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UK Sanctions on Israeli Settlements Welcomed



"The continued expansion of settlements is not only a violation of international law but a profound injustice that inflicts daily hardship on Palestinian communities and undermines the prospects for a just and lasting peace."

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Mark Slaney, has written warmly welcoming the UK Government's commitment to ban the import of goods originating from Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank.

[Read his full statement here](#)

'Heart of the Neighbourhood' Report



A former Methodist superintendent told an influential parliamentary group of the essential work of churches in communities following the publication of a new report.

The Revd Canon Ian Rutherford, who served in Manchester, spoke to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Faith and Society in Westminster on 8 September, after the *Heart of the Neighbourhood* report was published by Gather Movement.

[Read more here](#)

Responding to Anti-Migrant Protests

With a rise in anti-migrant protests and populist expressions of "Christian nationalism", how should we respond?

This guidance offers resources and responses based on the experiences of Methodist churches, and some upcoming events on this subject.

[Find the guidance here](#)

Thanksgiving in a Challenging Year



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"This is worse than Foot and Mouth in 2001. We are fighting a disease yet to be fully seen."

It has been an exceptionally challenging year for farming communities. The extreme heat across the country has led to significantly reduced yields for arable farmers. The drought has impacted livestock farms too; feed set aside for winter is already being used. Many others are facing the devastating effects of the Bluetongue virus, and bird flu.

[Read more, including a prayer for farming communities](#)

[Find a resource for churches by the Arthur Rank Centre](#)

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty



This week marks the 30th anniversary of the opening for signature of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

As we mark this milestone, Liddy Buswell, Co-ordinator of the Methodist Peace Fellowship, believes it should be seen as a springboard “to show that progress is possible and that we should take more steps together to build a more peaceful world.”

[Read more here](#)

Prayers for Peace with the Revd Mark Slaney

The Revd Mark Slaney, President of the Methodist Conference, will lead the monthly ‘Prayers for Peace in the Middle East’ at Stirling Methodist Church later this month.

The meeting is at 7.00pm on 24 September and will be livestreamed on YouTube.

[Watch the livestream](#)

Education Sunday



As the new academic year gets underway, churches are encouraged to mark [Education Sunday](#) on or around 13 September.

The theme, Living Well Together, invites us to pray for and celebrate those involved in education, reflecting on how schools, colleges and universities help people from all walks of life to learn, grow and flourish together.

[Read more about the call to mark the day here](#)

[Read more about supporting students here](#)

Scottish Tour of Methodist Modern Art Collection

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Mark Slaney, is to open a short Scottish tour of the Methodist Modern Art Collection.

It runs at the Roseangle Gallery, Dundee, from Friday 11 September until Sunday 27 September, moving then to Inverness Creative Studio 10–25 October.

[Find out more about the Methodist Modern Art Collection](#)

The Leadership Learning Space

This monthly online gathering and learning community offers fresh perspectives, practical tools and supportive peer learning. If you're leading in a church, community, workplace or voluntary setting, whether you're lay or ordained, email mvw@methodistchurch.org.uk by 18 September to express your interest.

[Find more information here](#)

Listen Again

Pause for Thought – the Revd Trey Hall

"There are some lessons about God that only friends can teach."

In 'The ongoing classroom of life and faith' the Revd Trey Hall reminisces about student life and his gratitude for his old college friends.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought – the Revd Tony Miles

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

In 'Loving yourself first' the Revd Tony Miles considers this week's theme 'Living in the moment' and he finds that through prayerful contemplation he is better able to carry out the precious act of living in the moment.

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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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