

The Methodist News

8 October 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

News



A campaign calling for debt cancellation for people who have been swept into unavoidable debt in recent months was launched this week by the Joint Public Issues Team and Church Action on Poverty.

The call is for the Government to create a Jubilee Fund to provide grants to pay off and cancel unavoidable debt accrued by the poorest households during the lockdown period, giving them a more stable platform from which to face the difficult winter ahead.

[Find out more and how you can take part here.](#)

There is going to be a free **webinar** to discuss the campaign on Thursday 15 October 17:30 – 18:30. [Read more details and register for your free tickets here](#)

Christmas!



Evangelism campaign

Please join our Evangelism and Contemporary Culture Officer, Holly Adams, as she explains how the Methodist Christmas campaign can help your church in its evangelism this Christmas.

This webinar is on Wednesday 21st October, 6-8pm.

[More information and sign-up details here](#)

Calling church leaders



Discover your inner evangelist

We're running a free course for leaders (lay and ordained) who really want to reach new people but also understand that evangelism is a word with baggage. The aim is to equip leaders in their contexts to: confidently model what it means to follow our shared calling to evangelism; to prioritise and promote evangelism and to cultivate a culture of confident, authentic faith sharing which raises up those spiritually gifted as Evangelists. There are five sessions, each two hours long. [Find out more](#)

President says thank you

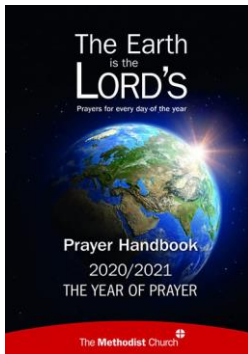


Raising money for All We Can

The Revd Richard Teal says thank you to all who have supported him in his fundraising bike rides during September which has raised £3000 for All We Can.

[Watch Richard's video here](#)

Year of Prayer 2020/2021 | The Earth is the LORD's



Prayer Handbook

Use these prayers of thanksgiving, penitence and intercession, during the Year of Prayer 2020/2021, to resolve that, with God's help, we may take responsibility for our actions and, as stewards of God's gift to us, participate in the healing of creation. The prayer handbook is available as a lectern large print which is perfect for those who lead worship. [Purchase here](#)

3Generate clothing and merchandise

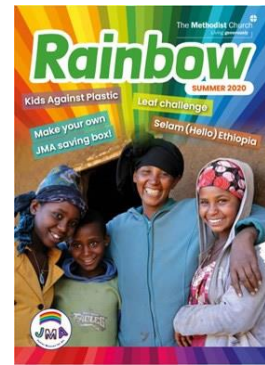


Special offer

To celebrate the launch of 3Generate 365, 3Generate clothing and merchandise is now on special offer.

[See the range here](#)

JMA Resources



We'd like your view

Methodist Publishing would value your feedback on the new look JMA resources and Rainbow magazine. [Please could you complete this survey](#)

The survey should take 20-40 minutes to complete. Submission deadline: Tuesday 27, October, 3pm.

If you have any questions please contact us at

fundraising@methodistchurch.org.uk

subject line "JMA Survey" or call 020 7486 5502.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month

Website



A new area of the Methodist Church website marks Black History Month. The page includes personal testimony and blogs from BAME members of the Church, prayers and information on events. This week read about Francis Bartels: twentieth century inspirational teacher [here](#).

Podcast



During Black History Month a series of special podcasts has been produced featuring black and ethnic minority voices from the Church. You can listen to the first special podcast, an interview with Arlington Trotman, [here](#).

Engage



if your church is holding events and initiatives to mark Black History Month, do let us know so that we can share your stories. Email us [here](#).

Year of Prayer

Join others across the Methodist Church to pray, every Tuesday from 12.45pm to 1.00pm

Participate



Next week's prayers, 13 October at 12:45, are with the Revd Charity Nzegwu, minister of the Orwell and Royston churches in the Cambridge Circuit. [Read more and register here.](#)

Watch



If you missed Tuesday's prayer meeting, featuring the Revd Dr Vincent Jambawo you can watch again, with a BSL translation, [here.](#)

Media

BBC radio 4



Paul Morrison

Policy Adviser, Paul Morrison was on the Sunday programme speaking about the Reset the Debt campaign. [Listen here](#) (from the start of the programme)

BBC Devon



Vice-President

Vice-President, Carolyn Lawrence, was on Radio Devon speaking about the Reset the Debt Campaign. [Listen here](#) (from 1:10)

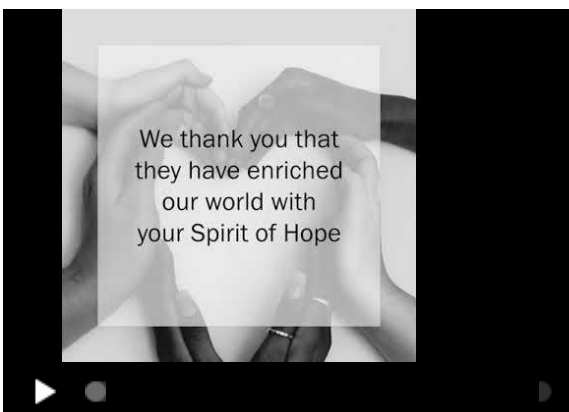
BBC Local Radio



Reset the Debt

Policy adviser, Paul Morrison, was also on local radio across the country last Sunday speaking about the Reset the Debt campaign. Here he is on BBC Kent. [Listen here](#) (from 1:38):

Video



Prayer

A prayer of thanks during Black History Month, written and read by the Revd Novette Headley, a minister in the Leicester West Circuit

Guidance



Worship during the pandemic

There are suggestions for worship opportunities and worship sheets to print at home [here](#). There is also a short act of [spiritual communion](#) and a range of [resources](#) for open air worship, advice on face coverings, weddings, house groups and wider community use of church buildings.



Updated guidance

For those still to hold harvest services here is [guidance for these celebrations here](#)



Dial a prayer and podcast

During lockdown we heard that many people didn't have access to online services so we set up free [phone lines](#) that are updated on a Thursday with a new prayer and our podcast. We are delighted that nearly 6000 people have used this service and would ask you to share the numbers with anyone you know who might not wish to use online services.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

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