

# 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

### Presidential Statement

"The overwhelming response to the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme shows clear support amongst the public for helping those seeking sanctuary. Methodist churches and members around the UK stand ready to open their homes and lives to Ukrainians who desperately need our friendship and solidarity." Read the latest statement on Ukraine and the need to welcome all refugees [here](#).



### Homes for Ukraine

The Government have established the Homes for Ukraine scheme, giving the chance for individuals within churches and communities to host a refugee or family from Ukraine. The scheme is currently for individuals to sponsor a person seeking sanctuary to enable them to live in the UK. There will be a scheme for groups (including churches) to sponsor a person or family, which will be announced at a later date. Find out more information and keep across updates [here](#).

### Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

We have partnered with All We Can to launch 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](#).

# The Inclusive Methodist Church



### Inclusive Language Guide

Good, open conversations based on careful listening are central to all positive relationships, including those within the Methodist Church. An ['Inclusive Language Guide'](#) has been published as part of the [Inclusive Methodist Church](#) to help us understand why some words or phrases may be offensive and to encourage us to speak with respect and kindness. You can read a blog post about the language guide [here](#).



### Equality Impact Assessment

As a Christian response to the commandment 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself', every Methodist is encouraged to think about who we are leaving out, ignoring, or hurting. The [Methodist Equality Impact Assessment](#) helps us to consider how the way we do things could be inadvertently excluding others.



### Striving for Justice

The first event in the Methodist Church series 'Striving for Justice' takes place online on Sat, 26 March 2022 from 11:00. The focus for this event is racial equality within the Church and broader society. The day will include an introduction to transformational change, discussion and stories from across the Connexion, and features the poet Aaron Bent, one of the Tell It Again poets from the London Methodist District. Find out more and book [here](#).

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## Tonga Disaster Response

On the 15th January 2022, the island of Tonga was hit by a powerful volcanic eruption that caused a tsunami and covered the land with volcanic ash. The World Mission Fund has been supporting the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga as they respond to the devastation. You can read more about the response, and donate to help out [here](#).

## 3Generate Volunteers

There are a whole range of opportunities available to you, before and at the event. From being part of a Satellite Group that shapes the 3Generate programme to supporting children and young people in the venues, there is something for everyone who wants to help out. Find out more [here](#).

*What is God nudging you to do?*



# Evangelism and Growth

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## Bible Month

Do you want to understand the Bible better, but not sure where to start? Bible Month is this June, and it's a great opportunity to dig deeper into one particular book of the Bible (and hopefully inspire you to read others as well!). This year the focus is the book of Isaiah - you can find out more [here](#).

## New Housing Mission

**Dreaming Beyond - New Housing** is an online opportunity to hear from New Housing Hub coordinator and Baptist minister Revd Ali Boulton to help us unpack a number of questions, including:  
What is the opportunity where you are?  
What is the Holy Spirit Leading us to?  
Who are the people we need to be reaching out to?  
Come along on the 3rd May at 7.30 pm. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

## Cost of Living Crisis

Communities who have struggled for the last decade have been hit by the pandemic and now face rising costs. This webinar aims to look at how communities are being affected, who is likely to need support and what we as churches and Christians can do to be part of positive change.

The webinar is taking place on April 6th at 7 pm.

Find out more and sign up [here](#).

# Coming up

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## Methodist Heritage Conference

Join us from 27th-28th May for this year's Methodist Heritage Conference: Transformed Lives Transforming Lives. The conference will be looking at the history of social justice within Methodism.

It is being hosted by the Methodist Heritage Committee, in partnership with Englesea Brook, as part of their celebrations for the Hugh Bourne anniversary year.

You can find out more and register [here](#).

## FCG Moderator Induction

You are invited to attend the Service of Induction of the Revd Helen Cameron as Moderator of The Free Churches Group.

The Induction Service will take place on the 3rd April 2022 at 6.30 pm at Wesley's Chapel.

Find out more and register your attendance [here](#).

## Voices of Identity

As part of a new 2-year project, the Ministries: Vocations & Worship team are hosting an online conversation and reflection space for Minister who have had to deal with catastrophe.

If you would welcome the opportunity to share or being a community with others who, like you, can identify with this set of circumstances then you are welcome to join us on 31st March from 10.00 – 12.30.

For more information regarding Voices of Identity, please contact Jane Bingham on [binghamj@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:binghamj@methodistchurch.org.uk)