



The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome back to the Methodist News.

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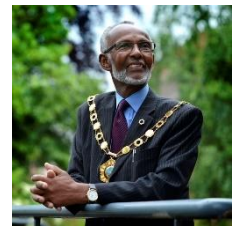
The Communications team

Tribute to Leon Murray

By the Revd Derrick R. Lander

"His term as Vice-President is remembered as that of a quiet, sincere gentleman of Christian faith, whose great gift was the ability to affirm and include all people as children of God regardless of race or background."

In this touching tribute, the Revd Derrick R. Lander recounts some of Leon's history, life and legacy. Read the whole tribute [here](#), and continue to hold Leon's family in your prayers.



Social Care Report

"Jesus offers every human being, regardless of age or ability, a full and abundant life.

The #ReimaginingCare report launching today gives me hope that we can rise to the challenge of fixing our broken social care system." The Archbishop of Canterbury

Methodist Homes (MHA) has been working closely with the Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care and their Moor Allerton Care Centre features in the final report, which has gone live this week.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Opportunities

Accompanist



Do you have the gifts and graces to listen to and walk alongside someone considering a call to ordained ministry?

Would you be willing to offer some time to help someone else?

We are looking to recruit volunteer accompanists to do just that.

More details of how to apply and the training offered are available [here](#).

Action for Children



Action for Children are looking for applications from young people to join their Young Ambassadors Board. It's an empowering way for young people to have a say in the running of the charity and to gain new skills and experiences along the way. find out more and apply [here](#).

Academic Research

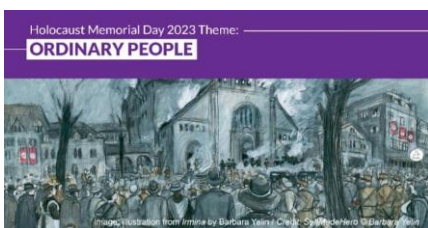


Two academics at The Open University are conducting a survey designed to include people who solemnise marriages, conduct religious-only weddings or lead wedding-style ceremonies. They hope their findings will influence official communications in any future emergencies.

If you are a minister who would like to complete the survey, please email Stephanie.Pywell@open.ac.uk

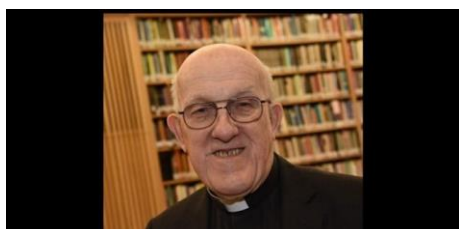
Coming Up

Holocaust Memorial Day



Holocaust Memorial Day, **27 January**, is set aside to come together to remember, to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Singing the Faith Plus has [a page](#) of suggested ways to approach this difficult subject in a church services, along with helpful resources and downloads.

Thanksgiving Service for Brian Beck



A Thanksgiving Service is being held for the life of the Revd Dr Brian E Beck (1933-2022), former President and Secretary of the Methodist Conference. The Thanksgiving Service is on **Sat 11 February** at 13:30 at Wesley's Chapel. Please register your attendance [here](#) in order to let the organisers you are coming so they can arrange catering. There is more information at the bottom of his obituary page [here](#).

Faith in Democracy



With democracy under pressure everywhere, can Christians recover a positive vision for political engagement? This four-week course explores a vision of constructive and critical participation in British democracy.

If you're interested, you can find out more about the course and its contents [here](#).

The London Walk 2023



On the evening of **Friday 10 March 2023** West London Mission will once again be taking part in the London Walk.

This walk brings charities working in homelessness in the city together to walk as one. Together, they're aiming to raise £250,000 to fight against homelessness and support those affected by it.

If you'd like to get involved, find out more [here](#).

In the News

Cost of Living



ITV news ran a report this week on how one in three children in the North live in poverty.

Methodist Minister, Vincent Jambawo talks about what foodbanks are doing to support families.

You can watch the full video and read the article [here](#).

Leslie Griffiths



The Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port, will receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Roehampton at their graduation ceremony this week.

Lord Griffiths is former President of the Methodist Conference, Superintendent Minister of Wesley's Chapel and honorary Canon of St Paul's Cathedral. He is also a former Chair of the governing body of Southlands College.

There is more information available [here](#).

President and Vice-President

Premier.

The President and Vice President spoke to Premier Radio while on a visit to the north east.

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Listen to their conversation with Ian Britton [here](#).

Food security and climate change in Colombia



"Pastor Nubia used to sustain the feeding programme with produce that she grew in the church's allotment. However, recent excessive rain followed by extreme periods of heat had damaged her crops, made it difficult to germinate seeds and produced much smaller crops than before."

On a recent visit to Colombia, Sandra Lopez saw first-hand the difficulties that communities are facing because of climate change.

You can read the full report [here](#).

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