

April 2018

The Methodist Church 

Our lectionary Gospel reading for Easter day was John 20 when we read that Mary, a woman, is the first to find the empty tomb and the first to meet the Risen Jesus.

In this edition of our newsletter is information about an event exploring what we can learn from **Dalit theology** to address the caste question more effectively in Britain and India. Just as we can learn much Mary in John's Gospel, there will much we can all learn from this event.

Also in this newsletter is information about a **Spirituality event** where we pray that all present will hear Jesus calling us by our names, just as he called Mary's that sacred morning.

In this edition too is information about **Connecting Disciples** – and event for our lay employees. I think this group are ones who would get up early and head to the tomb ready to anoint Jesus' body.

And last but certainly not least, we are looking for ideas from young people about what you'd like to see in the outdoor activities, and we are looking for adult volunteers to help out at 3Generate this November in Southport. In this team we are committed to celebrating the young people of this church, and we are looking forward to 3Gen again this year – a real resurrection moment in the church calendar.

*Alison Ransome*



## Dalit Justice

Monday 30 April 2018: we are organising a day conference, with Manchester Cathedral, with the aim to build awareness of the effects of caste in church and society both in India and in the UK. The speakers are mostly Dalit theologians exploring that theology and its implication in British context, so the caste question maybe more effectively addressed in Britain and India.

This will be rewarding day and the learning, as always, will teach us much that we can apply to all issues of social justice.

Monday 30 April 2018 - 2:00 to 6:00pm at The Library, Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, Manchester M3 1SX

No need to book on this occasion but you can get more info from [Jasmine](#).

Methodist Women in Britain have been campaigning for Dalit rights for many years; please do invite MWiB folk you know along to this afternoon. Please [click here](#) for a flyer.



## Spirituality for Change | ReImagine Spirituality

Saturday 9 June at Maghull (north of Liverpool) for the spiritually curious. The day will offer experiences for you and also resources and ideas to take away.

Confirmed workshops include:

- Spirituality and being grandparents
- Spirituality and men
- Spirituality illness and pain
- Clinic for Christians who feel more like spiritual mice than spiritual giants
- Spirituality and art (for people who don't think they are arty)
- Leading public prayer

There will be stalls, and a bookstall, worship, and free lunch if you [book via Rob](#) by 31 May 2018.

[Click here](#) for a poster with all the info.

#spirituallyCurious #reimagineSpirituality #spirituality4change



## Connecting Disciples

1 to 3 June at Cliff College, Derbyshire - for all Lay Employees.

And wow! What a range of workshops, and also loads of worship opportunities and chance to spend time with people with a job like you have!

- Social action
- Modern day slavery
- Men's Ministry
- Inter-generational church
- Praying as you can rather than as you can't
- The unexpected pastoral phone call
- Unlocking the Bible in urban communities
- Mission
- Evangelism – inviting people
- Faith that changes the world
- Telling your faith story relevantly
- Inclusion – physical and learning disabilities

[Click here](#) for booking and more.

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for our calendar. To book, please [email Rob](#).

- Creating Safer Space Advanced Module (was Leadership Module) on Tuesday 17 April, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

- Local Lay Pastors – come and meet one another on Monday 30 April, 10:30am to 3:30pm at Fulwood, Preston.
- Vocation Saturdays – ‘becoming myself’ on Saturday 19 May, 10:30am to 3:30pm. [Click here](#) for a flyer.
- Continual Development day for Worship: Leading & Preaching Tutors on Saturday 2 June - more information from [Jasmine](#).



We are now planning for 3Generate 2018 and would love to **hear the views** of young people on the **outdoor/sporting activities**.

Whilst we cannot promise to include all your ideas and suggestions for what you would like in the outdoor/sporting activities, all your ideas will shape what is available November 2018.

All ideas to [Brec](#) please.

### **3Generate Volunteers**

3Generate 2017 was the largest ever; in order to make the 2018 event an even greater success, we are going to need a large number of volunteers - both part-time and full-time volunteers. If you are able, please consider volunteering for 3Generate 2018. Leaders attending with their groups are welcome to apply and this can be part-time or full-time, according to the needs of your group.

Volunteers will need to attend one of the briefing days and the dates for your 2018 diary are:

- Saturday 6 October 2018, 11:00am to 3:00pm, Manchester
- Wednesday 31 October 2018, 11:00am to 3:00pm, Birmingham
- Saturday 10 November 2018, 11:00am to 3:00pm, London

The sort of roles needed are

- Stewards and Night Stewards
- Session Teams (for 8-11s, 11-18s and 19-23s)
- 19-23s Support Team
- Additional Needs Team
- Admin Team
- Set Up and Set Down (team needed for Friday during the day and Sunday afternoon)
- The Well Team
- Chaplains

All volunteers will be subject to a process of safer recruitment for their role, including references. Volunteers will require an appropriate DBS certificate. Job descriptions are available on the [Methodist Website](#).

### **How to contact us**

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**Staff Details:**

(Many of the staff are taking a break over Easter and return on Monday 9 April.)

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- [Edel McClean](#) 07799902563 (Edel is now working part-time)
- [Jasmine Devadason](#) 07799902560
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**Bookings:**

Please [email Rob](#).