

The Methodist News

19 May 2022

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

Ukraine



Ukraine Emergency Appeal - The Transit Centre

The Methodist Church and All We Can are running a joint appeal supporting organisations working alongside those impacted by the war in Ukraine and the surrounding countries.

[Watch a short video here.](#)

For more details and to donate, click [here](#).

Aid for Ukrainians

"David Gardner is modest about his role in supporting the people of Ukraine. "When you think of a humanitarian aid worker, someone looking at spreadsheets isn't what comes to mind." David is a lay church development worker and youth pastor with the Dublin North Methodist circuit of the Methodist Church in Ireland and, despite his modesty, he has been in Poland for the last month supporting Medair with the complex logistics of transporting supplies across the border and into Ukraine." Read the full story of how help is being given to Ukraine by David and others like him [here](#).



Ukraine toolkit

Churches supporting people affected by the war in Ukraine may find our toolkit for churches useful. It includes information on safe routes of passage, advocacy, prayers and suggestions on how to offer practical support.

Latest details include a note that Methodist Insurance have extended cover for temporary accommodation for refugees to all refugees, not just those from Ukraine.

[Access the Ukraine Toolkit here.](#)



What does prayer mean to you?



In the run-up to Thy Kingdom Come and the Platinum Jubilee, we are sharing five stories about prayer from Methodists across the Connexion.

[In this video](#), Phil talks about sharing God's love.

The extended bank holiday weekend for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee offers us a chance to get involved in community events and get to know our neighbours and take the good news out and about.

Be part of the movement. [More details here.](#)

News

Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka is now experiencing the worst economic crisis since becoming independent in 1948.

The Methodist Church in Britain received [this letter](#) from Revd W.P. Ebenezer Joseph, President of Conference, Methodist Church, Sri Lanka in which he commented, "The Methodist Church Sri Lanka is grieved and alarmed at the current political developments that are unfolding before us, at a time when as a nation we are facing an acute economic crisis, causing immense suffering and hardship, leading to frustration and hopelessness among all our people."

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have offered a statement of solidarity and support in response. [Read the statement here.](#)

Dunwell Ghanaian Methodist Church



In the presence of the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church, Ghana, Most Revd Dr. Paul K. Boafo; the Ghanaian High Commissioner for the UK; the Secretary of Conference from the Methodist Church in Britain, Revd Dr. Jonathan Hustler and Methodist and ecumenical colleagues from across the district and the country, the new Dunwell Ghanaian Methodist Church was inaugurated at Ketley within the Telford Circuit.

Read the full story [here.](#)

Methodist Church House

MCH Closing Service Livestream

Tickets are no longer available to attend the act of worship marking the closing of Methodist Church House.

We are aware that there are far more people wanting to attend than we have been able to accommodate, and so we will be livestreaming the afternoon service on our YouTube channel if you would like to attend online.

The service is due to begin at 3pm on Wednesday 25th May, and will last approximately 45 minutes.

You will be able to find it [here.](#)



Journey to Net Zero

As part of working towards our goal of becoming net carbon zero, we have created [Net Carbon Zero Guidance](#) for churches as well as a practical [checklist](#) for reviewing your building(s). The guidance is broken down into 4 key steps:

1. [Assess Your Building](#)
2. [Take First Steps](#)
3. [Make a Bigger Impact](#)
4. [Down to Net Zero](#)

For more information about the wider issues of environment and climate change, click [here.](#)



Podcast

Aldersgate Sunday

In this week's podcast, the Revd Jenny Pathmarajah considers Aldersgate Sunday, a day when Methodists celebrate the occasion in May 1738 when John Wesley attended worship in Aldersgate Street, London and felt his "heart strangely warmed", experiencing God's love in a most personal and life-giving way. We learn about the historic significance of Aldersgate Sunday, its place in Methodism and we hear from Methodist members on the island of Jersey, who share testimony about those times when they have felt their hearts warmed.

