

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



"We pray together for Ukraine"

The small United Methodist Church in Chodziej is typical of those in Poland who have opened their doors and hearts to provide sanctuary, safety and a warm welcome to guests who have left their homes in Ukraine, fleeing bombing and war.

Yulia and Olga are two mothers who left Lviv by bus with their young children and headed for the border.

[Read the story 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.](#)



Prayer

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](#), Pete talks about listening 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.](#)



Tackling Homelessness



[Watch our film](#) about how Manchester Central Hall is working in partnership across the city to support people who are homeless.

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Candidating for Ministry Changes to the process for 2022 - 2023

As a result of the decisions of the 2021 Conference [Changing Patterns of Ministry report](#), the application to candidate for ministry with limited deployability has now been replaced with an application to candidate for a local or specific context. This means that those who feel called to serve in a local context or need to be in a local context can apply to do so, and also that those who feel called to a specific form of ministry such as pioneering or a language context, can apply to do so. See the [Candidating Forms and Guidance Documents](#)



Evangelism and Growth

Reimagining Prayer



Reimagining Discipleship



16 June 10.00 - 16.00

Is prayer a life-giving way you connect with the God who is love? Or does it sometimes feel like an impossible task full of contradictions? Join others from us as we embrace our experiences of prayer, feel liberated and be reassured that there is good news in the mystery.

[Register free here](#)

Community Engagement Made Simple



Are you seeing lots of need in your community, but you're not sure how to respond?

Maybe you're wondering whether you have the skills, volunteer time and money to offer effective help.

Sign up for Community Engagement Made Simple. In this webinar, which is offered twice for your convenience, Methodist pioneer and social activist, Mark North, explains how the [Freedom Community Project](#) makes community engagement simple.

[Register for the evening webinar: 7.30 - 9 pm on 26 May](#)

[Register for the morning webinar: 10 - 11.30 am on 27 May](#)

6 July 09.30 - 16.30

Are you interested in exploring how to bring intentional discipleship growth into your community? Would you value space and time for reflection and conversations with others asking the same questions as you? Join other local church leaders to explore how we can deepen the discipleship of our communities.

[Register free here](#)

Leading your Church into Growth Conference



24 - 26 June

If your circuit or church team is longing for growth and wanting to take action, but not sure where to start, consider bringing a team to the Leading your Church into Growth Methodist conference. It takes place over a weekend on Zoom, 24-26 June, with sessions timed to be as accessible as possible to lay and ordained leaders.

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.

[Click here for details](#)

Coming Up

Methodist Heritage Conference: Methodism and Social Justice



Friday 27 - Saturday 28 May

Join us online for this year's Methodist Heritage Conference: Transformed Lives Transforming Lives, looking at the history of social justice within Methodism.

The conference is open to all in the Methodist Heritage community whether you are involved with one of our Methodist Heritage sites, a researcher, or just interested in the history of Methodism.

[Read more details and book here](#)

Belonging Together Ministers Group Celebration Conference



**Saturday 28 May
10.00 - 16.00**

The theme of the upcoming Belonging Together Ministers Group Conference is Celebrating Diversity: Growing in Hope.

The keynote speaker is Professor Dr. Anthony Reddie, renowned specialist in black theology.

Also present will be

- The Revd Sonia Hicks – President of Methodist Conference
- Daud Irfan - Methodist Youth President
- The Revd Sahr Yambasu – President of the Methodist Church in Ireland

[More information and free registration here](#)

**From the Ground Up:
Unearthing Hope and Seeking Justice**



**Saturday 11 June
8.00 pm - 9.30 pm**

What does social justice look like where you are? Reconnect with fellow changemakers and be re-energised to work & pray for peace & justice.

The JPIT 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. Keynote speakers include Emma Revie (CEO of the Trussell Trust).

[Read more details and book here](#)

**Global Britain: Good Neighbour
or Global Power?**



**Monday 27 June
8.00 pm - 9.30 pm**

The Beckly Lecture is a fringe event held each year during the Methodist Conference that addresses a key issue of the moment. This year Lord Paul Boateng, a Methodist Local Preacher, former MP and current Peer in the House of Lords will speak on the theme: 'Global Britain: Good Neighbour or Global Power?'

The event will be held in the Beckbury Suite at Telford International Centre, as well as being streamed online.

[Book free to attend in person or online here](#)

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