

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](#)

What does 'justice' mean to us?

The Revd Graham Thompson and Anthony Boateng, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference talk about what justice means to them [in a new video](#).

You can watch more of their videos, where they talk about their individual faith journeys, [here](#).



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Sri Lanka appeal



The political 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 is running the Samaritan Journey Project which aims to provide relief for the people who are suffering most seriously. You can [donate to the appeal here](#).

Britain: Global Power or Good Neighbour?



The 2022 Beckly Lecture, 'Britain: Global Power or Good Neighbour?', was delivered by the politician and Methodist, The Rt Hon Paul Boateng, and you can watch the lecture on the [JPIT YouTube channel here](#).

After the lecture, Paul chatted with the Methodist Podcast about the Church, the state of our world and the relationship between politics and faith. [Listen to the podcast here](#).

Conference Report on Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity



Still time to book for 3Generate



Conference Business Digest



The implementation of the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity has begun to affect the life of the Methodist Church according to a report received by the Methodist Conference, which met in Telford, 23rd to 30th June.

Bookings for 3Generate close at the end of July, but there's still time to register!

It's a place where children and young people can encounter God and have a voice in the life of the church.

You can now download a summary report for local churches about the business of the 2022 Methodist Conference.

[Download the Conference Business Digest here.](#)

[Read about progress and plans for the JDS Strategy here.](#)

Don't miss out - [book online here.](#)

Evangelism and Growth

Creative Resources for A Methodist Way of Life



At Methodist Conference in June, representatives and guests went on a journey from the God for All junction into the A Methodist Way of Life train network.

Asking people to recognise their 'home station' was a great way to celebrate their gifts and strengths. Encouraging people to step out in faith by thinking and praying together about where the Holy Spirit might be leading them next was also very powerful. Find out about the [discipleship train network](#) and about engaging with [each of the 12 commitments](#).

We are currently piloting **creative resources** that will help churches, circuits and individuals to go deeper in their individual and communal journeys with God. Please [Email us if you'd like a conversation about this](#).

Like some help with Mission Planning?



Not sure how to get started with mission planning? Started working on a plan but got lost along the way? Your circuit can book a "mission planning surgery" slot to receive input tailored to your particular context. Ideally a few representatives from a circuit team would attend together so that the input from the surgery would be shared among the team.

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

Explore getting a coach or training as one



Coaching is a gift we can offer one another as we seek to become a growing, evangelistic, justice-seeking Church. Coaches help people reflect on their practice through structured conversations, asking great questions, and holding people accountable to the action points they have set themselves.

Interested in working with a coach? [Find out more here.](#)

Want to explore becoming a coach yourself? [Find out more here.](#)

Community Organising for Positive Change



Community Organising is a way of working together to enable positive change: an excellent way to start and nurture a New Place for New People or to renew an existing church. It brings together social justice, social action, and contextual evangelism. The E&G team are offering free introductory courses

[Find out more here.](#)

Media

Pause for Thought 'If I could create an Emoji'



Listen to the Revd Dawn Saunders on BBC Radio 2's Thought for the Day on why we need a 'miracle' emoji.

[Listen here.](#)

Same-sex Marriage



The Revd Anna Bishop talked on BBC Radio Wiltshire about the move to holding same-sex marriages in her Methodist church.

[Listen here.](#)

Premier Radio Travellers' Tales



This Saturday at 5.30pm Leo Devine welcomes the new Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Anthony Boateng.

[Listen here.](#)

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