

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

COP26 in Glasgow

Methodist declaration



Over 20 senior leaders from Methodist Churches around the world have signed a joint statement calling on world leaders to act at COP26 to achieve climate justice.

Leaders from the Methodist Churches in Italy, the Pacific Islands, Zambia, Britain and Uruguay join leaders from six other countries and regions, and leaders from the European Methodist Council, World Methodist Council and United Methodist Church to release the statement at the start of the second week of COP26. Read more [here](#).

Vlog updates from COP26



Our in Glasgow are providing daily vlogs on progress at the Conference which are being shared on the JPIT YouTube channel. Here is the most recent from Mollie Pugmire, one of the Climate Justice 4 All (CJ4A) team.

Ecumenical service at Glasgow Cathedral



[Click for larger image](#) There was a global Methodist presence at COP26 for an ecumenical service last weekend at Glasgow Cathedral. From left to right: Iemaima Vaai (CJ4A), Hannah Brown (JPIT), Mollie Pugmire (CJ4A), Revd James Bhagwan (Pacific Conference of Churches), Camila Ferreiro (CJ4A), John Hill (United Methodist Church), Irene Abra (CJ4A), Steve Hucklesby (JPIT), Barbara Easton (Vice-President), Daud Irfan (Youth President), Jessica Bwali (CJ4A), Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler (Secretary of Conference), Revd Mark Slaney (Chair of the Scotland and Shetland Districts)

Evangelism and Growth

Hope and Anchor

You can watch last week's Hope and Anchor with special guest, Rachel Lampard who leads on our Walking With Micah social justice project [here](#).

Next week, join us on Tuesday at 12:45 when when we chat with Leroy Logan, former police superintendent and author of Closing Ranks: My Life as a Cop.

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



Reimagining discipleship

Are you interested in exploring how to bring intentional discipleship growth into your community? Would you value space and time for reflection and conversations with others asking the same questions you are?

Join Andy Fishburne and Abi Jarvis for a day at Cliff College, exploring how ideas like discipleship pathways and A Methodist Way of Life can help us to re-engineer our churches to grow in discipleship together.

Visit the [Eventbrite page](#) for more details and to book a free place.



Pioneer stories

New Places for New People are projects focused on forming new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. They may look quite different from established churches because they will always reflect the new people encountering the love of God.

The Methodist Church hopes to plant many New Places for New People over the next five years. Find out more [here](#).

We've brought together a series of short testimonies from some of our pioneers. Take a look at our playlist [here](#).



Remembrance Sunday



Prayer and Resources

Army Chaplain Revd Gary Watt has written and recorded a prayer for Remembrance Sunday. The video file can be [downloaded here](#).

You can find Remembrance Resources, including four video reflections [here](#).

The Methodist Podcast

To mark Remembrance, this week's Methodist Podcast hears from a military chaplain and those serving past and present, plus we learn of the sacrifices made by animals during conflict and the legacy of the German graves on the island of Jersey. Listen [here](#).

In other news...

Volunteer Positions

Volunteers are currently being sought for two positions. The Faith and Order Committee are seeking members, closing date 19 Nov 2021, and the Methodist Diaconal Order Support and Advisory Committee are seeking a lay member, closing date 26 Nov 2021. Find out more [here](#).

Youth Representatives

Elections open shortly for the 3Generate rep roles – they represent children and young people from across The Methodist Church, highlighting the issues and topics that matter to them. You can find out more about what reps do [here](#).

COVID theological and cultural reflections from the Pacific

In this blog, the Pacific Theological College provides biblical, theological, and Pasifikas cultural reflections to rethink the current health crisis in the area and encourage the care of the vulnerable. Read [here](#).

World Council of Churches Mozambique

The 'sad situation' in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado was discussed at this ecumenical conference. You can read a report [here](#).

Domestic Abuse

The Methodist Church is holding a webinar on domestic abuse on 25 November, 1000-12 noon. Speakers include Jess Phillips MP, the Christian domestic abuse charity Restored and contributions from victims/survivors. You can book [here](#).

Mission Partner Updates

Read the latest updates from Mission Partners in Zambia, [Revd Malcolm Oliver and Gina Siatwinda-Oliver](#) and [Keith and Ida Waddell](#).

Features

Building confidence for people living with dementia

A collaboration between community partners and a Methodist Church in Cheltenham has resulted in a creative arts project aimed at boosting the well-being of people living with dementia and their carers.

Creative Age is an arts-based, social community project for people living with dementia and their carers who still live independently. Read more [here](#).



Time4Change

Deacon Ruth Yorke shares with us this introduction to Time4Change, an anti-racism initiative based in Birmingham led by churches and Christian organisations. It started in response to the murder of George Floyd in June 2020 and now involves many more churches working together. Discover more [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.

Our aim is to celebrate some of the elements of life that have been lacking over the last while.

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



Media

'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](#)

