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Reach Out in Peace



As the political debate about immigration rages, and protests continue in some communities, we offer some reflections and practical suggestions for leading and responding, as people are called to welcome and pursue peace.

“The real danger today is not immigration. The danger is forgetting. Forgetting that asylum seekers are not statistics but human beings, loved by God, often with heartbreaking experiences of fear and suffering. Our default posture should not be to treat new arrivals as threats, but simply neighbours in waiting. Forgetting that inevitably leads to politics being driven by fear instead of facts, and cruelty instead of compassion.”

Show me the humanity: Why the UK needs a Jerry Maguire-style epiphany – Joint Public Issues Team

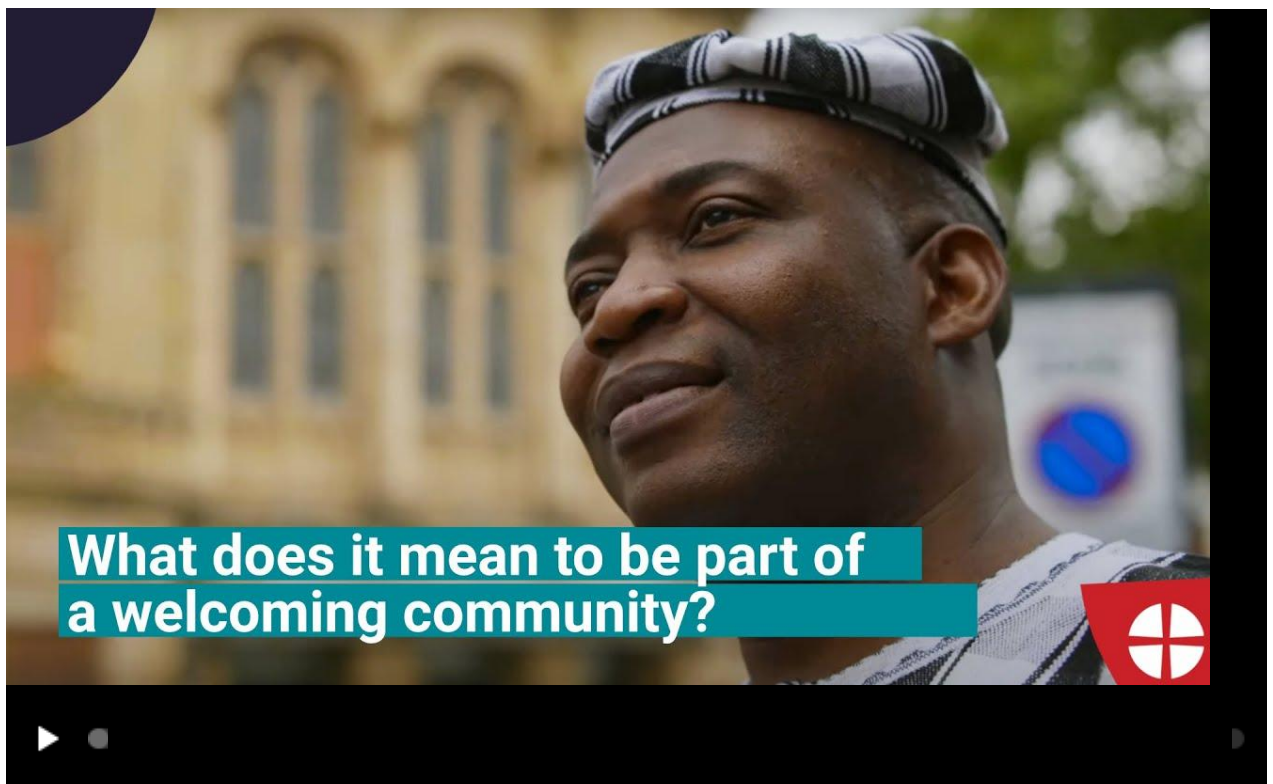
“When tensions rise in communities, churches can be agents of peace, compassion, sanctuary, solidarity and support. Here are five suggestions for ways that church leaders can prepare positively – to be ready to lead, respond and care well at times of unrest.”

