

Sharing News & Resources across the Liverpool Methodist District

And so a new year begins!
 The Methodist Conference are encouraging us all to take a fresh look at 'Our Calling' - see the new video on the website at:
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/our-calling/>

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News from our Mission partner - Anne Baldwin in Sri Lanka



The first semester is now underway for the thirty four students here. The college is linked to a university in India. I teach a small group of students, focussing on speaking and listening. I also see students 1:1 and often I am asked to read through assignments or listen to sermons which will be delivered in English. I try to be around the campus and engage students in conversation wherever possible. I hope the Lancashire accent doesn't come across too strongly! I involve myself in college life which includes the first service of the day at 7.00 am. Over the weeks I have been here I have attended the Methodist Induction Services for four former students. One of these was a student on Thursday and Inducted two days later. I have also had the joy of attending two weddings of former students, the Ordination of several former Anglican students at Colombo Cathedral and the funerals of two people closely connected with College. The students have some amazing stories to tell of their conversion to Christianity, of their bravery in the face of family opposition.

For prayer points:

God's reconciling peace among the students, and beyond after many years of civil war
 That I may show cultural sensitivity and that I may be useful here.

With love from Anne.

Talking of God Together

This is a new resource produced by the Methodist Church and 'encourages and equips Methodist people to talk together about our faith, initially among ourselves, but then developing the confidence to talk more widely with those of other faiths and none.' This resource follows on from the previous 'Time to Talk of God' resources



It is available from Methodist Publishing [\[www.methodistpublishing.org.uk\]](http://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk) at £1.99 each or £1.79 each when ordering 10 or more. I have a copy for each circuit which I will put in the circuit trays at Synod so you can take a look.

This resource sits alongside others that help us grow in confidence in talking about our faith.

If you are challenged as to how to respond to communities of new housing - you might want to save the date for a National Conference regarding New Housing Areas to be held on **Saturday 30th March 2019** 10am-4pm details of venue to follow.



The 'New Housing Hub' is a network that has been established to inspire, resource and connect pioneers, churches and individual Christians to respond to the challenge and engage with these new communities.

Connect through their Facebook page: National New Housing Hub.