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Conference Commitment



“Going to the Conference really links you in with the whole Connexion and how the Church really works. If you’re wondering what it’s all about I would encourage you to come along and find out!” Martin Hunt has made an annual commitment to the Methodist Church for the last 52 years. He has only missed two Conferences since he first attended the Bristol event in the mid-seventies – and he only missed those due to a global pandemic.

[Read more here](#)

A New Phase of our Journey Towards Net Zero



“As we move into a new phase of our journey towards net zero it is critical that we maintain momentum, inspiration and a sense of urgency.”

Dr Hamish Leese, Director of Environmental Engagement at the Methodist Church, has written a blog arguing that although the target is no longer bound to the 2030 target it remains very much the aspiration of the Church to achieve net zero status.

[Read more here](#)

A Day in the Life of a Port Chaplain at the Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest



“You need to be made of steely stuff to be a Port Chaplain.”

As we mark Sea Sunday, it seems appropriate to get a glimpse of what life is like as a Port Chaplain. Crystal Callow is only one month into her new position at the Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest (QVSR) at Tilbury docks in London. It can be a challenging role and isn't without adventure.

[Read more here](#)

Sea Sunday

The annual Sea Sunday event takes place on 12 July and will be celebrated by The Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest (QVSR) at its Seafarers Centres in Bristol, Felixstowe, Immingham and Tilbury. Churches are being encouraged to pray and give thanks for international seafarers and the work of the QVSR, the Seafarers Mission of the Methodist Church, which supports them. Resources for churches, including prayers, reflections and hymn suggestions, are available from the QVSR website.

[Get Sea Sunday resources here](#)

Venezuela – Aid is Joyfully Received

More than a fortnight on from the devastation caused by two powerful earthquakes in Venezuela, the suffering continues.

However, the Methodist Christian Community in Venezuela is providing support to those affected. Methodists in Britain and Ireland have stood alongside this response by providing a £15,000 solidarity grant through the World Mission Fund.

Working with Nelson Largo's metalworking business in Maracaibo, the local church has provided bed frames and mattresses for those in need. This help is joyfully received. Watch the short video below.



We are deeply grateful to Pastor Glenn (Methodist Christian Community of Venezuela).

[To support responses like this please give to the World Mission Fund](#)

Grand Prix



The Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Caroline Stead, and members of the Church's Evangelism and Growth team were in top gear this weekend with a visit to the Silverstone racing circuit, famous for F1. They were trackside at the home of British motor racing in Northamptonshire and also at Silverstone Methodist Chapel, which is open throughout the Grand Prix offering free drinks and cakes to racegoers in the sweltering heat.

[Read more on Facebook](#)

Action for Children Sunday



The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Mark Slaney, made the first visit of his term to an Action for Children centre to learn about the important work it carries out. The Revd Mark was at the West Lothian Therapeutic Activities Clubs and Outreach Services in Livingston, where he met staff and visitors, as well as the children and young people who use the service. The visit comes ahead of Action for Children Sunday this weekend. Their theme this year is 'Everyone is Welcome'.

[Read more about the visit here](#)

[Find Action for Children Sunday resources here](#)

Rural Mission Sunday

This Sunday is Rural Mission Sunday, and this year we are celebrating those individuals in our rural communities whose care and service often goes unnoticed.

Prayers and resources have been created by the Arthur Rank Centre, a Christian charity which is passionate about the importance of small rural churches and the often-unseen work they do.

Prayer for Rural Mission Sunday

Creator God,

You are the Lord of the harvest, and your presence is woven into the changing seasons and the rhythms of our countryside.

Today, we open our hearts in thankfulness for the communities in which we live, work and worship.

We praise you for the beauty of the earth, for the fields that feed us, and for the life that thrives in our villages and rural spaces.

We give you thanks for the 'rural stars' among us; those whose faithful service keeps our communities alive.

Amen.

[Get the Rural Mission Sunday resource here](#)

The Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI) Seeks Volunteers



The Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment is currently recruiting new voluntary members to help ensure that Methodist investments are in line with our values and shape a more just world. The Revd Dr Vincent Jambawo, superintendent of the Stockton Circuit in the Darlington District, has been a member of the JACEI for nearly five years. He says, *"I would really encourage anyone who is interested ... to consider applying."*

[Read more here](#)

[Apply here](#)

National Church Volunteer Awards

Churches, chapels, meeting houses and cathedrals across the UK are being urged to nominate their volunteers as part of the National Church Awards.

Volunteers are an invaluable part of the day-to-day running of most churches. Their responsibilities are many and varied, ranging from welcoming visitors, caring for historic buildings and helping to support local communities. Their dedication helps churches to thrive; nominating them for a National Church Award not only celebrates their input but showcases the real difference volunteers make on a daily basis.

Nominations close on 11 August.

[Full details are here](#)

Listen Again

Pause for Thought on BBC Radio Two – Trey Hall

"If the only prayer we ever pray is 'Thank you, God', that's enough."

In "New beginnings", the Revd Trey Hall reflects on the importance of gratitude.

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Pause for Thought on BBC Radio Two – Jo Cox-Darling

“A cheerful heart is good for the soul.”

In "Laughter actually is good medicine", the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling reflects on the theme 'My Saving Grace' and concludes that being able to laugh at ourselves is vital.

[Listen here](#)

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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