

The Methodist News

22 September 2022

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

Support for Low Income



The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have joined a coalition of over 50 faith and charity leaders calling on the Prime Minister to prioritise support for the poorest in their cost of living announcements, ahead of Friday's fiscal statement.

Read the open letter [here](#).

Free School Meals



The Presidency has joined a call for free school meals for all primary school children in England.

"We are living through the greatest cost of living crisis in a generation, and too many families with young children are being pulled into poverty. Free school meals for every child will put money back in parents' pockets."

Find out more about how you can get involved [here](#).

Reflection on The Queen's Funeral



"Like the Queen, we are invited to receive the gift of eternal life if we will put our trust in Jesus our Saviour. This is what our sister Elizabeth did. We should do the same."

The Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference, reflects on the privilege of attending the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth [here](#).



"At the 2022 Conference, Anthony Boateng and I introduced our theme for the year based on The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) and the call to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

"You might imagine, therefore, my delight when I heard King Charles III saying something similar."

You can read the Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference's, reflection on meeting with King Charles III [here](#).



The Revd Tony Miles, the superintendent of Methodist Central Hall Westminster, talks about the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II for all faiths.

Watch his reflection [here](#).



"My faith has taught me...to wait patiently and continue to pray for God's guidance."

The Revd Dawn Saunders reflects on the loss of Her Majesty The Queen in her BBC Radio 2 'Pause for Thought' on 12 September.

Listen to the reflection [here](#).

The Environment

Great Big Green Week

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WEEK** 

A number of Methodist Churches are hosting events for Great Big Green Week this year. Find out more about the campaign [here](#) and see if there is something on local to you.

Net Zero



As a Church we have set a aspirational goal to become net zero by 2030. Take a look at our resources that support this work [here](#) and find inspiration from other Methodists already on this journey.

Advent and Christmas



Christmas is, hands down, the easiest time of year to invite people to church and to connect people with good news. The Methodist Church has put together a resource pack to help you plan your Christmas services and community events, and a digital Christmas campaign which you can use to help you share good news. There is also an evangelistic booklet which has been written with unaffiliated people in mind. [Visit our website to find out more](#).

Higher Education

A Prayer for those in Higher Education

Loving God,
You gave us wisdom to understand you and the marvels you created.
We pray for all those at university and ask that you watch over everyone.
We ask you to care for those going through mental health issues, and help everyone to discern the path that is right for them.
We also pray for every parent asking that you watch over and reassure them that their child is safe in your love.
Amen.



Written by James Carver, Methodist Youth President 2022/2023

YP Elections

This year's candidates are Tom and Rachel! If you're attending 3Generate this year, you'll have a chance to meet them both and vote on who will be the next Youth President!



Find out more about Tom [here](#).



Find out more about Rachel [here](#).

Coming Up

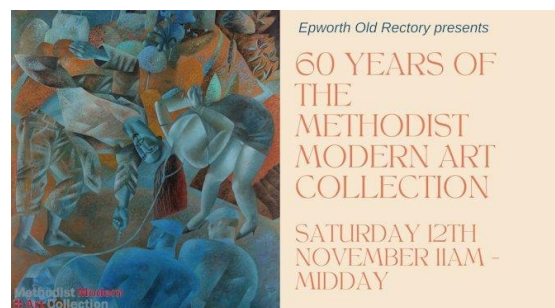
Social Justice and Evangelism



Social Justice and Evangelism Webinars 2022-23 are starting in November. Book your place at the first event on 8 November [here](#).

These Webinars will give you an online space to think about the connection between social justice and evangelism. Come along if you want to listen, learn, and share in conversation with others.
Find out more [here](#).

Methodist Modern Art Collection



To mark 60 years of the Methodist Modern Art Collection, Epworth Old Rectory will be hosting a free online talk with Ann Sumner, Chair of the Methodist Modern Art Collection Management Committee, about the history of the collection.

This event will take place Saturday 12th November 11am - 12pm on Zoom.

Email vcm@epwortholdrectory.org.uk for details and to book.

Community for Spiritual Formation



Through a programme of teaching, silence, worship and reflection based on a Benedictine monastic pattern The Community for Spiritual Formation creates transformative space for people to be in communion with God, self, others, and creation for the sake of the world.

The first online day is to be held on Saturday 19th November and will be run by Edel McLean, a facilitator and spiritual director who currently works for the Learning Network of the Methodist Church.

Find out more [here](#).

Pause for Thought

Trey joins Zoe Ball for the Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 on Thursday 22 September, where he reflects on how the good life can often be found in the small things. He shares a short story involving a dinosaur called Sue and how those big anticipated experiences can sometimes let us down in life.

Listen [here](#).

Church at the Margins



Would you welcome a space to think and learn from others? Why not join the Church at the Margins advocates and practitioners online Network.

Every session will include an update from Paul Morrison (JPIT Policy advisor on poverty and the economy).

You can book your place at the first event on 27 September [here](#) or book onto any session via [this link](#).



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