



Methodist Summer Fellowship

3rd to 9th August 2024

justice
&
grace

Welcome to MSF in our 103rd year!

It's wonderful to be together, to see old friends and meet new ones.

Planning Committee:

Andrew Ward - Chair

Clare Wright - Secretary

Gillian Pengelly - Bookings Coordinator

Paul Morrison and Bill Topping - Speaker Liaison

Lydia Wakelin - website and Social Media

Rev Nicola Morrison and Bill Topping - Co-Presidents

Other key people making this event possible:

Amy Shephard, Emily France and Joe Topping

- Safeguarding & Children's Coordinators

Andrew Wright - Bursary Coordinator

Rev Inderjit Bhogal and Rev Barbara Fairburn - Chaplains

Rev Ruth Jeffries - Musician & Music Coordinator

Caroline Salmon - Morning Prayers

Mary Wakelin - Morning Yoga and Evening Contemplative Prayer

Louisa Taylor and Bill Topping - Main Hall AV

**METHODIST SUMMER FELLOWSHIP IS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH
WHERE ALL ARE INVITED, ALL ARE INCLUDED, AND ALL ARE EQUAL.**

Methodist Summer Fellowship seeks to ensure that everyone feels welcome, comfortable, valued, and accepted.

Rooted in God's love for all we are committed to being an inclusive community where everyone can fully participate and feel confident in being their authentic self.

Please do share with us any accessibility, sensory, or additional requirements you, or any under your care, have so that we can ensure we create an environment that is comfortable and enjoyable for everyone.

If there is something we can improve to better enable your engagement and sense of belonging during our time together, please do let one of this year's MSF committee members know.

– MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS – REV NICOLA MORRISON AND BILL TOPPING –



I am thrilled to be co-presiding with Bill this year. When I'm not here I'm serving as Chaplain to Southlands College and Methodist Chaplain to the University of Roehampton, where I've been since 2017. For two of these years Bill & I worked together within the University Chaplaincy and so it's doubly lovely to be in partnership again as we all explore the theme of 'Justice and Grace'.

As Co-Presidents we're here, alongside the Committee, to ensure you have everything you need to take part comfortably, so do come and chat with us. Have a wonderful week.

I've been coming to MSF all my life and I am thrilled to be able to offer something back to the community as co-president with my friend Nicola. I have so many wonderful friends as a result of MSF and I am looking forward to the new relationships that will form this year. I am currently training for Methodist ministry and once carried 4 pints across a crowded pub – yes, in one go! I am sure this will be a blessed time together, full of laughter, fellowship, thoughtfulness and hopefully 'sew' some seeds of transformation.



We pray that God's loving presence is known in our gathering, and that this week of fun, laughter, learning, and friendship is a blessing that enlivens and endures.

Monday's Theme: **Eco-Justice**

Monday Keynote Speaker: **Frances Ward**



The Very Rev Dr Frances Ward is Rector of Workington in Cumbria, UK, and a theologian, teacher and speaker.

Formerly the Dean of St Edmundsbury in Suffolk, her latest book, *Like There's No Tomorrow: Climate Crisis, Eco-Anxiety and God* (Sacristy Press, 2020) is an honest, personal engagement with the climate crisis that faces the planet.

Monday Afternoon Workshop: **Simon Pringle**

Simon Pringle is a senior sustainability, commercial strategy and innovation specialist. He's a leading Methodist activist in Yorkshire alongside his day job as a regional businessman. With the Yorkshire North and East Methodist District, Simon led an exploration of sustainable energy solutions within their 200 churches, gaining recognition from Community Energy England for the Community Engagement and Inclusion Award.



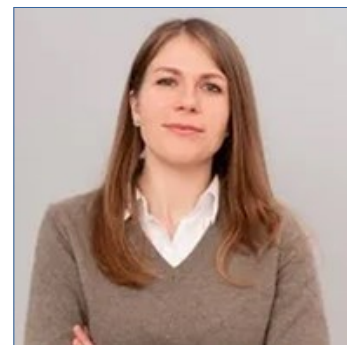
Monday Evening: **Environmental Panel**, chaired by **Alice Wright** with



Alice Corrie and Hannah Blitzer-Wright

Alice is an engineering graduate and has used her engineering knowledge to contribute to Climate Stewards, a Christian charity focussed on offsetting carbon. She has worked with UK clients calculating their carbon footprint, as well as the charity's community partners around the world, seeing the tangible result of grassroot efforts in planting trees, recycling and school clubs.

Hannah is an environmental legal and policy expert in climate justice. Of Jewish faith and originally from the United States, she graduated with her PhD in UK Environmental Law in 2023. She has worked with the UN Human Rights Council and currently works at Wildlife and Countryside Link, developing policies with Defra, the Environment Agency and Natural England to advise MPs and other politicians.



Tuesday's Theme: **Grace in Being and Becoming**

Tuesday Keynote Speaker, Workshop & Evening Leader: **Alastair K. Daniel**



Alastair K. Daniel is a performance storyteller, researcher, writer and consultant in storytelling. Following twelve years touring schools in the UK and the Low Countries with The Story Tent, in 2010 Alastair made the move from professional storytelling to academia. In 2022, Alastair ended his term as Principal Lecturer in Primary English at the University of Roehampton to focus on storytelling once more, and develop his work as an independent scholar.

