

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

News

Presidency and JPIT reactions to COP26



"There is no easy path to achieving economies that provide sustainable livelihoods for all. Our world is riven with inequality, yet God gives us a vision of a different future. It is a future in which justice, including climate justice, is at the heart of our economic systems; a future which belongs to all and in which all are consulted, heard and therefore flourish."

Read more [here](#).

Inter-Faith Week message

Inter Faith Week
14-21 November
www.interfaithweek.org



"Let God's light, shining through us, be a blessing to those in most need of it, those in the throes of famine for food and for spiritual nourishment. Let the table be plentiful and wide enough for all to be welcomed. Let hope overcome despair and divine light shine in times of need and gloom." Read the full message from the Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton

[here](#).

Methodist to be next Chaplain General for the British Army



The Revd Michael D Parker will take over as the 26th Chaplain General of the British Army in May 2022.

He said: "Methodism has a long and treasured history of providing soldiers and chaplains in service of their country, that they do so explicitly as people of faith continues to make the organisation a better place to be." Read more [here](#).

Youth President



Following the election held at this year's 3Generate, it has been announced that the Youth President for 2022/2023 will be James Carver from Nottingham. James said: "I want to raise awareness of mental health issues and other conditions such as ADHD and autism that the Church needs to increase awareness of if it is to become truly inclusive."

Find out more about James [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth

Hope and Anchor

Text You can watch last week's Hope and Anchor with special guest, Leroy Logan, former police superintendent and author of Closing Ranks: My Life as a Cop [here](#).

Next week, join us on Tuesday at 12:45 when when we chat with Marcelo Leites, General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation.

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



Everyone an Evangelist

Everyone an Evangelist is a process for local churches to work through which is designed to build our confidence and capability and to equip our whole Church for authentic faith-sharing. Find out more and sign up [here](#).



Pioneer stories

Text 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](#).



A Methodist Way of Life resources - intergenerational worship



When we worship across different generations, we grow by learning from people with different experiences to our own. These outlines for intergenerational worship offer creative ways your community can deepen its relationship with God and explore and introduce A Methodist Way of Life, together.

You can find the resources [here](#).

Bible Month 2022



Bible Month is an annual campaign that celebrates scripture by inviting the whole Methodist Connexion to feast on one particular book of the Bible together.

In 2022, we're going to indulge ourselves in the Book of Isaiah - a highly significant book that sits right at the centre of the Bible, not only in terms of where it appears, but in terms of its theological significance.

We will be taking a thematic approach to the book, each week encouraging reflection on a different fundamental area from tough love to a new world. Find out more about plans for next year [here](#).



The Methodist Podcast

Text 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...

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](#).

Reflect Quiet morning

The content of the recent Reflect Quiet morning is offered [here](#), as a resource for small groups or individuals to use to prepare for or reflect on the Annual Covenant Service.

Global Mission Fellows 2022 Application is open!

Who do you know who is passionate about working with partner organizations to create stronger communities? Invite them to learn more about serving as a [Global Mission Fellow](#) in the international track.

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](#).

Get [in touch with the media team](#) to share how your church community is reaching out this Christmas.



Media

President on Premier Christian Radio



[Listen](#) to the Revd Sonia Hicks on Premier Radio earlier this week with Esther Higham. Sonia shared how, despite her great aunt being turned away by a Methodist minister because of the colour of her skin in the 1960s, the family were called back into the denomination which she now leads. Plus, she reveals the scripture which encourages anyone who feels rejected to take up their place at "God's table".

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