

The Methodist News

2 September 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

News

The IICSA investigation into Child Protection in Religions Organisations and Settings



The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has today released a report of the investigation into Child Protection in Religious Organisations and Settings.

[Read the Methodist Church's response here.](#)

Reactions to events in Afghanistan



The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have offered a statement regarding the crisis in Afghanistan. [Read it here](#) and use the prayer in your devotions.

Welcome to Daud, our new Youth President



Get to know our new Youth President, Daud Irfan, in a short video marking his welcome service and the start of his year in office. [Watch here.](#)

Methodist Modern Art Collection relaunch



Selected works from the collection will go on show in churches across Coventry this weekend as part of the city's celebration as designated UK City of Culture. [Read more.](#)

Prayer and resources for Creationtide



The Revd Jacqui Horton, Superintendent of the Central Norfolk Methodist Circuit shares a [prayer for the start of Creationtide](#). JPIT and Eco-Congregation Scotland have gathered together writers, theologians, ministers and worship leaders to prepare resources you can easily integrate into a Season of Creation in-person, online or hybrid meeting. They are [available here](#).

Conference highlights film



We have prepared a short film covering some of the highlights of the Methodist Conference that took place earlier this year. Share in your church community. [Watch here.](#)

Minister walks 80 miles for his 80th birthday



Retired minister, the Revd Charles New, has decided to mark turning 80 with a sponsored walk of 80 miles in aid of The Methodist Ministers' Housing Society which provides housing for retiring Methodist presbyters and deacons. Supporters can [donate to Charles' fund-raising walk here.](#)

Evangelism and Growth

Have a God for All conversation in your circuit



The Evangelism and Growth team would love to Zoom into your circuit in the year ahead – to offer a short introduction to God for All, to listen to what you're wrestling with, and to explore questions together. They can help you discern your next steps.

Email evangelism@methodistchurch.org.uk to book in for your circuit/leadership meeting in 2021/2022.

You can [meet the E+G team here](#).

Take Part

Support Afghanistan refugees



Many churches and community groups are offering help and support to charities and aid agencies who are working within the country and also to the Afghan people who are being resettled in the UK.

[Here are some ways that you can help](#) along with a prayer for the people of Afghanistan from the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.

Keeping Everyone Safe at 3Generate



It's an important priority to make sure it's safe for all of us to come together for 3Generate at the NEC in Birmingham. So how are we doing that?

The 3Generate event is fully risk assessed and will run within Government and National Youth Agency (NYA) guidelines on Covid management in place at the time.

The National Youth Agency expects the Covid alert level will be moving into Green by September and this means that our event will be safe to move ahead.

The spaces within the NEC in which 3Generate will be taking place are self-contained, with no access to the general public, and are well-ventilated.

[Find out more in our FAQs](#) about how we're planning to keep everyone safe: 3Generate 2021 FAQs

Supporting you as Leaders



In part 1 of 2 videos, Penny Fuller, Co-ordinator of the Children, Youth and Family Team shares about some of her own recent children and youth work experience, what she discovered and how it can help us take steps in our own ministry.

[Watch here](#).

Join Action for Children's craftivism campaign



Reflect Methodist Spirituality



We believe there's a star in every child and when they are safe and happy, their star shines brightly. But many childhoods are overshadowed by poverty, abuse, neglect and poor mental health. This campaign calls on MPs to commit to making children a priority and we'd like you to encourage them to sign up by sending them a handcrafted star. [Sign up here](#).

Join a Reflect Quiet Morning via Zoom on September 25 or 27, 9.30am to 12.15pm.

'Aldersgate' Part 2 'An Evangelical Mystic'

[See further information/booking form](#).

Features

Recommendations for 'Understanding my World'



Jill Marsh, Inclusive Church Implementation Officer, is gathering lists of Top Ten TV series, webpages, blogposts, sound tracks, novels, films, non-fiction books that you think other Methodists could enjoy to help us all 'get out of our comfort zones' and begin to learn about each other's cultures. [Read more and contribute your recommendations here](#).

Methodist Church Upper-Myanmar



The Methodist Church Upper Myanmar Covid-19 Prevention and Control Project is to be carried out in the Tahan District which is near the border with India and is severely affected by Covid-19. This work is supported by the World Mission Fund. Read more [here](#).

Media

School uniform support



We've highlighted in recent weeks [the work of Trinity Methodist Church, Hull](#) to support families preparing for the new school year and facing expensive uniform purchases. Two more stories are featured in the media this week: Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church [set up a uniform bank this Summer](#) as an alternative to help struggling families. Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough [organised a uniform giveaway for families in need](#):

Supporting arrivals from Afghanistan



As communities prepare to welcome refugees from Afghanistan, reports are emerging of churches acting as drop off hubs for donations.

See details [in Shropshire](#) and [in Worcestershire](#).

The Methodist Podcast



This week we look at the relaunch of the Methodist Modern art Collection. Selected works from the collection will go on show in churches across Coventry this weekend as part of the city's celebration as designated UK City of Culture: 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 phoneline 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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