

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](#)

Reflections on the Presidential Year

As they near the end of their year of office as President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton consider some of the highlights and how the role has changed and challenged them.

Click here to watch the [video](#).



Top Stories

Radio Lancashire



Listen in to Ben and Jason as they chat with Graham Liver about their faith, the church, and their upcoming wedding - one of the first same sex marriages to take place in a Methodist church.

Listen [here](#), from 2 hours 11 minutes onwards.

A Visit to Rwanda



The Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District has been in partnership with the Free Methodist Church Rwanda since 2008.

In May 2022, the Revd Bev Boden visited Rwanda with group of others from the District.

[Click here](#) to read about their visit. You can find out more about church twinning [here](#).

#MyJusticeJourney



From Friday May 27 to Friday 3 June, almost 250 people shared stories of their own justice journeys as part of a social media campaign organised by the Walking With Micah justice project and Methodist Heritage.

You can find out more about how the campaign performed and some of the key outcomes [here](#).

New Podcast



“Throughout the week there will be moments where we pause, we pray, we sing, we were worship and in all these things we hope that we are going to be guided by the Holy Spirit.”

The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler previews this year's Methodist Conference, taking place in Telford, 23-30 June and considers the discussion on oversight and trusteeship.

You can listen [here](#), or on your favourite streaming platform.

Refugee Week



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.

5 Ways to mark Refugee Week

This year's Refugee Week has 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](#).

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.

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](#).

Methodist Conference



'Britain: Global Power or Good Neighbour'

Ordinations

Fringe Events

Since the 2016 referendum, the UK Government have used the term 'Global Britain' to refer to the strengths Britain is able to demonstrate on the international stage. But what do our priorities and actions communicate about who Britain is? The Rt Hon Lord Paul Boateng will bring his political and legal expertise as well as his own faith to these questions, to deliver the 2022 Beckly Lecture.

This event will be available in person, or via livestream. You can find out more [here](#).

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](#).

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](#).

Job Opportunity



Digital Content Producer

The Methodist Church is looking to appoint a Digital Content Producer to create and oversee the production of engaging video and graphic design that help tell stories of those in the Methodist Church, as well as communicate our values and the work taking place throughout it and across our churches.

If you're interested, find out more and apply [here](#).

Closing date is 3rd July.

Coming Up

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](#).

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](#).

Fresh Expressions



There is a real crisis emerging in the cost of living across the UK which will result in greater numbers of people being destitute and people experiencing poverty in greater numbers.

In a joint project run by the Methodist Church and Fresh Expressions UK we are aiming to create an online ecumenical 'brave' space for those who are advocates and practitioners of FX church at the economic margins.

Find out more and register [here](#).