

## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

On Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 over 3 million people world wide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual event known as The Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP). The WWDP is an interdenominational and international movement carried out by Christian women of many traditions in more than 170 countries and islands and it is always held on the first Friday in March.. One has to imagine a great wave of prayer sweeping the world, starting with a service in the Queen Salote Girls School in Tonga and ending, 35 hours later, with a service in neighbouring Fiji. Each year, the theme for the Day is devised and set out by the women of a particular country and this year the country selected is Malaysia.

Malaysia is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country. Throughout its history it has attracted migrants from other parts of Asia and beyond and it is one of the wealthiest and most developed countries in South East Asia. Women have made important contributions to its social and economic development but, nevertheless, they still face discrimination and violence at all levels of society. Even today a girl child is seen as less valuable than a boy. Malaysia is now the most popular destination country in Asia for migrant workers and human trafficking has become a sophisticated and organised operation.

Although Malaysia's multi-ethnicity has added to the rich heritage of its land and people, it has also given rise to many problems. In the WWDP service those issues of concern are named and Malaysian women voice their hope for the future. Justice for all is their hope and their chosen theme is "Let Justice Prevail".

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> this year over 6,000 services will be held in the British Isles alone and our local service in South Ryedale will be at 2.00pm in: The Quaker Meeting House, Greengate, Malton  
Everyone is welcome, women and men, and refreshments will be provided after the service.

In preparation for the service, two Bible Study sessions have also been arranged and they will be held on Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10.15-11.30am at: The Elms, 3 York Road, Malton

Further information and details of other services in this area can be found on the WWDP website at:  
[www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org)