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**Methodist Church appoints climate change campaign workers to grow a coalition ahead of COP26**

The Methodist Church has appointed two young campaign workers to mobilise churches ahead of COP26 that will take place in Glasgow next year. Mollie Pugmire and James Appleby have already begun to develop links with churches in Italy, Zambia, Fiji, Pakistan, India, Russia, Ukraine and the USA.

On August 22nd they will take part in two webinars to connect young people across the country to show how they can be at the forefront of engaging with climate justice. More details of how to sign up to this are here.



Speaking about the forthcoming webinars Mollie said: "Our hope from the webinars is that we can help young people to be catalysts for change and to celebrate the achievements of those who have already done so much in this area. We hope also to link groups of activists together across the UK who are passionate about working for climate justice. James and I will learn how we can best support these young activists from these conversations".



Speaking about the impact of COVID on the climate justice narrative James said: "Most people don't want to return to how things were, they are appreciating the clean air that has come during lockdown. We have all had time to think about what we can do to prevent further harm to the environment and I think climate justice will be worked into the rebuilding process."

Both Mollie and James suggest that the conversation on climate justice can't just be for young people, so the project will work to increase intergenerational dialogue within churches as a way of developing the coalition.

Rev Ralph is on leave until the 25<sup>th</sup> August.

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## What's On This Week

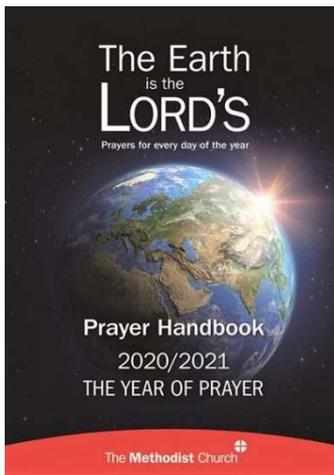
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:45am** Online worship from St Paul's with Rev Ralph  
This will be linked on St Paul's Facebook page and website

## Prayers at 6 & 8

**Pray for** all students who have been through a stressful time over recent days as they dealt with the chaos that surrounded receiving their exam grades this year and their concern about their ongoing education at school, college and university.  
**Continue to pray** for Geoff and Jean as well as others we know who have needs known to ourselves.

**Send** your prayer requests to [ask.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:ask.stpauls@gmail.com)

*Permission must be received from a person before their name is put on the Church prayer list*



## Methodist Prayer Book available now

I ordered the Methodist Prayer Book for 2020/2021 and now have 10 copies for distribution. The title this year is *The Earth is the Lord's* and focuses on one of the most pressing issues of our time: the world around us and the way Christians share with others in the care of God's creation. The price is £4.15 and I will deliver. If you would like a copy please let me know by phone or email if you know them. Otherwise, please email your request to [ask.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:ask.stpauls@gmail.com) *Kevin Bray*

## An update on Sue's haircut

It will soon be time for me having my hair cut and donated to *Little Princess Trust*, to be used to make a wig for a child with cancer. Many thanks to those of you who have already donated. So far £425 of the £550 needed to make one wig has been raised on my JustGiving page so with a few more donations I would reach my target. Please consider donating at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sue-pole5>

You can see more about *Little Princess Trust* at <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

Many thanks, *Sue Poole*



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## Chapel field turned into allotments; a success for food production and wildlife

A grow-your-own community has flourished in Cumbria after a Methodist Church decided to turn its weedy chapel field over to allotments. The local parish council was looking for a site for allotments and now eight years after Wetheral Methodist Church offered their field, the plots are full of produce and wildlife

