

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](#)

News

Elizabeth Clark



"Elizabeth was a wonderful colleague, a passionate advocate for rural contexts and people, and just an altogether warm and generous human being."

We are very sad to announce the unexpected death of the Reverend Elizabeth Clark, Methodist presbyter and National Rural Officer for both the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church, 2014-2021.

You can read the full statement [here](#)

Sri Lanka Appeal



The economic crisis in Sri Lanka is having devastating effects on the daily lives of the people as rising prices and shortages make essential goods, such as food, cooking gas and medicine, harder and harder to obtain.

The Methodist Church in Sri Lanka has launched a *Samaritan Journey Project* which aims to provide relief for the people who are suffering most seriously.

You can find out more and donate [here](#).

Birthday Honours



Congratulations to Glenn Parkes (Stoke-on-Trent South Circuit and District Treasurer) who has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Jubilee birthday honours for services to homeless people and to the community in Fenton.

You can read more about Glenn and his work in the BBC news article [here](#).

Refugee Week



5 Ways to mark Refugee Week

Refugee Week is taking place from 20-26 June this year, with the theme of 'Healing', and there is so much going on across the UK to celebrate the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees. The Joint Public Issues Team has compiled a list of five ways you and your church can get involved.

Find it [here](#).

Refugee Week Resources

A selection of hymns for to celebrate Refugee Week and Sanctuary Sunday (26th June) have been compiled on [Singing the Faith Plus](#), along with links to further information.

All We Can

*God creator of all,
For people who are displaced,
may they find a safe refuge.*

You can find this prayer in full, along with other worship resources, [here](#).

World Refugee Day Resources

The European Methodist Council has created a set of liturgy and slides in order to make it easy to conduct a service marking World Refugee Day on June 20th.

You can find them [here](#), along with other useful resources.

Methodist Conference



Reading Between the Lines:

Finding women in the stories of the Bible even when it looks like they are not there. This inaugural Mary Bosanquet Lecture is being led by Canon Dr Paula Gooder, and hosted by Methodist Women in Britain.

You can find out more and sign up for the event [here](#).

Fringe Events

Fringe events are a welcome enhancement of the Conference, offering representatives and members of the public opportunities to share information and ideas, explore topics of special interest and celebrate together.

You can find the full timetable of events [here](#).

Ordinations

The ordination of new presbyteral and diaconal ministers is one of the highlights of the Conference week.

Having been received into full Connexion at the service of Sunday Worship in the morning, presbyters, deacons, family and friends travel to local places of worship to be ordained.

You can find details and book tickets [here](#).

Take me to Church

In [this video](#) Barry Sloan, one of our mission partners, takes us with him on 3 of his recent work trips - to Poland/Ukraine, South Germany and Spain.

It's church...but maybe not as you know it.



Opportunities

Theatre Chaplain



Scholarships and Funding



Theatre Chaplaincy UK provides pastoral support to those working in the theatre, of all faiths and none.

Chaplains are each assigned a theatre, where they visit regularly, front of house and backstage, to offer support and a friendly, confidential listening ear to any in need.

If you're interested, you can find out more and apply [here](#).
The closing date is the 14th June.

The first round of applications for the academic year 2022/2023 are now open.

All members of the Methodist Church, lay and ordained, may apply for support for proposed higher education (HE) study. This is usually for a taught Masters, a research degree or in a theological subject area

Applications close 17th June, so if you're interested find out more [here](#).

Coming Up

Financial Abuse Webinar



The Connexional Safeguarding Team is organising a Safeguarding webinar on the subject of Financial Abuse.

We will look at different aspects of financial abuse and how we can help to protect ourselves and more vulnerable people in our congregations from becoming prey to it.

The webinar will take place on Monday 13th June, 11am - 12.30 pm.

You can register your attendance [here](#).

3Generate



There are still tickets available to come along to 3Generate from 30th September - 2nd October!

If you're on the fence, check out this amazing [video](#) showcasing last year's event to see why you should come.

Don't miss out! Find out more and book your tickets [here](#).

Coastal Communities



Do you live or work in an economically struggling UK coastal community? Come and join a conversation with people who want to share and respond to the particular challenges of people in economically marginalised urban and rural coastal contexts.

The webinar will take place on Monday 4th July in the evening.

Find out more and sign up [here](#).

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