

The Methodist News

9 September 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

News

HSBC urged to drop bank charges



The Methodist Church in Great Britain has written to HSBC to ask it to reconsider introducing charges which it says will hit smaller churches. Many churches and community groups have been informed by the bank that new charges will be introduced which will mean they have to pay monthly fees and charges on each transaction they make. Read more [here](#).

Action for Children



Action for Children have launched a new campaign which aims to break down the barriers that stop children reaching their full potential.

Find out more about the 'Star in Every Child' campaign [here](#).

Churches Together in England



Churches Together in England's incoming Orthodox and Pentecostal & Charismatic Presidents have signed the Presidents' Covenant as they started their new roles. Read more [here](#).

PTSD - providing initial support



The Methodist Forces Board have produced a guide for those who may have pastoral concerns for others regarding PTSD.

It may also assist those who observe changes in someone they know, where the changes may be connected to past trauma.

Read the guide [here](#).

Climate Justice for All



Climate Justice for All (CJ4A) have released the sixth in their series of monthly short films and worship resources.

This month, the short film and worship resources explore youth activism in Italy.

Watch [here](#).

Methodist Modern Art Collection



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

Join the team!



There are so many superb reasons to join the team and help make 3Generate happen, not least that we can all remember the impact large events like this had on our own faith and experience when we were younger!

[Here's Fran Bailey](#) talking about why she loves returning to 3Generate as a volunteer year after year.

Still time to book!



3Generate 2021 – still lots of time to book a group in! With September underway, you still have plenty of time to arrange for your group to attend 3Generate—and we are here with you, every step of the way, supporting you to bring your children and young people to 3Generate. There's something very powerful about coming together, celebrating with others from around the country, making friends and enjoy a sense of belonging, being part of the wider Church. We'd love you to be there – find out more [here](#).

American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant



The grant offers a member of the clergy the opportunity to visit the USA with the aim of fostering understanding and the exchange of ideas. Applications now open. Please visit The Queen's Foundation website [here](#) for information and an application form or phone 0121 452 2620 or email: knightk@queens.ac.uk



Annual membership ticket

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The annual membership ticket helps to serve as a reminder of the commitments we each undertake as members of the Methodist Church.

The cover image for the new ticket is inspired by the Presidential theme for 2021/2022, 'God's Table' and the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022, 'A Place for All'.

The Bible verse printed in this year's membership ticket is Psalm 107:9, "...For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things...". Purchase [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth

Hope and Anchor Tues 12:45-1:15 from 28 Sept



Hope & Anchor is 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. Find out more and sign up for weekly information about the show [here](#). Watch online and participate on Facebook at [@MethodistChurchinBritain](#)

Pioneering – the Overstone Project



In the first in a series of pioneering stories watch Melvina Brown from the Northampton District speak about her work as a chaplain to a new community, watch [here](#).

Starting new Christian communities: A practical guide



To help districts, circuits and churches begin New Places for New People, including Church at the Margins projects, the E+G team has written [Starting new Christian communities: A practical guide](#). This guide contains a range of materials, including a Methodist theological foundation of New Places for New People (NPNP), core practices crucial for developing an NPNP, short starter ideas, brief introductions, and signposted resources that we hope will be helpful.

Take Part

Francis Asbury Responding to Call events this weekend



The Asbury Crossing: Responding to Call

Together with The United Methodist Church we are celebrating 250 years since Francis Asbury's missional journey from England to America. At the age of 26, Asbury stood up and responded to John Wesley's call for men to go to America as missionaries. He thought he would be gone for just a few months, but spent the rest of his life in America, preaching almost until the day he died. Events this weekend are available to view online – a concert on Saturday and a service on Sunday, both at the John Wesley's New Room in Bristol. More details are [here](#).

Connecting Communities, Serving People, The Church & Social Cohesion



[The Church and Social Cohesion](#): Connecting Communities and Serving People is the culmination of a major research project commissioned by the Free Churches Group and prepared by the Theos think tank. The research project has consulted with over 360 people in England to assess the churches' social cohesion contribution on the ground. An opportunity to hear about the Free Churches report on the Church and Social Cohesion in the North of England Context is to take place on Thursday 30 September between 1:30 – 3:30pm at Liverpool Town Hall. Book [here](#).

Media

Youth President



Daud Irfan, the Methodist Youth President, was interviewed on [Premier Christian Radio](#) and on [UBC](#) last week following his welcome service to the position.

Pause for Thought



Our very own Trey Hall gave his Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 and spoke about the coming down of the Berlin wall and Christ's promise that all the walls that divide us will fall away. Listen [here](#).

Pause for Thought



Rev Delyth Liddell, Coordinating Chaplain and Methodist Chaplain at Cardiff University, considers "My favourite Queen song" in this Pause For Thought, broadcast during Friday's OJ Borg show on BBC Radio 2. Listen [here](#) from 2hrs 22.



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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