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The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome back to the Methodist News.

Details of on-call media support can [be found on our website](#).

Yours,

The Communications team

Reflections for Holy Week



Join the Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Conference and Anthony Boateng, Vice-President of the Conference, in a short video reflection released each day at 9am, from Palm Sunday (2 April) to Easter Day (9 April).

You can watch each video reflection on our social media channels everyday at 9am, or [on our website](#).

Easter is coming...

Our Easter short film, 'Love, always.', takes a conceptual look at the experience of being in the tomb and how each of us is part of the bigger story of Easter.

Look out for it in Holy Week across our social media channels to share with friends and family.



Everyone an Evangelist



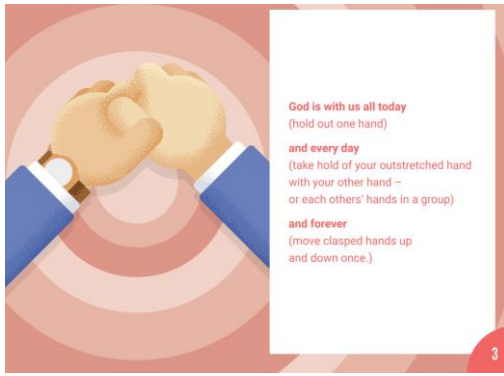
Everyone an Evangelist is a set of course materials designed to help groups from local churches and circuits grow in confidence as evangelists. The materials – which are available for group leaders to order – will help demystify evangelism and build sustainable, intentional rhythms of both personal and shared evangelism.

Everyone an Evangelist involves three sessions over a period of three months, a small group course, and a chance to put learning into action through a practical evangelism project. Are you wondering about running the Everyone an

Evangelist course but you've got questions and want to talk it through? If so, sign up for an Everyone an Evangelist 'surgery' sessions – designed for leaders considering using the materials.

[Find out more about Everyone an Evangelist, order the materials, or sign up for a surgery session.](#)

Creative Prayer Cards - digital versions



Prayer is an opportunity to encounter God. It can involve words spoken in a group, art we hang on our walls, or a stroll in the park. The Methodist prayer cards offer 52 different prompts for creative prayer; different ways that we can fulfil the Methodist Way of Life commitment to "pray daily" as far as we are able, with God's help. The cards can be used by individuals or groups, at church events onsite & online, in homes, schools & care homes.

The cards are now available to download as [a PowerPoint](#) or [a PDF version](#) for easy use in digital meetings and church services. Or, [buy a print pack from Methodist Publishing](#).

Across the Connexion

Dual Transformation

Dual Transformation is a webinar taking place on **19 April at 7pm**.

Its aim is to inspire and give hope to both those in established churches and in brand new projects by looking at the similarities and differences between those two contexts. [Sign up through the Eventbrite website](#).

One Voice Podcast (Northampton District)

Reverend Graham Thompson and Anthony Boateng are the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference and have just been spending some time in Northamptonshire. Find out what it's shown them, how it has affected them and hear their responses to some of your questions. We cover scripture, church buildings, President and Vice President rapport and how they've picked up each other's interests. [Listen on Spotify](#).

Flourish

"Flourish: Rooted in Love" is a major Methodist event being organised by the Yorkshire North and East District - although it's open to all!

It is a celebratory weekend, from **14-16 April**, with speakers, workshops, worship, activities, marketplace, and a children's, youth and family programme. [Find out more about Flourish on their website](#).

Webinars and Events

Together - Gathering of the People of God

On **30 September 2023**, an ecumenical prayer vigil will take place in Rome in the presence of Pope Francis. Young people aged between 18 and 35 from across Europe are being invited to attend for the weekend.

A small group will be attending from the Methodist Church in Britain. Details of how to apply will available on our website very soon. In the meantime, you can [find out more on the Together website](#).

Prayers for Peace in Ukraine

The Methodist Peace Fellowship has partnered with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and others in praying weekly for peace. They've been praying **every Friday at 7.30pm** since the war in Ukraine began. All are welcome to join these led sessions, regularly or occasionally. [Sign up through the Zoom website](#).

The Church as an Evangelising Community

Many evangelism stories are about individuals braving it alone. But what does it mean to be part of an evangelising community? For the local church to be living and working in sync with their neighbourhood?

Learn from theologians and practitioners from four different global contexts and traditions. Co-hosted by Ben Aldous, Principal Officer for Mission and Evangelism at Churches Together in England, and Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth for the Methodist Church in Britain. Taking place on **18 April at 11am**. [Sign up through the Eventbrite website](#).

One Body One Faith Memorial Service

One Body One Faith will be hosting a Memorial Service on **Sunday 23 April at 2.30pm**, at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London, to commemorate and remember members of the LGBT+ community who have lost their lives to suicide and experienced harm, following exclusion from Christian communities.

[Find out more and sign up through their website.](#)

Voter ID Changes



The way that we vote in national and local government elections is changing. From **4 May 2023**, voters will need to show photo ID at polling stations.

JPIT have [put together this guidance](#) to help church and community leaders to be able to share this information within their communities.

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