Wednesday's Theme: **Justice and Grace at the Margins**

Wednesday Keynote Speakers: **Eunice Attwood and Paul Morrison**

Deacon Eunice Attwood and Paul Morrison lead the Methodist Church's work challenging the injustice of poverty in the UK. Eunice is a former Vice-President of the Methodist Church. Currently she is Church the Margins Officer facilitating a movement of new Christian communities led by people experiencing economic marginalisation. Inspired by connecting evangelism and social justice, Eunice brings over twenty years' experience of ministry amongst marginalised and vulnerable communities.



Paul is a policy advisor within the Join Public Issues Team with particular responsibility for issues around the economy including poverty and inequality. He is also a Director of the Trussell Trust foodbank charity and a regular at Methodist Summer Fellowship.

Wednesday Evening: **Sam Slatcher - Creating Stories of Justice and Grace**



Sam Slatcher is a musician, singer-songwriter and community arts facilitator living in the North East. As a long-time friend of MSF, he brings his unique insights and musical talents into building communities, sharing stories and finding inspiration in common ground. Projects include *The Story Train*, and *Stories of Sanctuary*, recently highlighted at Durham Fringe Festival, bringing people together through music.

Daily Bible Studies: **Justice and Grace**

Bible Study Leader: **Simon Topping**

Rev Dr Simon Topping is currently Superintendent of the North East Somerset and Bath Methodist Circuit. His PhD draws on his experience of ministry in Argentina and explores the emergence of Latin American revolutionary Christianity.

Alongside Circuit ministry Simon was closely involved in the Jubilee 2000 and Make Poverty History campaigns and was a founder member of a Christian workers co-operative based in Gloucester.

In recent years Simon has helped to develop the Tolpuddle Martyrs pilgrimage route from Wesley's New Room to Tolpuddle.



Bible texts we will be exploring:

Sunday: **I can see clearly now, the rain has gone** *Philippians 3:4b-11*

Monday: **Whose justice?** *John 11: 45-53*
Matthew 18: 10-14
Matthew 25: 14-30
Matthew 5: 1-10

Tuesday: **Holy Justice** *Mark 10: 28-30*
2 Corinthians 8: 8-15
Mark 14: 3-9

Wednesday: **Amazing grace** *Matthew 10: 5-15*
Luke 15: 1-32
Matthew 20: 1-16

Thursday: **Left brain justice, right brain grace** *Matthew 5: 38-48*
Matthew 23: 23-24
Matthew 12: 1-8

PROGRAMME

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
	Welcome	Justice & Grace	Eco-Justice
08:00-08:15		Morning Prayers or Yoga by the Lake	Morning Prayers or Yoga by the Lake
08:00-09:00		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
09:15-10:00		Prep for All Age Worship	Bible Study
10:15-11:00		10am All-age Worship	Groups
11:00		Coffee	Coffee
11:30-12.45		Framing the Week: Walking with Micah as a Justice-seeking Church	Keynote: Frances Ward
13:00		LUNCH	LUNCH
14:15-16:00	Arrival from 15:00	Optional Workshops	Workshop: Simon Pringle Games on the Field
16:00-16:30	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
16:30-18:00	New members meeting / Group leaders meeting / Youth and children's group introduction	Introduction to Bible Study	Workshops
18:00-18.30		Contemplative prayer	Contemplative prayer
18:30-19:30	EVENING MEAL	EVENING MEAL	EVENING MEAL
20:00	Welcome Event	Facilitated group activity	Discussion panel: Alice Wright, Hannah Blitzer, Alice Corrie
21.30	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Grace in Being & Becoming	Justice & Grace at the Margins	Justice & Grace	Departing
08:00	Morning Prayers or Yoga by the Lake	Morning Prayers or Yoga by the Lake	Morning Prayers or Yoga by the Lake	
08-9:00	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
09:15	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Vacate room by 9.30am
10:15	Groups	Groups	Groups	DEPART
11:00	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	
11:30	Keynote: Alastair Daniel	Keynote: Eunice Attwood & Paul Morrison	MSF AGM	
13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
14:15	Workshop: Alastair Daniel Games on the Field	Workshops Games on the Field	Worship Preparation	
16:00	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	
16:30	Whole-group workshop - future stories of MSF	Workshops	Worship Preparation	
18:00	Contemplative prayer	Contemplative prayer		
18:30	EVENING MEAL	EVENING MEAL	EVENING MEAL	
20:00	Alastair Daniel	Sam Slatcher: Creating Stories	Worship Service	
21.30	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer		



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DISCUSSION GROUPS



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Workshop and other activities

We have a wide range of workshops, crafting, sports and other activities going on during the course of the week. We will announce these daily, and leave sign-up sheets at the back of the Main Hall.

Notices and Updates

General Notices will be given by Clare Wright and fellow committee members each day – please listen out for any changes or new additions to the programme.

Set up transfers or Direct Debit:

Account Name: Methodist Summer Fellowship

Sort Code: 30-00-01 | Acc No: 01574690

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc

If you intend to set up a Direct Debit for our next MSF, or want to find out more about how to do so, please ask one of the committee.

Donate to the Bursary Fund

Account name: MSF Bursary

Sort Code: 20-29-77 | Acc No: 90436941

Bank: Barclays

Please let Andrew Wright know on andrewwright@gmail.com.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

