

# 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](#)

## Ukraine

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### Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

Last week the Methodist Church in Britain and All We Can have launched an emergency appeal in response to events unfolding in Ukraine.

We are deeply grateful for everyone who has contributed so far.

As communities face violence, upheaval, and the trauma of war, urgent support is needed. Working together with the Global Relationships Team donations will ensure that critical humanitarian assistance is available. Read more [here](#).



### Sign the Petition

Freedom From Torture have launched a petition urging the UK Government to make urgent changes to welcome Ukrainian Refugees. Click [here](#) to join the hundreds of thousands of people calling on Boris Johnson to open up safe routes for Ukrainian Refugees to come to the UK.

### Solidarity with Ukraine

The Revd Inderjit Bhogal, President of City of Sanctuary and former President of the Methodist Conference, has released a statement calling for peace in the face of hostility.

You can read the full statement [here](#).

### Prayers and Other Resources

If you're not sure where to start, there are a variety of resources available on our website.

This includes prayers with graphic and audio versions, hymn suggestions for services, and a list of suggested ways you can lend your support.

Find out more [here](#).

### The Methodist Podcast Ukraine

In case you missed it, [listen](#) to two Methodists in Ukraine talk about how peace can stand up to aggression and learn how to talk to children about worrying news events.

### A Reflection

Barbara Easton, Vice President of the Methodist Conference, has written a reflection on Ukraine.

Click [here](#) to listen or download.

### JMA Prayer

The Junior Mission for All team have written a children's prayer for Ukraine. Read it [here](#).

## Justice

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### This Event is Anti-Racist, an Agents of Change Roadshow

### Striving for Justice

Would you like to be part of the Methodist journey towards a more inclusive and just

### Walking with Micah

Our Agents of Change Roadshows aim to help leaders learn alongside their children and young people. Join us in London on 26 March for a day of workshops and activities that explore racial justice through poetry, art, storytelling and conversation. We are really pleased to announce that we will be joined during the day by spoken word artist, Aaron Bent. Find out more and book [here](#)

Church and society? Join us on 26th March for stories, conversations and more and be empowered to challenge racism and champion racial justice. Learn more [here](#).

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, events and worship are available [here](#).

## Evangelism and Growth

### God's Calling You Out and About



God calls us into mission - to open our hearts and open our doors and take the good news of the gospel out and about. We have loads of opportunities to do this in our lives and by our prayers.

The extended bank holiday weekend for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee offers us a chance to get involved in community events, to get to know our neighbours and gently share our faith.

We're offering ideas, resources and support for getting out and about in mission that weekend, visit this webpage to find out more: [www.methodist.org.uk/outandabout](http://www.methodist.org.uk/outandabout)

### Prayer Cards: Creative Prayer



The new Methodist prayer cards offer 52 different prompts for creative prayer; different ways that we can fulfil the Methodist Way of Life commitment to "pray daily" as far as we are able, with God's help.

The cards can be used by individuals or groups. Buy your pack now from [Methodist Publishing](#).

### Focus Groups - Young Adults



Aged between 18 and 30 and interested in faith and spirituality? Want to be in with the chance to win two tickets to Greenbelt festival this summer?

If so – we need your help! We would like to hear your ideas as we develop The Hope and Anchor – an inclusive online and on site space (at festivals across the UK) which is all about community and conversation. To gather your feedback, we are running 90 minute facilitated focus groups on Zoom. Anyone who attends a focus group will be entered into a **PRIZE DRAW** to win two tickets to Greenbelt festival - one of the festivals where you'll find the Hope and Anchor this year.

[Sunday April 3rd 2022 at 4.30-6.00pm](#)

[Tuesday April 5th at 7.30-9.00pm](#)

## Leading your Church into Growth Conference



## Leading your Church into Growth

Bookings are now open for the Leading your Church into Growth Methodist conference, 24-26 June on Zoom. If your circuit or church team is longing for growth and wanting to take action, this conference is for you.

Tickets are £45 per person, with free places available by application to the E&G Team.

Click [here](#) for more details.

# Media

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### **Vice-President on BBC Oxford**

Barbara Easton, Vice President of the Methodist Conference was on BBC Oxford this week, on a program speaking about Ukraine.

You can listen [here](#).

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