

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News. Details of on-call media support can be found [here](#).

Yours,
[The Communications team](#)

Walking with Micah



What does a just world look like? What should the Methodist Church's priorities be in speaking and acting for justice? The Walking with Micah project has launched local Justice Conversations to run between February and June 2022 to hear what matters in Methodist communities.

Tools for holding sessions, ideas for intergenerational events and worship are available, along with guidance on sending in your feedback, [here](#)

What are Justice Conversations? Well, the conversations can take many forms – intergenerational, during worship, over zoom or in person – and anyone involved in the life of Methodist churches is invited to take part. At the heart of each Conversation is a commitment to listen to people's experience of injustice, to ask where God's justice is, and to collect feedback for the Walking with Micah project to find out what matters to Methodists. Watch and learn more in this [film](#). You can see a recording of a training webinar explaining more about the Conversations and read and find FAQs [here](#).

"Nothing about us, without us, is for us". If you're holding a Walking with Micah Justice Conversation why not listen to eight people [Speaking from Experience](#) about injustice and their hopes for a just world.

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LGBT+ History Month



As we continue LGBT+ History Month, read how last summer's Conference's decision on the God in Love Unites Us resolutions have been truly transformational for one same sex couple who are now planning to marry this summer in [this blog](#). And you can read a prayer shared by Revd Sam McBratney [here](#).

God's Church A Home for All: Walk



Daud Irfan, Methodist Youth President, accompanied by the Revd Irfan John, his father and the Wales Synod Enabler for Culturally Diverse Congregations, are to walk from their home circuit in Cardiff to Wesley's Chapel in London, raising awareness of the need for more diverse leadership in the Church. Read more [here](#).

Bus Crash

Following the death of 14 people last week when a minibus operated by the United Church of Zambia was involved in an accident, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have shared [this prayer](#).

Racial Justice Sunday

You can find a range of resources for Racial Justice Sunday on the [Singing the Faith website](#) along with materials that will enable churches and congregations to carry out an act of worship focusing on racial justice. You can read more about Racial Justice Sunday 2022 on [the CTBI website](#).

Sri Lanka

The Revd Mike Long is currently on sabbatical and has travelled to Sri Lanka to be with the Theological College of Lanka. He shares some reflections on independence, colonialism, nationalism and sporks in [this blog](#).

Easter Offering 2022

Tell Her Story, Tell Our Story



As we listen to and reflect on the stories of women from around the world and through time, we will consider how we can share our story, our sisters' stories and God's story with the world.

The offerings collected during this act of worship go to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain that supports the work of our global partner churches. Find out more [here](#).

Liturgy and Worship Sub-Committee Volunteer

Are you seeking to use your liturgical and theological skills, expertise and gifts in a new way? We are seeking a member of the Liturgy and Worship Sub-Committee of the Faith and Order Committee. Expressions of interest are invited from lay and ordained members of the Methodist Church in Britain. More information [here](#).

Wesley House Cambridge

A Director of Global Wesleyan Theology is sought for Wesley House from September 2022 to succeed Prof Paul Chilcote on the academic staff of this globally significant Wesleyan educational institution. Read more [here](#).

Sierra Leone

Mission Partners Rachel and Sylvester Deigh are working with the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone. In [this blog](#) they remember significant moments in the life of Sierra Leone and the historical milestones in the life of that nation, its foundation and football.

Children, Youth and Families survey



It's the last chance to have your voice heard in the children, Youth and Families survey! Just one day left to take part in our research - every questionnaire completed matters so we have a detailed picture of what it looks like.

Fill yours in [here](#).

Cry for Hope in Lent

'Cry for Hope in Lent' is a series of five studies on Sunday evenings, starting March 6th and organised by [Kairos, Palestine](#). There will be two speakers each week, time for questions and then for group discussion. The speakers are from Palestine, Israel, South Africa, Germany, and US as well as the UK, including Revd Munther Isaac, Dr Allan Boesak, Professor Ulrich Duchrow and Mark Braverman. More information and registration [here](#).