[Reach out in peace: Positive preparation for times of unrest – Joint Public Issues Team](#)

You can find more resources, including a prayer and a film on what makes a good welcome, here: [Refugees – The Methodist Church](#)

What Does it Mean to be Part of a Welcoming Community?

Reflecting on the experiences of welcome



In this film, Christians from Britain and those who have sought asylum reflect on experiences of receiving and offering welcome. They tell their stories of pain, courage, action, transformation and friendship, and encourage everyone to take a first step of connection. Their stories are a reminder that hospitality is a clear challenge to hostility.

[Watch here](#)

Working with the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe

Providing life-saving boreholes



The drought-prone region of Matabeleland has seen clean water flow thanks to boreholes provided by the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, an initiative supported by the World Mission Fund.

[Read more here](#)

New Youth President

Journey of faith



This Sunday, the new Youth President, Genesis Padgett, will be welcomed at a service to be held at Emmanuel Methodist Church in Barnsley.

Hear Genesis as a guest on 'My Faith Journey' on three BBC Local Radio stations. Genesis talks about their new role as Youth President and how their early church life contributed to them wanting to take up the role.

[Listen to the programme here](#)

Past Cases Review Ten Years On

Working with survivors



“Those of us who have not experienced abuse can never fully understand, but can humbly learn from the wisdom of brave survivors willing to share their experiences.”

As part of our series of reflections ten years on from the safeguarding Past Cases Review, Kate Little looks at what its conclusions meant for the Church's work with victims and survivors of abuse.

[Read the blog here](#)

Education Sunday

Lost and found

This Sunday is Education Sunday. Churches Together in England (CTE) have shared the following prayer on this year's theme, *Lost and Found*.

Lord God,

We lose things all the time,

our sense of humour, our sense of proportion, our sense of the value of things.

Teach us to know what is of value and to hold it close.

Lord God,

We look for lost things all the time,

lost dreams, lost relationships, lost faith.

Teach us to keep looking and to recognise you, in the jewels that we find.

Lord God,

We find your love every day,

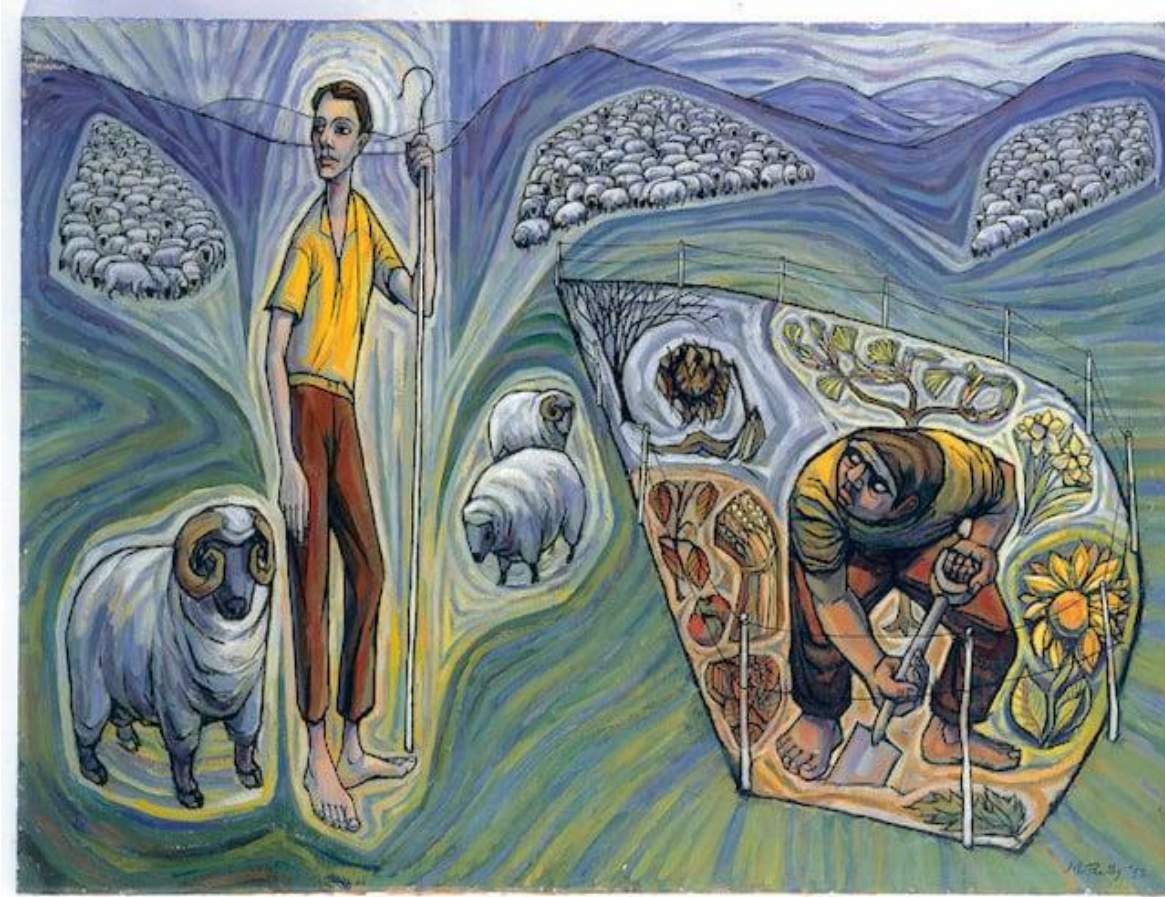
in the people we meet, in the sharing of stories and the growing in faith.

