

[Accessing our Circuit Churches](#)

In addition to circuit services, you can also access the following:

Due to the church being rewired there will be no live-streaming from St David's until further notice which is likely to be just before Easter.

Conwy & Prestatyn Methodist Circuit Blog is accessed through this link: revbev.org.uk

and the Circuit website displays regular updates and information, found via this link:

<https://www.conwyprestatynmc.org.uk/>

Connexional resources which hold a multitude of resources, reflections, prayers and links to other live streamed services are found through this link: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/>

[How can we help Ukraine?](#)

The Homes For Ukraine Scheme

The Government have established the Homes for Ukraine scheme, giving the chance for individuals within churches and communities to host a refugee or family from Ukraine.

The scheme is currently for individuals to sponsor a person seeking sanctuary to enable them to live in the UK. There will be a scheme for groups (including churches) to sponsor a person or family, which will be announced at a later date. We will publish details as soon as we have them.

To apply to be a host for the scheme, individuals must be able to offer a room in their home or to provide self-contained accommodation. They must be able to identify a Ukrainian national to sponsor and support their Visa application form.

Apply and get matched up - We encourage you to sign up through the scheme through Reset UK, who will match refugees seeking to come to the UK with hosts. Reset will provide training and support for hosts and refugees as they are matched.

Register with Homes for Ukraine here: www.homesforukraine.org.uk.

If you are approached by a refugee seeking assistance we recommend that you direct them to Homes for Ukraine, where they can register to be matched with a host.

You can find out more from the government information on the scheme at gov.uk/homes-for-ukraine.

See also: [Homes for Ukraine scheme: frequently asked questions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) where you can subscribe to text updates from the government.

Share with others - Please promote Homes for Ukraine to individuals in your churches and community.

If you are co-ordinating a response from churches in your area (such as in your circuit or district), please keep a list of those you know who have registered. We hope to be connexional in our response to link up Methodists who have volunteered, to enable them to receive support.

Can I connect with a Methodist? There are about 300 Methodists in Ukraine. Most of those who have fled are being cared for in neighbouring countries. The church leaders in the region will be in touch with us if there are individual cases of refugees who want to come to the UK, but they are grateful to us if we can take in refugees in general.

USE OF MANSES AND CHURCH PROPERTY - TMCP and the Connexional Property Support Team are working hard to produce guidance and support for ministers considering using their manse to home refugees. Further information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

SAFEGUARDING - We are working alongside the safeguarding team to assess areas where additional support and guidance will be needed for churches and church members hosting through this scheme.

Further information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

Read the **Statement from the President and Vice-President of the Conference on the Homes for Ukraine scheme** 21 March

DONATE - All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain have launched an emergency appeal in response to events unfolding in Ukraine. **Donate to the Ukraine Appeal now**

ENGAGE WITH THE WIDER ISSUE OF REFUGEES - The need to offer sanctuary to people forced to flee conflict and persecution is far wider than the current Ukrainian situation. As a Church, we have been involved with advocating for and supporting people seeking sanctuary from many countries.

Please see these links below for some examples of that work and ways in which you can get involved:

[The Joint Public Issues Team – Asylum and Migration work.](#)

The UK Government is currently seeking make substantial changes to the way we welcome refugees and asylum seekers. The Methodist Church has worked with partners to consistently raise concerns about this approach. [Find out more about our work on the Nationality and Borders Bill here.](#)

GIVE TO THE WORLD MISSION FUND

The World Mission Fund is used to support partner churches and organisations around the world, including the support of partners working with refugees in migrants. Recent examples include the support of migrant workers from Myanmar [Methodist Church Malaysia supports migrant workers from Myanmar](#) and support for Mediterranean Hope in Lampedusa working with refugees [Refugees in Lampedusa - Support through Mediterranean Hope \(methodist.org.uk\).](#)

You can give to the long term work of the World Mission Fund here: [World Mission Fund](#)

TWIN WITH A EUROPEAN METHODIST CHURCH

Mid to longer term will be looking to create twinning partnerships with churches in the region. This is not possible right now, due to the other pressing matters.

The Conference has encouraged all districts to partner with a church in Europe. You can find out more information about twinning here: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/opportunities-and-resources/church-twinning/>.

Please talk with your District Office or the Global Relationships team for more conversation.

Prayer from Keith Tewkesbury, Chaplain at Coed Craig Colwyn Bay

Like many if not all MHA Chaplains the last two pandemic years have been challenging to say the least. With the effects of social isolation for residents and staff, with a chronic shortage of carers at times, with the endless rounds of Covid Testing, and with all the management headaches involved. I have, like many other chaplains I suspect, yielded to the temptation of voluntarily filling in some gaps by becoming an assistant carer for several additional hours in most weeks eg Feeding some residents who need one to one attention at meal times, assisting to move residents, helping with personal care and getting them ready for bed and doing some of the chores like washing up etc.

There have been times when I have found myself becoming quite emotional. I confess that my previous ministry both in Circuit/Church settings as well as in educational and hospital chaplaincies I have operated more often at a cerebral and task orientated level. Eg teaching Religious Studies, Maths, or Psychology as well as leading corporate worship. My emotions have more or less been under control. I now feel open to sharing at an emotional and personal level eg sitting with someone who doesn't speak words but who moves and makes sounds. Putting an arm around them, talking gently, moving to their rhythm and smiling sometimes for 20 or 30 minutes. There is an emotional/spiritual quality about what's happening. All this it seems to me is entirely compatible with the role of Chaplain.

I remember reading a prayer once which said 'Break my heart O Lord with what breaks yours'.