[Listen to the podcast here.](#)



Coming Up

Wesley Day

WESLEY DAY
24th May 2022

10:00am Prayer room opens in the Foundry Chapel of Wesley's Chapel & Leyton Mission

10:30am Service of thanksgiving and praise at Wesley's Chapel & Leyton Mission with the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

11:00am Signing of the Wesleyan Covenant at Wesley's Chapel, leading to St Paul's Cathedral

12:00pm - 1:30pm Douglas 4th oration, in the Wesley's Chapel courtyard and John Wesley's house

13:00pm Arrival at St Paul's Cathedral, gathering of John Wesley's statue outside the North Door

12:30pm Holy Communion in St Paul's Cathedral with the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

1:15pm Return to Wesley's Chapel & Leyton Mission for lunch (all welcome)

4:00pm Memorial Service at Wesley's Chapel & Leyton Mission for Keith Ballin, Heritage Steward

All are welcome to join us to celebrate the life & work of John Wesley

Wesley day is next week!

If you're in London, there's a jam packed schedule of events to come along to, to celebrate the life of the founder of Methodism.

To see a poster featuring the timings, [click here](#).

Bible Month Webinars

Bible Month
2022 Webinars

10:00am The Bible and the Church: Faith & Mission in a Post-Christian World

11:00am The Bible and the World: A Call to Mission in a Globalized World

12:00pm The Bible and the Future: Faith & Eschatology in a Post-Christian World

1:00pm The Bible and the Future: Faith & Eschatology in a Post-Christian World

For more information visit: www.assembly.com/bible-month-80029

#CandleOfJustice 2022

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Wednesday 25 May 2022

To mark the second anniversary of the killing of George Floyd, Christians across the nation will be uniting on 25 May at noon to light a #CandleOfJustice, pray and commit to taking personal and institutional action to tackle racism in our society and our churches.

More information and a range of resources can be found on the [Churches Together in England website](#).

Susanna Wesley Foundation Annual Conference

Contributors include:

Sustainability:
sharing values,
creating communities

Thursday
30th June 2022

Susanna Wesley Foundation
Annual Conference

Bible Month is an annual campaign that celebrates scripture, by inviting the whole Methodist Church to engage in one particular book of the Bible together.

This June we are exploring the Book of Isaiah, an important book that sits right at the centre of the Bible and allows us to hear God's heart for His people.

Click [here](#) to find out more about Bible Month and sign up for the webinars [here](#).

Spaces are filling up for the 2022 Susanna Wesley Foundation Annual Conference entitled: '**Sustainability: Sharing Values, Creating Communities**'.

It will be taking place at the University of Roehampton on Thur 30 June with speakers including Prof Molly Scott Cato, Prof Robert Beckford, Dr Alastair McIntosh, Dr Steven van den Heuvel, and more.

This is a free event that includes lunch.

Click [here](#) to find out more and register to attend.

World Refugee Day



Churches around Europe are encouraged to mark World Refugee Day using the liturgy and resources from the European Methodist Council. The Sunday closest to World Refugee Day this year is Sunday 19 June 2022.

[Download the resources here.](#)

Travellers' Tales



Premier Radio Saturday 21st May 17.30

Leo Devine's guest this week is Labour MP and Methodist - Emma Hardy. She is MP for Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle which is near where she grew up. Having studied politics at University she initially went in to teaching and then finding her political voice working with the National Union of Teachers before being elected to Parliament. In a revealing interview, Leo explores her faith journey and how it informs her politics.

[Listen to Premier Radio here.](#)

Fresh Expressions / Nurturing small NPNP communities



As part of the New Places for New People (NPNP) programme, we are offering the support of Fresh Expressions to nurture small, and emerging communities. This event is an opportunity to hear more about learning communities, specifically designed for those starting or nurturing NPNPs.

This session will run from 12.30-1.30 pm Friday 10th June.

If you're interested, or know someone who might be, click [here](#) to find out more.

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