

# The **Methodist News**

## 13 January 2022

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News. Details of on-call media support can be found <a href="here">here.</a> Yours,

The Communications team

# A Methodist Way of Life



Every day in January we are posting a simple daily challenge that resonates with what it means to live A Methodist Way of Life. Join in on our social media channels.

facebook.com/MethodistChurchinBritain twitter.com/MethodistGB instagram.com/methodistchurch/

# **Evangelism and Growth**

Platinum Jubilee - what are you planning?



How is your community celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee later this year? This historic anniversary is a chance to be church at the heart of our communities, to bring neighbourhoods together for a joyful celebration.

Take a look at our resources and share your plans with us.

### **Everyone an Evangelist**

Everyone an Evangelist is a course for groups from local churches and circuits to explore the ways you and your church community are called to share your faith and to grow in confidence as evangelists. The process will help demystify evangelism and build sustainable, intentional rhythms of both personal and shared evangelism.

Find out more <u>here</u> and watch our introductory film below:



#### Circuit conversations about God for All

The Evangelism and Growth team would love to Zoom into your circuit in the year ahead – to offer a short introduction to God for All, to listen to what you're wrestling with, and to explore questions together. Contact them <a href="here">here</a> to invite them to a circuit meeting or circuit leadership meeting in 2022. 20% of circuits have already booked in.

## News

# New year prayers for children and young people



At the start of 2022, let's pray for all our children and young people. Here are some of the covenants they made at 3Generate which remind us that they want to walk in faith day by day.

# Children, Youth, Family & Intergenerational Ministry



We'd like your help to get a snapshot of children, youth, family & intergenerational ministry across the connexion', in order to better support and resource this work in future. If you're a district, circuit or local church leader or supporter of this ministry, then please complete one of our short surveys. <u>District leaders</u>, <u>Circuit leaders</u>, <u>Church leaders</u>

### **Safeguarding Webinars**

The Methodist Survivors' Advisory Group and the Safeguarding Team at the Methodist Church have arranged two webinars that will focus on issues around childhood abuse. Register <a href="here.">here.</a>

## **Local preachers' retreat**

All local preachers are welcome to a weekend of quiet and guided prayer to be held at Launde Abbey, Leicestershire, from 13th-15th May 2022. Further details can be found here.

### **Youth Reps**

Find out more about the new Youth Reps! Did you know that children and young people have representatives in a number of different areas? Get to know more about these great people and their roles here.

# Global Mission Fellows (deadline 15 Jan)

Aged 20-30? The Global Mission Fellows programme might be for you. It is a great opportunity to serve in another country, to live out your faith and develop as a leader committed to justice and peace. The two-year programme is open to graduate-level (or equivalent) young adults from Britain, Ireland and around the world. The Methodist Church in Britain (MCB) is running Global Mission Fellows in partnership with the United Methodist Church (UMC). Learn more and apply here.

# Looking and listening for God in Scripture and the world

One of the 'A Methodist Way of Life' commitments for our worship life is that; "...We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world...". As Methodists, our connexionalism is also global and you can enter into that by using the wealth of Global Relationships worship resources that are available for you to download from the Methodist Church website here.

## All We Can's 2022 Lent Resources 'Let Wisdom Speak'

All We Can's 2022 Lent Resources 'Let Wisdom Speak' are now available. This year's resources centre on the voices of women across All We Can's partners as well as Methodist Women in Britain. You can find out more <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

To compliment 'Let Wisdom Speak', All We Can are also hosting an International Women's Day event. Information about the event as well as sign ups can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

# Wes Talks: Welcoming the Stranger

How can we positively welcome refugees and asylum seekers into our local communities? Representatives from two very different projects will be speaking about their experiences supporting and learning from families and individuals in the latest online Wes Talk from John Wesley's New Room. Taking place 17 March, read more <a href="here.">here.</a>

## Voices from Bethlehem: Christian Unity in the Birthplace of Jesus

The Methodist Ecumenical Office Rome and the Methodist Liaison Office Jerusalem invite you to the webinar "Voices from Bethlehem: Christian Unity in the Birthplace of Jesus" on Friday, 21 January 2022 at 08:00 UK/09:00 Rome/10:00 Jerusalem. More information and registration here.

## **Features**

#### Towards a net zero carbon church

If your New Year resolutions include taking action to protect the environment and combat climate change, <u>take a look at our resources</u> which we've updated with an introduction to Action for Hope, our emerging plan to become a net zero church.



#### **Nuclear weapons**



"We are under no illusions that working collaboratively on nuclear policy will be easy."

- Our policy adviser, Steve Hucklesby, reviews recent declarations on the use of nuclear weapons. Read his blog here.

### **Welcoming the stranger in Muswell Hill**

Faith groups have come together in Muswell Hill, north London, to offer a warm welcome to refugees and asylum seekers who have been housed locally.

Read our blog by the Revd Matt Lunn here.



# Media

# The Methodist Podcast A Methodist Way of Life



A Methodist Way of Life provides a set of commitments and practices that encourage and equip people to live a Christian life. In this podcast we learn what it means to lead A Methodist Way of Life. Listen <a href="here.">here.</a>

## **BBC Merseyside**



The ITV drama Anne told the real life story of one mother's fight for the truth following the death of her son during the Hillsborough tragedy. Revd Jackie Bellfield from Trinity Methodist Church, Ellesmere Port reflected on the drama in the interview on BBC Radio Merseyside. Watch <a href="here">here</a>.

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