

The Methodist News

31 March 2022

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

Yours,
[The Communications team](#)

Ukraine

#WePrayForUkraine Sunday 3 April

The Methodist Church is joining with [Churches Together in England](#), [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#) and [Christian Aid](#) to invite churches and Christians from across the UK and Ireland to come together on Sunday 3 April in an act of witness to pray and light candles for Ukraine, for an end to the conflict, and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war. Details of [how you can join in are here](#).



How you can help: The Ukraine Toolkit



There is now a detailed toolkit of practical advice and support for churches who wish to offer the gift of sanctuary to people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

As well as comprehensive guidance on all aspects of helping Ukrainian refugees, the toolkit offers prayers, hymn selections and more.

[Access the Ukraine Toolkit here](#).

Video update from Ukraine



"they said they were in so much shock they were unable to speak" Ukrainian Methodists Yulia and Denis share their personal view of the war. [Watch the video here](#)

Care for Creation

Follow us this April

During April, we are encouraging churches and individuals to reflect on care for Creation.

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and Like us on [Facebook](#) to learn how you can make a difference, as well as access the [resources available on our website](#).

To get started, [watch this short video filmed at Romsey Methodist Church](#) where they explain how to get started with the Bronze Award of the **Eco Church** programme.



The Inclusive Methodist Church

A Prayer for Inclusivity

The Methodist Church is committed to being a church of justice, dignity and solidarity, based on the Bible's teaching and as we try to live in the spirit of Jesus Christ who stands in solidarity with the whole human race.

We are all invited to pray this prayer of commitment as we begin to live this out. Please share the prayer and use it in worship.

[Watch the video prayer here](#)

[Download an mp4 file of the video here](#)

To find out more about what this prayer will mean in practice you can [read more about the Inclusive Methodist Church here](#)



Evangelism and Growth



New Places for New People Hubs

For individuals and churches exploring pioneering

Every few months, we host an exploration space for anyone and any church/circuit discerning a call or seeking more information about starting new Christian communities. The next "New Places for New People Hub" is Tuesday 6 June, 7:30 – 9:00pm.

Who from your district or circuit might welcome an invitation?

[Find out more](#) or [register here](#).



Addressing Rising Poverty

Church at the Margins - an introduction

Poverty across the UK is rising with a devastating impact on the lives of individuals and communities. How should we respond? What is God's invitation to us? A series of regional webinars offer an introduction to the vision and values of Church at the economic margins with stories from local practitioners in urban and rural contexts.

[Find out more and register here](#)



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.

Last year's attendees said: "Inspiring speakers helped facilitate good conversations within the circuit leadership" "Lots of ideas in the manual which we can adapt to our own church situation" "...we are feeling really excited about putting things we learnt into action!"

Tickets are £45 per person, with free places available by application to the E&G Team. [Check out our webpage for details](#)

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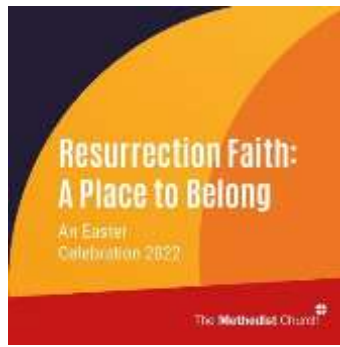


JPIT conference

Tickets for JPIT's 2022 conference are now available!

'From the Ground Up: Unearthing hope and seeking justice' will take place on 11 June, online and at Oasis Hub Waterloo. Key note speakers will include: Emma Revie is CEO of the Trussell Trust, Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together and Zrinka Bralo, CEO at Migrants Organise. Join this one-day conference to reconnect with fellow changemakers and be re-energised to work and pray for peace and justice.

[Check out the details and book your space here](#)



Easter CD

Resurrection Faith: A Place to Belong

Celebrating and reflecting on the Resurrection, this CD includes Easter hymns, readings, prayers and reflections, with contributions from the President and Vice President of the Conference 2021/2022. We discover how Methodist people, filled with God's love, are creating new inclusive places for people to belong.

[Order CDs \(free +P&P\) from Methodist Publishing](#)

[Download an mp3 file here](#)



3Generate

3Generate tickets are now on sale

Registration is now open for the 2022 event, back at the NEC in Birmingham from Friday 30 September to Sunday 2 October. Booking closes on 31st July so don't delay, get ahead and start your conversations with children and young people now.

[Book tickets here](#)

Coming up



New Methodist Moderator of the Free Churches Group

The service for the Induction of the Revd Helen Cameron as Moderator of the Free Churches Group will take place at Wesley's Chapel, London at 6.30pm on **Sunday 3 April**. You can register your attendance [here](#) or just turn up on the day. If you can't attend in person, you can [follow the live stream of the service from Wesley's Chapel here](#)



Spectrum Conference on peace and justice

Spectrum will hold their annual 'Reflect' conference at Yarnfield Park, Yarnfield, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL from **16 -18 May**.

The Theme for 2022 is "Being the Salt of the Earth" and the speakers are the Revd Simon Sutcliffe of the Queens Foundation, Birmingham and Professor Anthony Reddie, fellow of Wesley House.

[Read more and book here](#)

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