

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Make COP Count



Methodist churches in London, Manchester and Glasgow unfurled banners last weekend as part of global action from faith communities calling for climate justice and care for the vulnerable ahead of COP26, the UN Conference on climate change in Glasgow next month.

Pictured are members of the congregation and church leaders from Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. Visitors to London will also see the church's call to pray for COP26 on the outside of the building, which was the venue for the inaugural meeting of the United Nations Assembly in 1946. Read more [here](#).

### Sir David Amess MP



The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton, released a statement and prayer following the death of Sir David Amess MP at Belfairs Methodist Church in Leigh, Essex last week.

Read [here](#).

## Black History Month

### Racial Justice in British Methodism



Revd Inderjit Bhogal is a minister in the Methodist Church and a theologian. He was the first person from a minority ethnic background to be appointed President of the Methodist Conference in 2000 - 2001, and a founder of City of Sanctuary. He offers this [personal reflection](#) on racial justice in British Methodism and the establishment of Racial Justice Sunday.

### Prayers for Black History Month



Watch prayers for Black History Month shared by members of the Sunday school at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission, London [here](#).

# 3Generate 2021

## Youth Reps



Do you know a young person who would make an awesome youth rep? This is an exciting experience that enables young people to make a difference within the Church and grow spiritually and emotionally. It can be life-changing! Click for info about roles and learn how to applying to be a Rep [here!](#)

## Take a stroll through 3Gen Town



The 3Gen programme is now live! There are lots of immersive activities for every age and interest in the 3Gen Town! Download the programme as well as the town map - with a personal programme planner on the reverse. Take a look at what's happening in 2021 [here](#).

# Evangelism and Growth

## Webinar Series on Social Justice and Evangelism



Rising fuel costs and benefit cuts will have a direct impact on people who are already struggling. The Revd Sonia Hicks was on BBC One's Sunday Morning Live this weekend as part of a panel discussing the consequences of the cut to Universal Credit and how churches are responding. You can watch again here: <http://ow.ly/QvCf50Gt7EY> (from 23mins) and then come and join a conversation with the President and practitioners who will share stories of how they are responding to God's love for all people.

On: 7-8.30pm Tuesday 23rd November 2021

For: Open to all.

Hosts: Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer and Paul Morrison, Policy Advisor, Methodist Church

Register [here](#).

## Pioneering story - Liane Kensett – Kairos network



The Kairos Movement take inspiration from how God is at work in nature; organically growing & connecting. Inspired by the seasons whilst also using the technology available to us.

Initial gatherings & AGM have been walks with picnics. Our communication is often via WhatsApp and online; playing games, discussing and dreaming together & weekly shared rhythm of Compline and morning prayers.

## Hope and Anchor

You can watch this week's Hope and Anchor with special guest, Guvna B [here](#).

Watch the full interview with him [here](#).

Next week join us when Harry Baker, youngest ever Poetry World Slam Champion and author of Sunshine Kid, will be with us.

Find out more about Hope and Anchor and details of how to register for email news alerts about the show [here](#).



# Christmas resources

This year we will be sharing resources that reflect the inclusive Methodist Church, offering an invitation to every person, no matter where they are on their faith journey, to enter into the joy and hope that the birth of Christ brings to all. The Christmas Service on a CD follows the Presidential theme of God's Table, An Invitation For All.

What have you missed during the pandemic? Our aim is to celebrate some of the elements of life that have been sorely lacking over the last while. The vibrancy and emotion that beautiful art can elicit, the warmth and sense of being valued that can come from receiving a card from a friend or neighbour, the joy and meaning that music, Scripture and poetry can bring to life's challenges and complexities.

Read more about the resources and find out how to access them [here](#).



## MMHS



Revd Charles New has completed his 80-mile walk to mark his 80th birthday while raising money for the Wellbeing Fund of the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society, of which Charles is a board member and resident. Read more [here](#).

## The Methodist Prayer Handbook



One of the 'A Methodist Way of Life' commitments is that 'We will pray daily'. [The Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022: A Place for All](#), has prayers for every day of the year in a 31-day prayer cycle, written by the Methodist community. Available in Standard edition (A5), Lectern Large Print (A4) and NEW for 2021/2022, e-pub edition.

## Revd Richard Teal



The Kenya Methodist University have granted ex-President the Revd Richard Teal an honorary doctorate in Divinity and Leadership. Read more [here](#)

# Features

## COP26

### Glasgow Methodists share their passion for Justice



## COP26 Prayer



COP26 is offering an opportunity for the world to seize the day and be involved in initiating something transformational for all people.

The Revd Andrew Baker, Superintendent Minister at Strathclyde Methodist Circuit, shares how the circuit has been gearing up for the crucial UN conference on climate change being held next month in Glasgow. Read [here](#).

Written and read by the Revd Mark Slaney, Chair of the Scotland & Shetland Districts

## Media

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### The connexion



The autumn edition of the connexion magazine is out now. Matching the presidential theme God's Table: An Invitation for All, the stories in issue 24 show how the Methodist Church puts God's welcome into practice. Read an online edition [here](#).

### Sunday Morning Live



President, the Revd Sonia Hicks, was on BBC One's Sunday Morning Live last weekend as part of a panel speaking about the effects of the cut to Universal Credit. Watch from 23 mins [here](#).

### Pause for Thought



The Revd Dawn Saunders shared her 'Reflections on Black History Month' during Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2. Listen [here](#).

### Methodist Podcast



While interviewing the [Leadership on a Journey](#) nominees about their lives and work, Deanna Lyncook also asked them whether the murder of George Floyd and the subsequent reignition of the Black Lives Matter movement had an impact on them. This podcast shares and explores their response. 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

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

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