

### **What is going on in Newcastle, Darlington and Cumbria Area**

A number of local residential events are held at a local retreat centre in the spring and autumn. Popular sites are Minsteracres, near Corbridge, or Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands. At these events, usually spanning two days, there is a key-note speaker and opportunities to meet like-minded women, to relax in beautiful surroundings, to worship together and to learn from one another.

Each 'Area' has their own events, which include times of fun, faith and fellowship. These include specific services, Afternoon teas, World Church Days and Days of Spiritual Creativity.....details of these and many more can be found on the local programme.

An Annual Connexional MWiB Weekend Conference is held in April at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

An area may support different projects, different activities etc and by means of car-sharing transportation is made easier. Don't be shy, contact your nearest Ambassador to find out what is happening in your immediate area.



*For women, for justice, for*  
*Christ*

### **Who are Methodist Women in Britain?**

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) is not an organization, it is a movement and every woman in the Methodist Church is part of this movement. There is a lot going on and we enjoy good fellowship and lively discussion.....do come and join us.

## **Aims**

- To bring women together, in order that we can encourage one another to know Christ and to make him known.
- To encourage, resource and train women in the Methodist Church, to equip them to participate more fully in the world church and in society.
- To connect women in this country with women overseas, working in partnership with others to raise awareness of and to act upon issues of social justice around the world.

### **These Aims are achieved by:**

Providing fellowship and training events, varying from one day events to residential conferences.

Producing various resources and publications

Highlighting areas of need and raising awareness as well as raising funds in order to support our partners and agencies.

### **Organizational Set-up**

At national level we have two Co-Chairs, Ruth Parrott and Maggie Wood, together they seek to co-ordinate the work and the outreach of MWiB and work closely with the Executive Committee. Recent changes in the organization mean that instead of using the 21 Methodist Districts there are now 12 new AREAS, each one has an appointed TRUSTEE and several AMBASSADORS. Trustees, together with the MWiB Executive come together twice a year at FORUM. New ideas, new initiatives and new

information are fed to the Ambassadors, who seek to disseminate information, act as a go-between and an encourager.

For more information visit: [www.mwib.org.uk](http://www.mwib.org.uk)

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