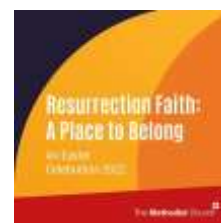
Training Opportunity

Working in partnership with Multiverse, we're offering the opportunity for accredited people leadership and project management training, open to all ministers in a full-time appointment, and lay employees who are contracted for at least 30 hours per week. Read more [here](#).

Ecuador

Melissa Newell has just gone to Ecuador to work with the Methodists there. You can follow her on Instagram [here](#) and find out more about Melissa as well as downloading her prayer card [here](#)

Resurrection Faith: A Place to Belong Easter CD 2022



Whatever you are going through this Easter, know that you have a place to belong with Jesus. This year's Easter CD offers music, readings and reflections for you to share.

You can now pre-order your copies of the FREE Easter CD (P&P applies) [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth

Jubilee party planning webinar



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which is marked by an extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, is a chance to celebrate with your whole community. We are hosting a webinar to help you get started on organising events in your local area. Join us on 15th February 15 at 7.30pm for a creative evening of fun and planning ahead for the warmer days of summer.

Register [here](#).

New Prayer Gathering



Let's pray with and for Children and Young People! These sessions aim to bring people from all over the Church together to pray with and for children and young people. The prayer sessions are open to anyone, whether you consider yourself a young person or not – whether you're somebody in ministry directly with children and young people or not.

Tuesdays at 6.30pm for four weeks, starting on 15th February. Register [here](#).

Join the Community of Evangelists!



Are you somebody who naturally builds relationships with people outside of the church? Or who loves having faith conversations? Or who is excited by finding imaginative ways to communicate the gospel?

If so why not join the Community of Evangelists? We're a small group of lay and ordained Methodists who journey together as we follow our calling into evangelism – supporting one another, exploring the ways evangelism challenges us, and praying and worshipping together.

Find out more [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 us for a day exploring how we can re-imagine what it means to be a disciple and re-engineer our churches to encourage a culture of discipleship that welcomes new people and deepens the faiths of those who've been journeying with Jesus for a long time.

Cliff College, 9.30-4.30, Tuesday 26 April 2022

Register [here](#):

Rural and Rooted



How might being church without a building look in your local community? Come and join a conversation on zoom hosted by: Dave Friswell LN, Yas Finch District Missioner, with Andy Fishburne and Sarah Hulme from the Evangelism and Growth team.

All welcome from across the Connexion, but this is aimed at people looking to pioneer/ reimagine small rooted church in their rural communities.

29th March at 7pm via zoom.

Register [here](#):

Media

The Methodist Podcast LGBT+ History Month



In the second podcast for LGBT+ history month, we visit the Inclusive Gathering in Birmingham and learn about Queer Theology.

Listen [here](#).

Prayer For the Day



The Chair of the Wales Synod, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Wigley, has been sharing his Prayer for the Day on BBC Radio 4 this week on BBC Radio 4.

You can listen [here](#).

Pause for thought



The Revd Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth was on Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 this week reflecting on the theme of "When Things Go Wrong". Listen [here](#).

Radio Tees



The Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton were interviewed on BBC Tees during their visit to Darlington district last weekend. They reflected on their visit which included a trip to a local allotment scheme. You can listen [here](#) from 1hr 12mins.

Stockton church foodbank



The impact of the rising costs of living were seen clearly in a recent report by Teeside Live of the valuable work of the Pantry at Norton Methodist Church. Read [here](#) and get in touch with us to share your stories of how churches are supporting people in need.

Features

Reflections from a visit to the North East

Following a visit to Darlington district, Barbara Easton reflects on the impact of the rise in the cost of living on people she met there and on the life of service of Her Majesty the Queen in the week in which we mark the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne. Read her blog [here](#).



Planting the seeds of hope

Sarah Hulme, Rural Mission & Ministry Officer, shares some hopeful thoughts as we emerge from the dark winter months. Read her blog [here](#).



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