

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

Statement on the current political crisis in Sri Lanka



With the events in Sri Lanka last week, the Methodist Church in Britain has received two statements from Revd W. P. Ebenezer Joseph, President of Conference, Methodist Church, Sri Lanka and Chair of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka.

Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference, has offered a statement and prayer of support and solidarity in response. [Read more here](#).

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](#).

Webinar: How to 'make room' this Christmas



22 or 23 September 2022

This year the Methodist Church has put together a resource pack to help you plan your Christmas services and community events, along with a digital Christmas campaign you can use to help share good news. In this webinar, The Methodist Church's Director of Digital Engagement, Ben Hollebon, along with Holly Adams and Emma Nash from the Evangelism and Growth Team, will offer lots of ideas for planning a Christmas that is good news to your whole community. [Book your free place here](#).

Changing attitudes and supporting those living with disability in Tanzania



In Tanzania, as elsewhere in the world (including Britain), disability can sometimes be associated with prejudice and negative attitudes and those living with disabilities can experience rejection and exclusion. In Tanzania this is especially the case in rural communities.

The Tanzania Methodist Church is changing attitudes toward and supporting people living with disabilities. They have supported more than 500 people so far with open air meetings and seminars, explaining that the Love of God is for everyone and that disability is not 'a curse'.

[Read more here](#).

Coming up

British Methodist Youth Choir 40th anniversary concert

Reminder to book for 3Generate



To celebrate their 40th anniversary the BMYC are [holding a concert at Shirley Methodist Church on 15 October](#).

The choir would love anyone to join in either singing (it is open for all ages), or to come and enjoy the concert.

For more details about rehearsing if you would like to sing, or details about the concert itself, please email admin@bmyc.info.

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.

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

Evangelism and Growth

Engaging with Pride events



Have you seen our #Pride resources? These gorgeous badges - as well as some similar banners - were released earlier this summer to support Methodists who engage in Pride events.

There are still a number of Pride events yet to take place this year all over the country so if you're planning to engage, or are thinking about ways to do this next year, and are looking for resources, guidance or networking events to help you do so, [visit this webpage](#).

Autumn Mission Webinars



Check out these taster webinars coming up in the autumn. Watch for more to be added over the summer.

27 September

[Chaplaincy with Older People: how local churches can get involved.](#)

29 September

[Mission to the Armed Forces: how local churches can join in God's mission to the Armed Forces community.](#)

14 September & 20 October

[Leading into Change: exploring ideas and skills for leadership for the good of our communities and churches.](#)

Audio

Pause for Thought 'Game Changers'



Listen to the Revd Dawn Saunders on BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought about some 'Game Changers' she has encountered in her life.

[Listen to Dawn's Pause for Thought here.](#)

Michael and Joanna Tettey Mission Partners



Michael and Joanna Tettey have both been working with the Eglise Méthodiste du Togo, having previously served in Benin and Sierra Leone. Michael has been instrumental in the Health work of the church in an advisory and administrative capacity. Joanna has been serving as a midwife and health training in the Connexion. [Listen to their story here.](#)