Jesus felt **sorrow** at the death of Lazarus; **empathy** for the pain of others not his own eg his mother's at the foot of the cross; he also felt **joy** at what was set before him; **compassion** for those who were suffering and were the lost and downtrodden; **exhaustion** from the demands of his ministry; **anger** at the **hypocrisy** of the 'religious'; **disgust** at greed, racism, and oppression of the poor.

A Prayer for hope, help and healing in a fractured world (From: How to pray by Nick Fawcett (pub Kevin Mayhew2006)

Can I see another's woe, And not be in sorrow too? Can I see another's grief, And not seek for kind relief?

Can I see a falling tear, And not feel my sorrow's share? Can a father see his child Weep, nor be with sorrow filled?

Revd Keith Tewkesbury Chaplain at Coed Craig Colwyn Bay Tel 07986810990

Planning for Next Quarter JJA 2022

Please remember that the deadline for preaching dates will be April 5th.

Fairtrade Fortnight Campaigners Celebration Event

A free celebration event for Fair Trade group members and campaigners across the UK. Come along to hear about what happened in Fairtrade Fortnight, meet other campaigners from across the UK, and have a Fairtrade cuppa or tipple!

Thursday 31 March, 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Get your [tickets](#) now!

Cytûn Prayer Walk – Message from Sue Coleman, Cytûn

It was so good to be together with those who could make it to the recent Cytûn Prayer Walk. There were nine of us all together representing five of our churches in Colwyn Bay and Rhos Cytûn. The weather was perfect as we went around to all the churches in Colwyn Bay and prayed for God's blessing on their congregations and leaders. We had some interesting encounters en route, such as meeting friends, while some people thought we were taking part in a protest and which we were able to explain that it was a prayer walk 😊. For those who made it to the end, we finished up at number 20 Station Road for refreshments and a rest.

We may try to arrange another Prayer Walk between Ascension Day and Pentecost. We will let you know the details nearer the time.

25th March – UN International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

“Rhythms of Resistance” cultural event to highlight history and legacies of transatlantic slave trade

The Department of Global Communications, which manages the United Nations Outreach Programme on the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Slavery and communications around the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) – together with UNESCO and UNFPA – will hold an online cultural event to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Called “Rhythms of Resistance,” the online event will highlight the history of the transatlantic slave trade, as well as its ongoing legacy of racism. Through showcasing rhythmic performances in multiple countries, it will also demonstrate how African cultures have shaped societies throughout the Americas. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. EDT. [find out more here.](#)

Earth Hour Vigil

On Saturday 26 March St. Tudno's Church on the Great Orme will be holding a Vigil for Earth Hour, joining people around the world in committing to care for the planet. Earth Hour was started in 2007 by WWF and partners as a symbolic lights-out event in Sydney, to raise awareness of climate change. Earth Hour now "engages supporters in more than 190 countries and territories, all taking action to ensure a brighter future for people and planet", and on the last Saturday in March each year supporters turn off their lights from 8.30 – 9.30 pm local time.

At St. Tudno's our candlelit vigil will begin with prayers for the planet and will include prayers in the darkness for the darkness in Ukraine. We will then enjoy some fellowship, with hot drinks and cakes served, and we invite you to join us – but please wrap up warmly as there is no heating at St. Tudno's.

More information on Earth Hour can be found at <https://www.earthhour.org/>

Christine Jones
Pioneer Minister, St. Tudno's

Friday Night Social

Friday 25th March - 7:00 to 9:00pm. The welcome return of the Friday Night Social at St. John's Conwy. This will be a Quiz and games night for all ages. Hot and cold drinks and snacks available.

No charge, donations welcome.

Please book in with Catherine or Gareth Williams at St. John's Conwy.

Experiences to enjoy this summer

Explore Churches:

A range of walks, tours and other activities in association with churches across the country. <https://www.explorechurches.org/discover-our-experiences>

Churches Conservation Trust: walking trails

<https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/tours-and-trails/walks.html> and don't forget Champing™ the chance to camp overnight in historic churches, <https://champing.co.uk/>

[The Queen's Jubilee 2022](#)

God calls us into mission - to open our hearts and open our doors and take the good news out and about. We have loads of opportunities to do this in our lives and by our prayers. The extended bank holiday weekend for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee offers us a chance to get involved in community events and get to know our neighbours.

It's a chance to get to know people, to extend a radical invitation to everyone in the neighbourhood, to build relationships, and be bold in your faith-sharing. This is a chance to join in with God's mission on the streets of your community. How are you getting out and about that weekend?

You can download the *Out and About* video to use in your church, circuit and community [here](#).

Here's the challenge to you:

1. **Get involved in a street party or community event.** Either plan something as a Church or join in with others who are already planning something for the long weekend.
2. **Extend the invitation to everyone.** What can you do to make sure the whole neighbourhood can come along, especially those who are lonely, isolated, or marginalised in some way?
3. **Pray for your community.** The Jubilee weekend is at the same time as [Thy Kingdom Come](#), the period when the whole Church focuses on praying for people to come to faith. When we join in with God's mission, it's essential we're praying about it! How can you pray for this in the lead up as individuals or a team, could you offer prayer at the event, and can you pray together afterwards for the people you've met?
4. **Share your faith.** We take our whole selves out onto the streets in celebration – we don't have to bottle up our faith and leave it safely at home. Community parties are a chance to be bold in our faith sharing. We talk a lot about needing to be better at evangelism, well, when we get to know our neighbours, God will give us opportunities to share our faith. We just need to listen to God, listen to others, and speak up about our experience of faith.

[Get your party planner here!](#)

Do you have a budding filmmaker in your midst? Perhaps a young person whose skills you'd like to champion. We will be collecting footage from events across the country to compile into a celebratory video. [Get in touch](#) if you'd be interested in taking part.