

# The Methodist News

23 September 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.  
Yours,  
[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Hope and Anchor - Tuesday 28 Sept at 12:45

Welcoming people of all faiths and none, a new, weekly online chat show exploring spirituality in an inclusive, fun and non-judgemental way. Join us at 12.45 on Tuesday 28 September for the first show where the special guest will be Chine McDonald, broadcaster and head of community fundraising & public engagement at Christian Aid. Read more [here](#).



### Glasgow Declaration



Methodists join the call by faith leaders for climate action ahead of the critical UN conference, COP 26, that begins next month in Glasgow. Read [here](#).

### Same-sex Marriage



The guidance for churches who wish to discuss whether to register buildings for same-sex marriages is now updated on our website. The guidance can be found [here](#).

### UN International Day of Peace



Barbara Easton, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, shared [this prayer](#) to mark international day of Peace on the 21 September.

### Join us at 3Generate 2021

Daud Irfan, Methodist Youth President 2021/22, shares a little of his excitement as we look ahead to this year's 3Generate event in this video. Watch [here](#).



### Your 3Gen FAQs Answered!



### Stellar performance from A Star in the 3Gen Arena



There is still plenty of time to organise a group to bring to 3Generate this year.

If you've got questions, we've a broad range of FAQs answered [here](#)

A Star will be raising the roof on the Saturday night of 3Generate with his high energy vocals and stage presence. Watch A Star in action [here](#).

You can check out our fantastic compilation playlist of contributors coming to 3Gen on Youtube [here](#).

### Action for Children

Action for Children responds to Royal College of Psychiatrists data showing record levels of children and young people needing mental health support. Read [here](#).

### Week of prayer for peace in Israel and Palestine

"We pray that the hope we share for renewal and peace be a source of strength for all who work towards reconciliation."

During World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel, watch this short film and read the statement [here](#).

### Global Images of Christ Chester Cathedral

A landmark exhibition of over 40 enlightening works of art, including five pictures from the Methodist Church Modern Art Collection, is taking place at Chester Cathedral. From Sat 25 September to Sat 30 October. Read more [here](#).

## Advent and Christmas 2021

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### Great joy for all the people!

Details of this year's Advent and Christmas resources from the Methodist Church, including the Methodist Christmas Service on a CD, can be found [here](#) with pre-ordering opening shortly.



## Evangelism and Growth

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### Changing faith journeys



In research co-sponsored by the Methodist Church, the Church of England, and Hope Together, we gathered people from a wide variety of church backgrounds to talk to us in depth about their experiences. A webinar on the impact of church building closure during the pandemic is to take place, Tuesday 28 Sept, 3 - 4pm. Register [here](#).

### Pioneering story – Andy Longe



Andy is working through photography and coaching to build a new pioneering community. Watch his testimony [here](#) - and take a look at our New Places for New People Hubs [here](#).

## Features

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### Equatorial Guinea World Mission Fund

There were a series of explosions in Bata, the economic capital of Equatorial Guinea, on 7 March 2021 at 1.45pm. In April the World Mission Fund was used to support the [Iglesia Metodista de Guinea Ecuatorial](#) to assist in the schooling of [children](#) who had lost everything in the blasts. Read this update [here](#).

### Social care

Read this [blog](#) from our policy adviser, Paul Morrison, following the government's reforms to social care announced this month.

### Haiti Earthquake Emergency Appeal

It's been just over a month since All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain launched the Haiti Earthquake Emergency Appeal – providing critical support to those impacted by the earthquake and Tropical Depression Grace. Discover how the appeal is helping vulnerable families in [this blog](#) from All We Can.

## Take Part

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### Universal Credit cuts voice your concerns

1 in 5 people on Universal Credit say they are very likely to need to skip meals if the government cut £20 per week from UC this October. We need to #KeepTheLifeline. If you're a church leader, sign the letter to the PM [here](#), the Petition closes on Friday.

### Youth Mental Health First Aid

The Children, Youth and Families Team have arranged online Youth Mental Health First Aid training for parents and carers of secondary school aged children. The four sessions will run from 10am to 12.30pm on 16, 18, 23 and 25 November, with self-guided learning to complete ahead of each session. [Book here](#).

### COP26 and climate issues

Find links to resources, events and information on taking action to tackle climate change on our special website pages, including a new website from our colleagues in Scotland who are offering a warm Glasgow welcome at Woodlands Methodist Church in the city, [here](#).

## Media

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### 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. Listen [here](#).

### Pause for Thought



The joy of being found - Trey Hall, our Director of Evangelism and Growth, was on BBC Radio 2 this week pausing for thought. Listen again [here](#).

### Free phone lines



Do you know someone who is not on the internet but who would like to hear prayers, reflections and our podcast? We have all of these free by phone. Updated lines now with words from Sonia and Barbara, our President and Vice-President. More details [here](#).

### 'Dial-a-Prayer' phonedines

**Prayer:** 0808 281 2514

**Methodist Podcast:** 0808 281 2478

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

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



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