

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](#)

Cost of living crisis

Call for urgent action



Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown has joined with 56 faith groups, charities and politicians to call on the government to take urgent action to bridge the cost of living gap faced by the lowest income families.

The call responds to a report, written by poverty expert and Loughborough University Professor Donald Hirsch which reveals the gap between the support the government is currently offering to households and the anticipated rise in living costs.

[Read the full report on the JPIT website here](#)

Media coverage of the campaign



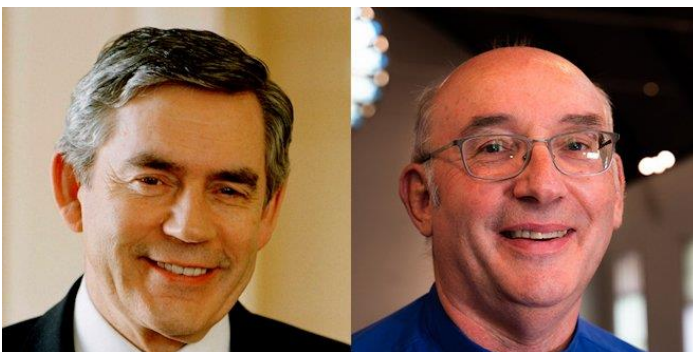
The "Is Cost of Living Support Enough" report received significant media coverage last week featuring in the Observer, Daily Mirror and on Sky News with many radio stations covering the story. Here is where you can hear some of the coverage.

Gordon Brown was interviewed on the [BBC Radio Sunday Programme](#) (begins at 0:33:20).

The Methodist Church Head of Mission, Jude Levermore, spoke on [BBC Radio Oxford](#) (begins at 2:09:00)

Rev'd Ian Rutherford was on [BBC MCR in Manchester](#) (begins 01:09:30).

Podcast: Gordon Brown in conversation with the President of the Conference



Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown talks to President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson, about the cost of living crisis in the UK.

[Listen here](#).

Take part in the #EnoughToLive social media campaign



The Joint Public Issues Team have prepared social media graphics for churches and individuals to use on their social media channels to highlight the need for action.

[Download the graphics for Facebook and Twitter here](#)

Exam results

A prayer for those receiving exam results



Lord, we come to you remembering all of those students in this country and around the world who went through examinations this year, and as we are now approaching results day for all of those students, we thank you for all the hard work, effort and dedication that they have put in over the past year; for all of the wonderful new skills that they have learnt. We praise you for being a God who always looks out for us and wants the best for us, in all situations and circumstances. In this period of waiting for exam results, we pray for comfort and rest for all of those who are looking forward to the coming changes in their lives.

Daud Irfan, Youth President 2021-22

Evangelism and Growth



Methodists at Pride Networking Event

Are you a Methodist who has or is engaging in Pride this year? Or considering organising a presence at Pride next year? We'd love you to come along to a networking event on Zoom on **7 September 2022 at 7.30pm**. The evening will be a time to share stories, ideas and good advice about the ways we might seek to engage well in Pride events.

[Please register here](#)

Worship in Mozambique

Global Methodist fellowship in Mozambique

"The vibrancy and joy of their worship was truly inspiring and the sense of being part of and supported by a much wider Methodist Christian fellowship..."

Andrew Ashdown, Partnership Coordinator for Africa, blogs from Chimoio in Mozambique

[Read Andrew's blog here](#)



3Generate



Could you volunteer to help out?

There are three types of volunteer role you can apply for at 3Generate: Venue/programme teams who work within each of the venues to help children and young people engage with the 3Generate programme.

- Care teams who are focused on supporting participants and sometimes their leaders.
- Operational teams that include customer service roles such as reception, stewarding and also practical roles such as set-up and take-down.

[Find out more here](#)

Audio



How an accountant became President of the Methodist Conference

The Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Conference was a guest on Premier Christian Radio's Inspirational Breakfast show speaking about his role and hopes for the future.

[Listen to his interview here](#)

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