that have to be sorted, people will hold fast to a vision of the Kingdom of God and the part the circuit can play in the mission of God.

 **Teresa of Avila**
1515-1582

Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with my heart.



WLM Burgess Park House



WLM St Luke's



WLM Katherine Price Hughes House



WLM Highbury Counselling Centre, Woodfall Road



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