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Prime Minister Urged by Faith Leaders to Revamp Refugee and Asylum Policy

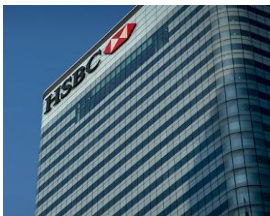


"Those fleeing persecution are no different to us."

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have joined more than 30 senior faith leaders from across the UK to urge the new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham, to rethink the Government's asylum policy agenda. They warn that the UK's current approach risks damaging social cohesion, saying "we cannot afford for our leadership to enable a narrative that tells society refugees are the problem".

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HSBC Complaint Letter



"Financial institutions have a responsibility to ensure that financing and investment practices are aligned with human rights, environmental standards."

The World Council of Churches (WCC), including the Methodist Church in Britain along with Epworth Investment Management, is reinforcing its objection to HSBC Holdings PLC's financial relationship with Glencore, the company operating the Cerrejón coal mine in La Guajira, Colombia. [The mine owners face criticisms](#)

[relating to the impact on the health of locals](#) and on the effects their practices are having on the environment.

The WCC argues that financial institutions have a responsibility to ensure practices are aligned with human rights, environmental standards and climate commitments. Consequently, it is inviting churches to sign an open letter backing an OECD complaint against HSBC Holdings PLC.

[Sign the open letter here](#)

Resilience and Faith: a Renewed Partnership in Côte d'Ivoire



The first visit by the Methodist Church in Britain to Côte d'Ivoire in over 20 years has provided an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with EPMCI (Église Protestante Methodiste de Côte d'Ivoire) and to learn from one another as Church partners seeking to serve God in different contexts. There's still much to learn, but as 8,000 members of EPMCI gathered on Pentecost Sunday, the Vice-President, Mr Denis Akpa, said of the

significance of the occasion: "We thank the Lord for the renewal of our partnership with the Methodist Conference of Great Britain. Although the distance between us is great, you will always be welcome. We hope there will be many more opportunities for exchange between our people."

[Read more here](#)

Big Family Gathering



"We're seeing people with little or no church background starting to ask questions about faith, wanting Bibles and finding their way into church communities."

The Revd Rob Cotton, in a job-share with his wife Carol as a Pastoral Worker, arrived in Market Drayton with a call to help revitalise the local Methodist church, to build its confidence and connection with the community. This summer, that connection has resulted in an event that attracted over 600 people.

[Read more here](#)

On the Way to Net Zero



"We see this as part of our Christian stewardship of the planet."

A historic Methodist church will turn up the heat in their fight against climate change by using new electric heat pumps to warm the congregation, removing their use of gas entirely.

Work has been underway at Lymm Methodist church, in Cheshire, for eight years to reduce carbon emissions in buildings dating back as far as 1850. The installation of a blown-air system powered by air source heat

pumps allows the church to heat individual rooms at their choosing, eliminating the need for radiators.

[Read more here](#)

UN World Day Against Trafficking in People



"Around 40 million people worldwide are trapped in exploitation."

The UN's day against trafficking is this Sunday; this year it's calling for greater cross-border law enforcement to disrupt organised crime groups. The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) says churches can play a vital role by learning to spot

the signs of exploitation. JPIT have provided resources and guidance for congregations on how to take action.

[Find out how to take action here](#)

Solar Eclipse – Day of Outreach



"Europe won't see a total eclipse again until 2090."

There's still time to take part in the Day of Outreach, being held to mark the solar eclipse. It takes place on 12 August and provides a great opportunity for churches to hold viewing events and encourage members and non-members alike to visit their local church.

The celebration can be in any form and offers the chance to start conversations and engage in faith-sharing. A planning guide, plus resources and ideas for the day are available to help you make the most of the occasion.

[Read more here](#)

Exam Results Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for all our amazing young people who are awaiting their exam results, at whatever stage they are at.

Lord we pray that they get the grades they deserve and will know to seek you in their rejoicing.

Lord we also pray for those who may not quite get the results that they desire, but we pray that they know their grades do not define them, only your love does.

Lord we thank you for your patience and your guidance at these times.

Amen

Genesis Padgett, Youth President 2025/2026

Join us On The Way – Sign Up to Volunteer at 3Generate Now!



3Generate is back this October, join one of our volunteer teams now!

With roles for all ages, abilities and skill sets, there is truly something for everyone. This year's theme, On The Way, reminds us that everyone – children, young people and adults – are travelling with God.

As a volunteer, you'll make a real impact, as you support children and young people as they explore faith in accessible ways, and experience the joy, energy and community that make 3Generate so special.

[Find out more and sign up here](#)

Listen Again

Pause for Thought

"I am really blessed to have lots of great friends."

In 'Those who follow Him', the Revd Michaela Youngson reflects on this week's theme, 'The Importance of Friendship', and how love is always at its core.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought

"It's not about how much a person gives but how willing they are to help."

In 'Making a Difference', Deacon Sue Peat reveals how even small gestures, like a kind word, can make a difference.

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Be a Part of the Connexional Team

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.

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