

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

News



Open letter to Alok Sharma calls for bold action over the climate crisis

Ahead of the UN conference on climate change in Glasgow next month, a youth-led, global Methodist campaign, Climate Justice for All (CJ4A), have released an open letter to COP26 President Alok Sharma calling for bold and ambitious action to avert further damage caused to the environment by climate change. The letter has been released for British Methodists to sign.

Find out more and sign the letter [here](#).

Lindley Methodist Church, Huddersfield is the 4,000th EcoChurch

Conservation charity A Rocha UK has announced Lindley Methodist Church in Huddersfield as their 4,000th Eco Church. The Church signed up to Eco Church as part of their commitment to action following their Climate Sunday service on 5th September. This milestone of churches committed to undertaking practical action comes at a critical time for the climate, ahead of the UN COP26 climate negotiations in November. Find out more [here](#).



Prayer vigil in Manchester

Church leaders gathered alongside asylum seekers and refugees in Manchester on Sunday 3rd October, to hold a prayer vigil as the Conservative Party Conference opened in Manchester Central.

The prayer vigil focussed on the impact of the government's Nationality and Borders Bill. The bill proposes to reform the UK's asylum system, in particular to differentiate between the way asylum seekers are treated depending on how they arrive in the UK. Read more [here](#).

Surveys: Covid impact on children and young people



The Methodist Church would like to build up a picture of how the Covid pandemic has impacted children and young people, and the ministry that churches have with them. To capture this information there are two brief surveys – one for children and young people to complete, and one for those involved in leading/working with children and young people. Please take a moment to complete the relevant survey (it should only take 5 mins) and pass on the link to the children and young people in your group/church. Survey form for [children and young people](#).

Survey form for [children's or youth leaders](#).

[3 Generate Day Tickets](#)

[Gathering and growing at 3Generate](#)



Not been to 3Gen? Can you get your young people to the NEC in Birmingham in a day? Then why not think about booking day tickets? Enjoy all the event has to offer plus all meals are provided during your visit too! Book tickets [here](#).



[Read the latest Methodist blog](#) about why 3Generate really matters in the faith formation of children and young people as well as experiencing being part of the wider Church.

Black History Month



To mark Black History Month, the Methodist Youth President, Daud Irfan discusses black leadership in Church and society with Lord Boateng, the UK's first black Cabinet Minister and a Methodist local preacher. Watch or listen [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth

Church at the Margins webinar



Get your diary out because there are new webinar dates from the Evangelism and Growth team. From intergenerational Methodist Way of Life to Social Media top tips to Evangelism and Chaplaincy, there's a lot on offer, so we encourage you to take time in prayer, reflection and discernment to listen to the voice of God and voices in your community and consider your focus in the next season.

Which webinar, course or project is the most relevant for you and your community today? Find out more and register [here](#).

Pioneering story – rural outreach in Devon



"The thing that gives me joy is finding out that many people who don't usually attend church are open to spirituality and they oftentimes already know God."

- Helen Fry, outreach worker, reflects on her role as a pioneer in a community in Devon. Read more [here](#).

Hope and Anchor

If you missed the second show with special guest Emma Hardy MP you can find it [here](#) together with a link to her full interview. Don't forget to join us next Tuesday at 12.45 when Drag evangelist, Ms Penny Cost/Isaac Simmons will be our special guest. Find out more about the show [here](#).



Remembrance resources



The experience of Methodist Armed Forces Chaplains has been drawn upon to create a resource to assist worship leaders in marking Remembrance well. The content in [this resource](#) can be used selectively to supplement existing liturgies for Remembrance Sunday.

The Kingdom at Work



The Kingdom at Work Project warmly invites Methodist chaplains, deacons and lay people at work to help road test its new handbook to enable those at work to explore ways of bringing the values of the kingdom to bear on their work. The handbook is being launched at a Zoom consultation on Tuesday, October 12th from 10.30 to 3.30. To attend, please email the [Director of the Trust](#), Ian Jones. If you would like a digital copy of the Handbook, please contact the Project Co-ordinator, Deacon [Dr. David Clark](#).

World Mental Health Day



This Sunday, 10 October, is World Mental Health Day. The Methodist supported charity PeerTalk provides weekly volunteer facilitated peer support groups for people living with depression, anxiety and related distress. You can read more about their work and about mental health [here](#).

Our Calling video



The Church has produced a new video to illustrate Our Calling, ideal for sharing on social media and websites and during church services. Watch it and download an mp4 video file [here](#).

Domestic Abuse webinar - save the date

The Methodist Church is continuing its flight to highlight and address domestic abuse. A domestic abuse webinar is being held on **Thursday 25 November** 10.00 am until 12.00 pm.

Speakers include Jess Phillips - Labour MP and Shadow Minister for Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding and Ian McNichol - A survivor and also an ambassador for the charity Men Reaching Out. Registration details will be made available in the coming weeks.

Copyright

In our connected world, we are so used to seeing all kinds of images, videos and text extracts that we don't always realise each piece of material is someone's intellectual property.

In this blog Beth Dufour, Freelance Permissions Editor, helps to explain copyright and how to avoid copyright infringements and potential fines. Read [here](#).

Features

Climate justice and Christian discipleship

Why and how to pioneer - The Ark

A Prayer for Homelessness Sunday

How to live out Christian discipleship through engaging with climate justice issues was at the heart of a recent Climate Sunday service at Salisbury Methodist Church. The Revd Anna Bishop explains more [here](#).

Vincent and Wilfrid are two buses from which The Ark Bus provides alternative ways of sharing God's love and demonstrating faith. In her second blog, Jenny Bourne, the co-ordinator for this pioneering project, looks at the why and how the Ark works. Read more [here](#). You can find out about our resources and events for pioneers [here](#).

Written and read by David Hardman, Methodist Team Leader for JPIT



Take Part



Woodlands Church is Methodist COP26 hub in Glasgow

Join our Methodist friends in Glasgow during the COP26 conference next month where Woodlands Methodist Church will be offering a warm welcome to visitors and hosting a number of live events that will be livestreamed. The CJ4A team have organised an exciting programme - take a look and make a note in your diary to join them! More details [here](#).

Media

The Methodist Podcast



This week's podcast is all about harvest. You can listen [here](#).

The Italian Job



European Mission Partner Coordinator Barry Sloan takes a trip to Rome and meets some of the partners serving there. Watch his video [here](#).

Universal Credit cuts on BBC local radio



Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer, spoke on local radio across England about the effect of cuts to Universal Credit. Here she is on [BBC Newcastle](#) (From 2 hrs 39mins.)

'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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