# CDs are not being produced this year, but pictures may be accessed on our website www.wdpscotland.org.uk

# 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
- Preparation sheet

<u>Please note</u> - 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 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
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# **World Day of Prayer**



# January 2025 news letter

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We hope you are looking forward to, and preparing for, the service for 2025 which has been written by the women of the Cook Islands with the theme: "I have heard about your faith".

## **Writing Committee of The Cook Islands**



### **Scottish Committee**

We were sad to say farewell to Anna Claar and Mary Welsh but are delighted that Lorna Cammock has joined us as the rep. of the Congregational Federation.

## A Note from the Vice Convenor

I have been thinking about the variety of new years that We celebrate. As I write we are about to celebrate the final Sunday in the Church Year and there are of course calendar years, academic years and financial ones. But what of WDP? Many of you may feel that the WDP year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March just after the Service. For your National Committee however it is very different. We meet in retreat at the end of October every year and that marks our new year as we turn to the new materials received from the writing country. The committee therefore is now preparing the materials from

Nigeria to be used in the Service in March 2026.



Happy New Year



#### **Treasurers Report**

On behalf of the Scottish Committee, I would like to extend our thanks to all those who works so hard to bring the WDP service to Churches, Groups, Schools, Hospitals and Care Homes.

We would also like to thank all those who make offerings or donations for the continuing work that the WDP carry out.

When paying offerings/donations into the bank via BACs could you please ensure that the Organiser No, the name of the person paying or the Church in the reference field please.

### **European Meeting**

June 2025 – We, the Scottish Committee, are delighted that the European Committee invited us to host the European Meeting in Edinburgh from  $11^{th}$ –  $16^{th}$  June 2025

In June we met with Edith and Senka our European Representatives who serve on the International World Day of Prayer Committee. They were very impressed with the accommodation in Pollok Halls situated within Edinburgh University and agreed it was a beautiful setting for delegates who will be attending the meeting in June 2025. The sub-committee - Ann, Suzanne and Marjorie, have met regularly by Zoom with Edith and Senka as we plan the programme for hopefully 80 delegates from around Europe. A hymn has been composed which reflects the theme for the meeting 'United in Prayer for Justice and Peace'.

Please continue to support us in prayer as we prepare to welcome our sisters in Christ from around Europe to share fellowship with us in Edinburgh. There will be challenges ahead but in the words of Philippians 4 v 6 "Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God".

Ann M C Bowie

#### The Gathering

"United in Hope" the 2025 Gathering will be held at Park Church in Stirling on either the 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Speakers and activities we can all join in with are being planned. Further information will be provided later. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible being able to attend.

#### **Messy Church**

If you wish to use messy church, they have a programme based on Psalm 139 and you can access this on their website.

https://www.messychurch.brf.org.uk .We are in conversation with Messy Church about the [possibility of commissioning a Messy Church for 2027 to celebrate 100 years of WDP.