# The **Methodist** News

#### The Methodist Church Communications team

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### Collect for Refugee Week and Sanctuary Sunday

Refugee Week takes place between 19-25 June and if you would like to be involved, you can check and download resources from our website that include features from the Church of Sanctuary Programme. You can also find a wealth of resources from <u>All We Can</u> from posters, to short films and guidance on how

To follow on from this, you can use the Collect for Refugee Week the start of Refugee Week.

Migrant God, free from borders, your presence spans all creation.

You take sanctuary in us, in you is our eternal sanctuary.

to raise awareness of the week at your church.

We behold you in community with those uprooted from their homes by war, poverty, persecution and extreme weather, especially those who make their way to these shores on small boats.

Be the shelter of their lives.

Bless their courage and resilience in seeking freedom and sanctuary.

Bring us to build cultures of welcome, hospitality and sanctuary for all;

Community where there is conflict;

Compassion where there is cruelty;

Humanity where there is hatred;

Hospitality where there is hostility;

And so, to practice and proclaim hope.

In the Name of Christ.

Amen

#### Discover and download resources



With the Methodist Conference starting at the end of next week, the agenda is now available. You can find everything you need to know from where it will be livestreamed to how you can follow updates through our social media pages.

Find out everything you need to know



Are you a Methodist who takes part in your local Pride event? In Pride Month, have a look through some of the resources that we have to help you, as a church, support the community and sensitively proclaim the good news of a God for all and a Church for all.

Resources for Pride Month

### Whole Hearted Conference



The Evangelism and Growth team have felt for a while that we need to gather people across the Methodist Church who have a sense of the hopeful future that the Holy Spirit is leading us to. So we have created the 'Whole Hearted' weekend event on 12-14 January 2024. Whole Hearted aims to help us having some time away from our local contexts,

opening us to the bigger picture of God's mission in the world today.

Places on the conference, including all accommodation and food costs, are fully funded by the Evangelism and Growth Team, but a deposit will be required at the time of booking. This deposit will be returned in full after the weekend to all who attend. As well as residential bookings for the whole weekend, there are also day tickets for Saturday 13 January.

**Book your place** 

## Being Christian Entrepreneurs



Are you interested in Christian and social entrepreneurship? Are you a church leader wanting to develop sustainable income streams to support ministry work? Or possibly you're someone with a missional idea, looking for how to make it work financially?

If that's the case, join us in central London on Thursday 29 June for Being Christian Entrepreneurs, a day conference hosted by Methodist Central Hall Westminster.

Sign up

# Positively Rural Webinar



Join the +Rural team and guests, Deacon Eunice Attwood (Methodist Church at the Margins Officer), Dr Chris Shannahan and Dr Stephanie Denning of Coventry University's Centre for Trust, Peace & Social Relations. Hear more about two research projects: Life on the Breadline & Rural Hidden Hardship and how they help inform our local rural contexts. Join the conversation around rural poverty, the impacts and how we, as Christians, can respond.

Join in the conversation

## Sailsbury Methodist Church: Together for Climate Justice



About 12 years ago, Salisbury Methodist Church was one of the first churches to install solar panels. Since then, the church, its ministers and its congregation have shared a longstanding commitment to Climate Justice, working towards their Eco Church Silver Award. You can read more on how their journey is going in order to get their Eco Church Silver Award.

Read more here

### We're Hiring!

The Methodist Church in Britain are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and ambitious person to help develop and maintain our social media presence. Working within the Communications Team, the holder of this role will work alongside colleagues in The Methodist Church and key partner organisations to lead/assist in leading the delivery of social media communications.

Don't hesitate to apply or share if you know of anyone who will be a good fit for this role.

Apply for this role

# We're Looking for Volunteers!

Are you a Methodist Presbyter or a Methodist lay person keen to use your experiences and skills to support the ministry of the Methodist Diaconal Order and Methodist Deacons? The Methodist Diaconal Support and Advisory Committee is looking to recruit two new members: a presbyter and a lay person. If you're interested in volunteering, then you can find out more by clicking the red bar below.

**Apply to volunteer** 

#### The Brian E. Beck Memorial Lecture and Open Day

Wesley House invites you to our annual open day and the inaugural Brian E Beck memorial lecture, given by The Revd Dr Julie Lunn on "Sanctification in Charles Wesley's Hymns: an examination of different perspectives on sanctification between John and Charles Wesley with illustrations of Charles' use of sanctification in his hymns"

Book your free place now and if you can't make it then it will be livestreamed online.

Book for your free place

#### **BBC Radio Interview about Justice Seeking Church**

Revd Mandy Briggs, of the Walking with Micah Reference Group, speaks to BBC Radio Gloucester about becoming a justice-seeking church. You can listen at the 2hr7 mark.

Listen to interview

### Windrush 75th Anniversary - A National Service of Thanksgiving

The Service will be held to mark the 75th anniversary of the docking of the MV Empire Windrush, into Tilbury Docks, which brought more than 500 Caribbean men and women who responded to an invitation to come to a country in recovery from the Second World War. And also in need of help from British subjects who were also Commonwealth citizens.

The purpose of this service of thanksgiving is to honour the legacy of the Windrush generation and hear how younger voices are building on the heritage. At this event, we will be celebrating their achievements, expressing our gratitude, and acknowledging the struggles that they have faced.

**Book your place** 

### Find us on social media











