

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](#)

Connexional new year resources



Happy New Connexional Year!

As we live out Our Calling, don't forget to order your essential resources for 2022/2023 from Methodist Publishing.

[Order your resources here.](#)

News

Statement on flooding in Pakistan



"Our prayers are for our Sisters and Brothers in the Church of Pakistan, for all the people of Pakistan who have been affected by the flooding, for those who are responding to the crisis, and for those who will be called upon to find strength to rebuild shattered homes, schools, communities and livelihoods."

[Read the full statement by the Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference](#)

Education Sunday resources



Sunday 11 September

The theme of this year's Education Sunday is based on the Gospel readings of the lost sheep and the lost coin, with the title, '**You are not lost!**'.

In addition to the published materials from Churches together in England, Barbara Easton (Head of Service for the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust) has recorded a short video sermon that will be available to put into your service on that day.

[Access the Education Sunday resources here](#)

Cherishing God's creation



"[EcoChurch](#) has given us a broad perspective on what we can do to cherish creation and help protect the planet."

To mark Creationtide we are sharing the story of one church's EcoChurch journey.

[Read the story here.](#)

Reflections on Greenbelt



The Revd Graham Thompson reflects on attending the Greenbelt Festival for the first time and the Methodist offering there - the Hope and Anchor

[Read Graham's reflections here](#)

Sri Lanka



The economic crisis in Sri Lanka is devastating for those living there with rising prices and shortages of food, fuel and medicines.

The Methodist Church in Britain has supported the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka with a Solidarity Grant of £15,000 from the World Mission Fund. The Samaritan Journey Project gives relief packages of food, grants for medical expenses for children and kits for people to grow their own vegetables.

Would your church consider an additional retiring collection for this appeal during harvest or another time during the autumn?

[Worship resources and details of how to donate are here.](#)

New Prime Minister



A prayer ahead of the announcement of the new Prime Minister on 5 September

Holy God, we pray for our nations at this time of transition. We ask that you grant us understanding and compassion for those who are appointed to high office. This week we particularly pray for those who serve us in Westminster and ask that they be granted wisdom and integrity. We pray that they may discover how to use all available resources to meet the needs of those who are struggling with the cost of living, and so many other challenges facing our world. May we each love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves. In the Name of Christ, our loving friend. Amen.

Methodist Conference

Conference 2022 Highlights video

A short video featuring the highlights and major decisions of this year's Methodist Conference in Telford is now available.

[Watch the video on YouTube.](#)

[Download an mp4 video file from Vimeo.](#)



Evangelism and Growth

Leading into change webinars



14 September 10.30am - 12.00 noon
20 October 7.30-9.00pm

Great change requires great leaders. Transformational leadership is about healthy, Christ-shaped use of power and influence in Christian communities to welcome in God's preferred future. In these regular webinars, Emma and Nigel from the [Transformational Leadership Learning Community](#) (TLLC) explore ideas and skills that have the potential to help us lead better, for the good of our communities and churches. Whether you're thinking about joining the TLLC, or just interested in developing leadership in your team, you will find something to get you thinking and acting differently. Anyone interested in exploring leadership is welcome.

[Register free here](#)

The Methodist Podcast

The cost of living crisis

This week's podcast continues to explore the cost of living crisis. We chat with two people who are living in the 'benefit gap' and hear how they are planning to cope with the increasing costs.

We talk to a Deacon from Gateshead on how her church will be providing a warm space for people this winter.

[Listen to the Methodist Podcast here](#)

Pause for Thought on The Zoe Ball Breakfast show



Thursday 8, 15, 22 September

The Revd Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth, will be offering a Pause for Thought on three Thursdays this month as part of The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show on Radio 2.

[Find details of The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show here.](#)



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