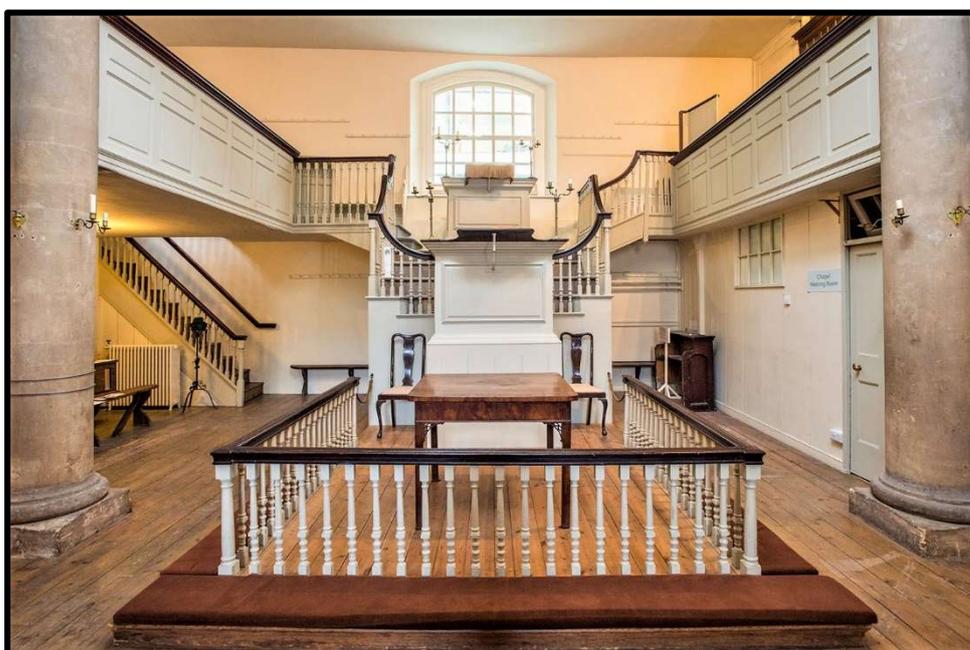


Manure has been delivered annually and there are several compost bins on site so the earth has been improved year on year. A wildlife pond has also been made at the bottom of the field where there was a 'wet spot'.

There's a propagation tunnel for seedlings and tomato plants and the now redundant boiler house attached to the back of the church has been given to the allotmenters for storage. The allotments have even taken part in the local Open Gardens scheme. *(From The Methodist Church blog 14 August 2020)*

## Methodist museum wins award

The museum at New Room Bristol has been awarded the *We're Good To Go* industry standard by VisitEngland! The New Room is the oldest Methodist building in the world so, if you're going to be in the West Country and are looking for something interesting to do with the kids before term starts, why not book? The cafe is also open for treats! If you can't visit in person, why not visit on the website <https://www.newroombristol.org.uk/> *Joyce Jordan*



## Curiosities of language 1: Mondegreens

The English language is rich in words which differ in origin, spelling or meaning, but which sound the same. A *mondegreen* is a word or phrase resulting from mishearing or misinterpreting a statement or, most frequently, a song lyric. The term was inspired by "*Lady Mondegreen*," a misinterpretation of the line "*And laid him on the green*" from the Scottish ballad "*The Bonny Earl o' Moray*".

*Ye Highlands and ye Lowlands,  
Oh, where hae ye been?  
They hae slain the Earl o' Moray,  
And Lady Mondegreen (laid him in the green)*

Some examples from popular songs:

*The ants are my friends* (The answer, my friend)  
*The girl with colitis goes by* (The girl with kaleidoscope eyes)  
*The girl from Emphysema goes walking* (The girl from Ipanema goes walking)  
*Olive, the other reindeer* (All of the other reindeer)

And some from well-known hymns:

*Gladly, the cross-eyed bear* (Gladly the Cross I'd Bear)  
*Most highly flavoured gravy* (Most highly favoured lady)  
*Away in a manger, no crisps for a bear* (Away in a manger, no crib for a bed)  
*Gloria in a Chelsea stable* (Gloria in excelsis deo)  
*Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me* (And He walks with me, and He talks with me)

If you know of any more, please send them for my collection *Joyce Jordan*

## One of the secrets of the Royals

According to the book "*Royalty Revealed*", while the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh are devoted Sunday morning churchgoers, they're not terribly fond of long sermons and Prince Philip explains why: "*The soul can't absorb what the posterior can't tolerate*".

Many thanks to Laurie Bagshaw for sending this.

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