

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](#)

Thy Kingdom Come



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

[In this video](#), Angela talks about what it means to her that God answers prayer.

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](#).



Thy Kingdom Come starts today! Join a global prayer movement and find out more [here](#).

You can also see a [list of events](#) in your local area if you want to go out and meet other people like you, praying that "Thy Kingdom Come"

Jubilee

Online Resources



With only a week until the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, check out our [webpage](#) containing a prayer, photographs of the Queen visiting MCHW, and links to other useful resources.

CTBI



Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have compiled a list of resources and events that are taking place over the Jubilee weekend.

You can find them [here](#).

Ukraine

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.](#)



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](#).



My Justice Journey

#MyJusticeJourney is a social media campaign, organised by the Methodist [Walking with Micah](#) justice project and [Methodist Heritage](#), to share stories and artefacts of personal "justice journeys" past and present. The idea brings together Methodist organisations, heritage sites, churches and individuals, and illustrates our response over time to the Christian call to be a justice-seeking people.

In this podcast we hear about the history of justice in the Methodist Church and discover some of the objects that reveal surprising stories of Justice Journeys.

Listen [here](#), or on your favourite podcast platform.



In Case You Missed It

Service of Thanksgiving for MCH



This week we held a service of Thanksgiving for Methodist Church House as we prepare to move to our new premises.

Thanks to everyone who attended, and all who were able to tune in online. If you weren't able to attend, you can watch the service back [here](#).

Online Safety Bill



The Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, and Daud Irfan, Youth President 2021/2022 have signed a letter in The Times urging the government to amend the Bill to give children the digital world they deserve. You can read the full text of the letter [here](#).

Social Justice

Working Towards 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](#).



The Cost of Living Crisis Briefing

The cost of living is of major concern for many at the moment. Rising prices in food, fuel and transport are forcing people to make hard choices over how they spend their money. The least well-off are the worst affected, with those choices being narrowed to heating or eating, or skipping meals to feed their children. How did we get to this point? And what can churches do in response?

JPIT have produced a [briefing document](#) detailing the impact the crisis is having on the country and offering ways to respond.



Paul Morrison on TWR

The situation is already desperate for millions across the UK – and even those on middle incomes will be hit by the predicted rises in costs.

Listen to [this clip](#) as Paul Morrison, Poverty & Inequality Advisor at the Joint Public Issues Team talks about the rise of energy prices and the impact it will have.

Coming Up

JPIT Conference



As the rising costs of living impacts families across our communities, what does it mean to seek justice?

As war rages and refugees are met with hostile policies, where can we unearth hope powerful enough to bring change?

When politics and international events make us feel angry or powerless, what can we discover by starting locally?

There's still time to register to attend **From the Ground Up: Unearthing Hope and Seeking Justice**.

This one-day conference will explore how we can listen to our communities, amplify local voices and connect these together to make local action for change part of the bigger picture of building God's kingdom.

It will be taking place on Saturday 11th June 10am-4pm, online and in person.

Find out more and book your tickets [here](#).

Artificial Intelligence and Theology



In a series of media briefings, the Religion Media Centre delves into an extensive study of the relationship between science and religion today, asking questions about whether robots might one day have souls (or rights), whether scientific discoveries could lead to immortality, whether artificial intelligence will replace friends – and whether the public wants them to.

The next two events are being held on Tuesday 31st May at 2pm, and Tuesday 7th June at 2pm.

If these questions peak your interest, find out more and sign up [here](#).

Susanna Wesley Foundation Annual Conference



Bible Month Webinars



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.

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](#).

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