

The Methodist News

24 June 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

The Methodist Conference

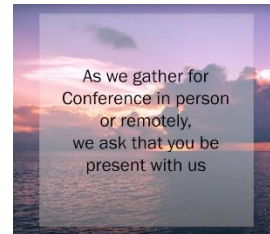
24 June - 1 July 2021

The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world. This year the Conference will be hybrid – meeting in person in Birmingham and online. You can find full details [here](#).

Prayer

A prayer for the start of the Methodist Conference, written and read by Revd Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference.

Watch [here](#).



Conference Programme



The programme and agenda for this year's Methodist Conference can be found [here](#).

Conference Live Stream



Public Conference sessions and worship services will be live [here](#).

Reception into Full Connexion



The Methodist Conference receives into Full Connexion those who are called to ordained ministry through the Methodist Church. You will be able to watch the reception into full Connexion live, from 10:45 on Sunday, [here](#), along with Conference worship.

Connexional Team stand chat live



This year there will be a new chat live function on the

Ordination prayer



A prayer for all those who have been ordained this week and who

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance



Connexional Team stand [webpage](#). The chat live function will allow conference representatives to ask questions and seek assistance during Conference in real-time.

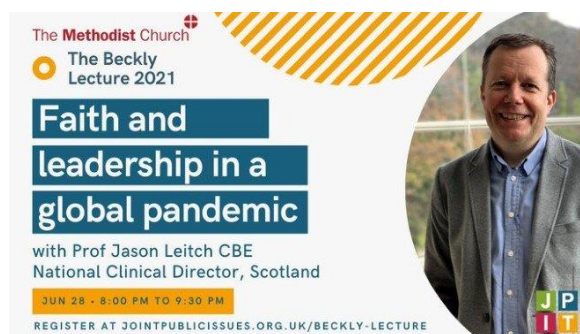
are going to be ordained, written and read by Carolyn Lawrence, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. Watch [here](#).

On Friday 25 June at 2:15pm the Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those presbyters who have died will be streamed. You can watch [here](#) and download the service sheet [here](#).

The Beckly Lecture

What does it mean to wrestle with the challenges of a global pandemic as a Christian in leadership?

Come and hear Prof Jason Leitch's answer to that question from his experience as the National Clinical Director of Scotland for the [Beckly Lecture 2021](#) on 28 June at 8pm.



Year of Prayer

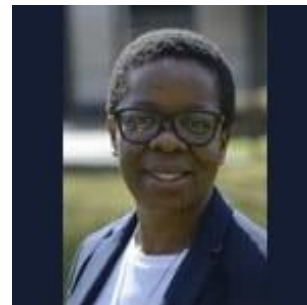
Join others across the Methodist Church to pray, every Tuesday from 12.45pm to 1.00pm

Participate



Next Tuesday's service will be led by Tim Baker, Churches and Volunteers Manager at All We Can. More information about the Year of Prayer can be found [here](#) or use this [direct link](#) to register.

Watch Again



This week's Year of Prayer service was led by Deacon Lemmy Nkwelah, Minister in the North Norfolk Circuit. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

Share your reflection on the Year of Prayer

We'd love to hear what difference the Year of Prayer has made for you. What impact does it have on your week? How have you seen prayers answered? Have you been inspired to embed rhythms of prayer in your own life?

Let us know: [email us](#) or record a quick video on The Story Project [here](#).

News

Wesley House Cambridge Centenary



Wesley House
Cambridge

Agents of Change webinar



Action for Children Sunday



To celebrate its centenary this year, Wesley House Cambridge are running a number of events. You can read about the inaugural event, For the World: Living Faithfully in Contemporary Cultures taking place 7-9 July 2021 [here](#) and the full centenary programme [here](#).

The Agents of Change webinar in partnership with Leeds Methodist Mission takes place Saturday 17 July 2021, 4pm - 4.45pm. Ideal for children and young people who want to explore coping strategies as they seek to effect change.

For more information on this webinar, aimed at 8 to 14 year olds, and booking read [here](#). Leader/parent 'watch-along' tickets are also available [here](#).

Worship materials for this year's [Action for Children Sunday](#) on 11 July are now available to download.

