

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](#)

Care for Creation

The First-hand Impacts of the Climate Crisis

This blog looks at the first-hand experience of climate change that partners from Zimbabwe and Malawi are currently facing. Written by Mollie Pugmire, All We Can Communications & Advocacy Officer.

Read the blog [here](#).



Above: Elliot Vengesa, Chief Executive Officer for the Centre for Gender and Community Development, Zimbabwe

Making a Difference

When it comes to caring for the Environment, it's often hard to know where to start. Luckily, we have [resources available on our website](#) to help encourage you with small ways that can still make a difference.

Additionally, over the course of April, we're sharing inspirational stories and helpful resources across [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#), with the aim of encouraging churches and individuals to reflect on care for Creation.

New Podcast!



In this week's podcast we learn about the [Eco Church scheme](#), and visit an eco-award winning Methodist Church in Yorkshire.

Listen to the podcast [here](#), or find it on your favourite podcast platform!

Ukraine

Homes for Ukraine

There is now guidance available on the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes website for those looking to host Ukrainian people in Methodist residential property as part of the Government's 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

This page includes many considerations, as well as a helpful checklist of items to work through. Find out more [here](#).

How you can help: The Ukraine Toolkit

We have 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](#).



Prayer for Sri Lanka



*'Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord'
'My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth'* **Ps. 130:1, 121:2**

Sri Lanka is reported as currently having the worst economic situation in Asia. This economic crisis has been fueled by Covid and exacerbated by various political agendas. The suffering caused by the crisis has led to widespread protests against the government. This prayer has been received by Sheila Norris, Partnership Coordinator for Asia Pacific from Rev. Maxwell Doss, General Secretary of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka. Read and join with the prayer [here](#).

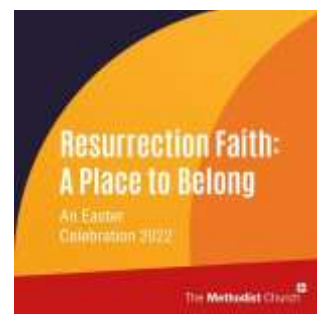
Easter CD

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](#)



Evangelism and Growth

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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!

Visit [this](#) webpage to find out more.



Join the Community of Evangelists

The Methodist Church recently launched a Community of Evangelists - an emerging group of Methodists called and spiritually gifted as evangelists. This community aims to raise up, challenge, and support theologically diverse evangelists for our world today. Find out more [here](#).

Let Us Pray...

...each and every day.

This beautiful line opens the spoken word poem by Tim Baker; "God's calling you out and about".

Take two minutes to breathe and listen to the words, voiced by Lucy Zwolinska, that encourage us to open our hearts and open our doors, and take the good news out and about.

Watch and listen [here](#).



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The Revd Helen Cameron appointed Free Church Group Moderator



Congratulations to the Revd Helen Cameron, who has been appointed as the Free Churches Group Moderator and Churches Together in England President.

In case you missed it, you can watch the induction service, which took place on Sunday 3 April at Wesley's Chapel, [here](#).

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](#)

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