

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](#)

A Prayer for COP27

Creator of all,
you call us to partner with you in the care of creation.
We pray for the leaders of the nations, meeting for COP27.
Help them to see the inter-connectedness of the world and to take seriously our responsibility for each other.
Help them to hear the voices of the vulnerable and those most affected by climate change.
Teach us how to be responsible stewards of all that you have given us, that all may share its bounty.
Amen.

Revd Jonathan Pye, Chair of the Bristol District.

Bristol is the first District to receive a bronze Eco District award from Arocha's Eco Church awards scheme

Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday Prayer



An all age prayer for Remembrance Sunday 2022, written by the Methodist Forces Board. Available to watch and download as a resource to use in your Church service [here](#).

Methodist Forces Board Resources



You can find a variety of resources, including liturgies and reflective videos, on [this page](#).

Lampedusa



Barry Sloan and Mediterranean Hope

Barry Sloan is our partnership coordinator for Europe, and Mission Partner in Germany along with his wife Gill. Together they create videos as their 'prayer letters home'. In [this video](#), Barry takes us on one of his work trips to Lampedusa, a tiny Italian island in the Mediterranean Sea. We get to see the work of Mediterranean Hope, a faith-based organisation that works with and for refugees and migrants, and explore the complex narrative around refugees coming to Europe.

Hope and Anchor



Ghost stories, graveyards, addiction and spirituality

It's time for a fresh episode of the Hope & Anchor podcast. We hope you haven't had your fill of Halloween content yet, because this week's episode is jam packed with chat all about ghost stories, graveyards, addiction, and spirituality. Our guests around the table this week are Emma Fox - graveyard tour guide, Paul Stevenson – editor of Haunted Magazine, and Alex Frost – vicar, author and podcaster. Listen [here](#), or wherever you get your podcasts.

Advent and Christmas

Advent in a Time of Crisis



The Queen's Foundation
for Ecumenical Theological Education
Birmingham

Our partners at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham are offering an evening of reflection on "Advent in a time of crisis" on **Monday, November 28th, at 7.30pm.**

It can be attended in person or accessed online, and the cost is minimal. This would be a wonderful stimulus for your Advent groups or studies, and registration also comes with a free resource booklet to aid individuals or groups to continue the reflection afterwards.

Details of the event can be found on the [Queen's website](#), along with the link to register.

There is Room



As part of the Methodist Church, we seek to demonstrate our open, inclusive and welcoming nature by saying to all people, 'There is Room' for you.

[Resources for this Advent and Christmas are available to download.](#)

[You can also order physical items from Methodist Publishing.](#)

Around the World

Prayer for the Tragedy in Seoul

Caring and loving God,

As we have heard of the dreadful tragedy in Seoul, we ask you to wrap your caring arms around everyone impacted.

Please, wrap your arms around those who have lost their lives, the friends and families of victims, everyone in Seoul who have likely not heard of this sad news yet, and the places of worship who are preparing to support everyone; including our global partners in the Korean Methodist Church.

We ask all this of you, knowing you will know what to do. Amen.

Written by James Carver,
Youth President 2022/2023



Rural Education from Nigeria to Japan



Adetunji David Ajala is a student of the Asian Rural Institute (ARI) in Japan. He has been able to attend as a representative of the Methodist Church Nigeria with support from the World Mission Fund.

Read more about Adetunji and his story [here](#).

Methodist for Ukraine: Apply to host a Ukrainian family

As Russia's war in Ukraine continues, its impact on the people there remains devastating. Thousands are still hoping to come to the UK, but hosts are in short supply.

The Methodist Church has responded to this with [the Methodists for Ukraine scheme to help Methodists become hosts to those seeking sanctuary from the war](#).

You can read how one couple gave sanctuary to two young women from Ukraine on [the Sheffield Methodist District website](#).



Opportunities

Life Beyond Borders Conference



Leading church organisation, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), will be exploring the significance of borders and how they impact our society at the conference 'Life Beyond Borders' on **Tuesday 8 November 2022** at Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, England.

This important one-day event, in collaboration with Churches' Refugee Network (CRN), brings together churches and faith organisations that are involved with immigration issues to explore the philosophical, religious and historical significance of borders, and how they relate to issues of nationality, identity, faith, culture, ethnicity and politics across Britain, Ireland and Europe.

[Find out more and sign up to attend.](#)

Communications Jobs



There are **two** new roles available in the Communications Office of the Connexional Team!

If you're looking to get involved in comms work but don't know where to start, take a look at our [Communications Assistant](#) role. If you have experience in both print and online journalism, and enjoy the process of finding stories and following leads, check out the [Media Officer](#) role, whose focus will be as Editor of the connexion magazine.

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