The theme is 'Peace within, peace around.' Activities that children can do whether they are worshipping at home or meeting in a church building can be downloaded [here](#).

Methodist Public Issues Team Leader job vacancy



An excellent people and project manager with expertise in public policy issues, social justice campaigns and team management is sought to serve as Methodist Public Issues Team Leader in the ecumenical Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) for a period of two years. More details can be found at [Jobs with the Connexional Team](#). The closing date for this vacancy is Thursday 01 July 2021.

Domestic Abuse



Over the coming months short podcasts will tell the story of those who have survived domestic abuse. The podcasts, along with films, will also be looking at other areas around domestic abuse.

In this first podcast, listen to an adult reflecting back on her childhood experiences and what it was like to live in a house where domestic abuse was the norm. The family were Christians. Listen [here](#).

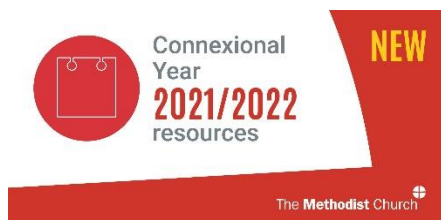
The Big Cliff Weekend 24-25 July 2021



The Big Cliff Weekend is a one-off event gathering on the Cliff College site to worship, learn, relax and celebrate together. Philippa Hanna and Tom Smith will be joining us to lead worship and perform some of their own music, with college staff and friends teaching and sharing from the Bible.

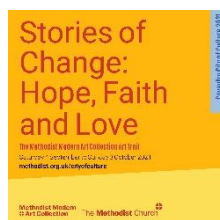
Come with your family and friends and spend the weekend with us praising God and enjoying the beautiful Cliff site in all its summer glory! You can read more details and book tickets [here](#).

Connexional Year 2021/2022 resources



Essential resources from the Methodist Church to fulfil Our Calling of responding to God's love in Christ and working through discipleship, mission and worship are available to pre-order from Methodist Publishing [here](#).

Stories of Change: Hope, Faith and Love



This autumn, The Methodist Modern Art Collection will be displayed as an Art Trail across churches in Coventry and Nuneaton for City of Culture. The trail of carefully selected works provides unique moments of healing and contemplation. More information and timings for each church can be found [here](#).

ONE Programme



ONE Programme: Leadership has ten jobs available for ages 18-30 starting in September 2021. There are a variety of roles based around sharing faith in local churches and projects in year-long, paid, training-provided, fulltime & part-time jobs. Read more [here](#).



Young Christians' Relay to COP26

A group of young Christians from several denominations including the Methodist Church are walking in relay from Cornwall to Glasgow. We're delighted to be able to share some of their news along the way. This week one of the young walkers, Rachel Mander, explains the background to the initiative, the group's aims and how they are getting on a couple of weeks into their journey. Read [here](#).

Media



The Methodist Podcast

A special podcast to mark Refugee Week, highlighting the challenges that people seeking sanctuary face and including conversations with those who advocate for them. Listen [here](#).

Spiritual sustenance in isolation



During this time of 'lockdown' a special page on our website signposts you to resources to help nourish your spiritual life.

These are mostly resources that are provided centrally but you can also check what your local church or circuit is providing.

Click [here](#).

'Dial-a-Prayer' phonelines

Prayer: 0808 281 2514

Pastoral message from the President and Vice-President: 0808 281 2695

Methodist Podcast: 0808 281 2478

You can download a print-and-cut-out sheet with details to send to others [here](#)



Guidance



The government has updated the Guidance for Weddings & Civil Partnerships in England following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday.

It states: From 21 June, there will no longer be a maximum number cap for attendees set out in law. Instead, the number of attendees at weddings, civil partnerships and receptions will be determined by how many people the venue or space can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place. This will be based on the COVID-19 risk assessment of the venue or outdoor space, and the measures put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Further information can be found on [Coronavirus Guidance for Property](#). Please note that this is only for England. In Scotland, please refer to the [Timetable for Easing Restrictions](#). In Wales, please refer to the [Restrictions during our Gradual Move Out of Lockdown](#)

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