Teach us to be communities where people can find the compassion that they seek.

Amen.

[Find more resources for Education Sunday on the CTE website](#)

Everything is Connected
Methodist Modern Art Collection



An exhibition of the Methodist Modern Art Collection has opened as part of Bradford's City of Culture, attended by the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Richard Andrew. The exhibition is open until 12 October in five venues throughout the Bradford District.

[Read more here](#)

3Generate

Supporting the journey of young people



Last call for 3Generate tickets – join us on your Journey of a Lifetime! Don't miss out on our biggest 3Generate yet, including a whole new 'Orb Stage' area for bigger collective worship and spectacular performances! Our 4–7s area has also expanded, with even more fun for the younger members of your church communities! Check out the website to book tickets.

Ticket sales close Friday 12 September for the main event – don't miss out!

[Read more and get tickets](#)

3Generate

Worship resource pack



Whether your church community is sending a group to 3Generate or not, the 3Gen Worship Resource enables **everyone** to join in. It contains three worship service outlines to use in the weeks before, during and after 3Generate.

[You can download the resource here](#)

Listen Here

Premier Radio: Methodist Church apology over Mother and Baby Homes welcomed by a Christian woman who was adopted as a baby.

[Listen here](#)

The Revd Matt Finch encourages us to "Quietly make a difference" on the early Pause For Thought on BBC Radio 2 as part of the theme 'The Gift of Giving'.

[Listen here](#)

The Revd Trey Hall joined Scott Mills on Monday Breakfast's Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 to 'Trust that goodness is on the way'.

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Events

Praying for others

Informed by experts and practitioners, our new guidance for praying for others in services and at festivals is now available; including a PDF booklet and a film sharing the experiences of four Methodist leaders.

[Find the guidance here](#)

New Year. New Friends. New Communities.

As the new connexional year begins, so does the invitation to begin new Christian communities. A year to imagine church differently. Discover how Broomhill Methodist Centre reimagined church by launching three vibrant new communities: Climbing Church, Families Church and Student Church.

[Learn about Broomhill here](#)

Renew:all

National Retreat Week

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20 – 27 sept 2025

National Retreat Week – renew:all (20–27 September 2025) invites individuals, churches and groups to pause for contemplation, prayer and retreat for the renewal of body, mind and spirit.

When we're busy juggling the everyday pressures of life, it can be hard to find time to reflect and retreat to renew our mind, body and spirit. National Retreat Week is an invitation to set time aside to get closer to God and move forward with renewed energy and purpose.

[Click here for retreat resources.](#)

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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