

# The Methodist News 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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## World Refugee Day

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Today, 20 June, marks World Refugee Day. The Revd Matt Lunn of Muswell Hill Methodist Church, has written this prayer.

Loving God

In this Refugee Week, we pray for all those who have been forced to flee their homes.

May they find solace in your presence and the chance to rebuild their lives.

Inspire our churches to be havens of hope and love.

We thank you for growth and renewal as churches receive the gifts that refugees bring.

Help us to see your face in every person seeking refuge.

As we continue to journey to be a justice-seeking Church, give us strength and wisdom to stand in solidarity with those who seek sanctuary.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen

## Migrant voices and compassion

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Hear from migrants, staff and volunteers at [Trinity Safe Space](#) – a community of asylum seekers based at two Methodist churches, in Widnes and Runcorn.

[Read more here](#)

## Statement of the conflict in Sudan

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The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton, and the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, have released this statement expressing their concern for the conflict between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the 'Rapid Support Forces' (RSF).

[Read their statement here](#)

## How art is shedding light on Myanmar

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The art exhibition 'And Until We Meet Again' at the [Rivergreen Methodist Hub](#) in the [Nottingham and Derby District](#), is a photographic prayer for Myanmar by Revd Susan McIvor who has visited the country six times since 1999. Her photos are a testimony to those who live there.

[Discover more on the exhibit here](#)

## Love, Pray, and Vote

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The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) are encouraging everyone to 'Love, Pray, and Vote' for this year's general elections on 4 July. JPIT have put together a wealth of resources to help you and your church prepare and engage with the election.

[Discover the resources here](#)

## The Beckly Lectures

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**Beckly Lecture 2024**

**What would it take to end poverty in the UK?**  
Building Connections, breaking chains, and making food banks history

with **Emma Revie**, CEO of The Trussell Trust and **Val McKie**, a Trussell Trust lived experience partner

**Monday 1 July, 6:45-8:15pm**  
Join online or in person  
at Methodist Conference in Leeds

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**LET'S END POVERTY**

The Beckly Lecture 2024 is taking place on Monday 1 July at the Methodist Conference in Leeds. This lecture focuses on the question 'What would it take to end poverty in the UK?' and is hosted by Emma Revie, CEO of Trussell Trust, and Val McKie, a Trussell Trust lived experience partner. Reserve your place or watch it online.

[Reserve your place here](#)

## All about 3Generate 2024!

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[Watch this video](#) and see all the excitement in store for the Methodist children and young people at 3Generate which takes place in Birmingham on 4-6 October.

### **Book your tickets**

3Generate is fast approaching but there's still time to book tickets. The event is happening from Friday 4 October to Sunday 6 October.

[Book your tickets here](#)

### **Volunteers needed!**

We still need volunteers for the delivery team who bring 3Generate to life. Combining worship and fun, volunteering at 3Generate is tremendously rewarding. [Watch this video](#) explaining why you should volunteer.

[Register to volunteer here](#)

### **Mini 3Generate**

Mini 3Generate for 4-7 year olds now has a bigger and better venue. Children in school years Reception to Year 2 are invited to join on Saturday 5 October. There will be plenty to explore including a climbing wall, silent disco, storytelling and crafting with Forest Church.

[Find out more here](#)

## Have a listen!

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Trey Hall, Director of the Evangelism and Growth Team, has been on BBC Radio 2 Pause For Thought where he talks about 'An act of freedom'.

[Listen here](#)

## News and events

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### **A place called home?**

This online webinar, on Wednesday 3 July at 7.30pm, explores issues around rural housing and homelessness. Hosted by Positively Rural, the event is open to anyone involved in rural ministry.

[Reserve your place here](#)

### **Resource for local arrangements and small groups**

Service outlines are now available for each of the 12 commitments of A Methodist Way of Life, or for the four areas of Our Calling. Full of creative activities, prayer ideas, discussion questions, and more for all ages.

[Discover more here](#)

## Be a part of the Connexional Team

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If you're interested in being a part of the Connexional Team or interested in volunteering with the Methodist Church, then take a look to see what roles are available. Please make sure to share if you know of anyone who may be interested.

[Take a look at our job and volunteering opportunities](#)

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