

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

## News



### Same-sex Marriage

Our guidance for churches who wish to discuss whether to register buildings for same-sex marriages is in the process of being uploaded to our website. Further documents will be added over the next few days.

[Guidance and Resources for Same-Sex Marriage \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://methodist.org.uk)

Ministers in Scotland can now be nominated to officiate at same-sex weddings; churches in other parts of the Connexion will be able to register their buildings and Authorised Persons from Monday next week.

### Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill



Our President, the Revd Sonia Hicks, joined other church leaders and representatives of civil society organisations in writing to Government over concerns about the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. Find out more about the Bill [here](#).

### All We Can and Y Care International

Our partner, All We Can, has joined together with Y Care International to tackle poverty, inequality and injustice in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Find out more about this new venture and how you can support them in their vital work [here](#).

### Connexional year resources



We've put together a selection of new resources to get the Connexional year off to a good start. From your membership ticket to the prayer handbook, we hope you will find these useful in living out your calling [here](#).

### COP 26

World leaders will gather in Glasgow for a major conference on the climate crisis in just 6 weeks' time. Find out more about the key issues they face and how you can help to hold governments to account [here](#).

### Francis Asbury 250 responding to call



Over the weekend we celebrated the 250th anniversary of Francis Asbury's departure from Pill to America. Watch a short film from Pill featuring extracts from his diaries and find links to our special concert and service from the New Room [here](#).

### Global Relationships Worship Resources for 2021/2022

For their year, the President, Revd Sonia Hicks, and Vice-President, Barbara Easton, have chosen the theme of God's Table: an Invitation for All. To help give the Presidential theme a global Church focus, the Global Relationships team has provided flexible worship materials for use at any time in the 2021/2022 connexional year. Download the worship materials [here](#).

### Climate hero?



Lots of opportunities to talk about Climate Justice at 3Gen! Including sessions led by Jeremy from Comic Renegades and from the Global Methodist Climate Justice for All Campaign. If you want a sneak peak from both, have a look at the online event 'Can you be a climate hero?' on 2 October. More information [here](#).

### Join us at 3Generate 2021



There are many great reasons to bring children and young people together at the NEC over the weekend of 29 – 31 October. Take a look at this video which presents 3Gen in a nutshell! Watch [here](#).

### Musical comedy at 3Generate



The world's favourite comedy-rap-jazz duo, comprised of world poetry slam champion Harry Baker and Jazzagal Chris Read, will be giving an evening performance in the 3Generate theatre on Saturday as well as being involved in sessions during the day. Enjoy some great music and have a laugh! Watch them in action [here](#).

# Christmas Resources

Summer is turning slowly to autumn and next week we will be revealing the year's Christmas resources from the Methodist Church for you to order, including the Methodist Christmas Service on a CD

# Evangelism and Growth

### New Places for New People Hub



Exploring a spiritual nudge to start a new Christian community? Feeling a call to pioneer or church plant? Check out the next NPNP Hub, Tuesday 28th September 7:00-8.30pm. It's like an Open Day for anyone interested in or curious about pioneering/planting and what's on offer for further exploration. You'll hear stories from diverse contexts and find out more about Methodist Pioneering Pathways. Please register [here](#).

### Hope and Anchor - Tuesdays 12:45-1:15 starting 28 September



Join a weekly online chat show that explores spirituality and faith in an inclusive, fun, nonjudgmental way. Imagine a table at your local pub where friends and strangers meet up and talk about anything and everything, from the frivolous to the sublime – this is the energy of Hope & Anchor. Find out more from Trey Hall, our Director of Evangelism and Growth, [here](#).

### Transformational Leadership Learning Community



"We have to adjust to changing circumstances so that others can best flourish. It's really not about us, but about how we love and serve others..." Is your church seeking change and growth? Find out about our Transformational Leadership Learning Community [here](#)

### Pioneer stories



Our latest pioneer story is about an art studio in a York Methodist Church . Watch the Revd Andy Lindley explain more [here](#).

South Bank Studios is the name of the art studios created from the semi-derelict upper floors of the church and church community centre. The artists 'liked the urban decay', but what they brought into the building was life and creativity.

# Features

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## We're All Valued Equally WAVE Church

The WAVE Church story began 12 years ago when two mums, who both had daughters with a learning disability, felt that God was calling them to begin something that would offer an opportunity for worship and fellowship for young adults with and without learning disabilities. Read more [here](#).

## Haiti Earthquake Update

Almost a month has passed by since the 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the south of Haiti. David Draeger, Mission Volunteer Coordinator for the Haiti District of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, describes some of these realities as the Haiti District continues to support these southern communities. Read [here](#).

# Take Part

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## Talk: The Inscriptions of Ralph Beyer Coventry Cathedral, 28th September 1pm - 2pm

Professor Ann Sumner, Chair of the Methodist Modern Art Collection, talks to author and letter carver John Neilson about his recently published book *The Inscriptions of Ralph Beyer*.

The discussions will focus in particular on the *Son of Man* Tablet of the Word at Coventry Cathedral, for which the Methodist Modern Art Collection owns a preparatory drawing currently on loan to the Cathedral as part of the City of Culture, *Stories of Change: Hope, Faith, Love Art Trail*. Beyer came to Britain as a refugee aged 16 from Nazi Germany and Neilson's book outlines his career and contextualises his major commission to create the large scale Tablets of the Word in Coventry Cathedral. Book [here](#).

# Media

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## Faith in Politics



Building and Sustaining Community Relationships - In the last episode of Season 4, join Rodney as he interviews Labour MP Emma Hardy. Emma reflects on the important role faith has played in her political life and the lessons of Covid-19 for society and the Church. Rodney and Lucy muse on the idea of what community truly means and reflect on their favourite interviews within the last year. Listen [here](#).

## Daily Service



The Revd Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference, considered Friendship during the BBC Radio Four Daily Service on Thursday morning. Listen [here](#).

## Pause for Thought



Trey Hall was on Pause For Thought earlier this week responding to the theme, "Let me tell you about a time recently that I was wrong." Listen [here](#).



### The Methodist Podcast

Celebrations have been taking place to mark 250 years since Francis Asbury's missional journey from England to America. In this week's podcast we learn more about the life and legacy of Francis Asbury from Sarah Hollingdale, Methodist Heritage Officer and Dr Ashley Boggan Dreff, General Secretary of the UMC Commission on Archives and History. Vice-President of the Methodist Conference Barbara Easton explains why she is one of Asbury's biggest fans. Listen [here](#).

### 'Dial-a-Prayer' phonelines



**Prayer:** 0808 281 2514

**Methodist Podcast:** 0808 281 2478

**Pastoral message** from the President and Vice-President: 0808 281 2695 (Please note - content on this phonenumber will resume later in September and there is currently a holding message to that effect)

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

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