

The Theme for this winter edition is Worship and Preaching.

The first four pages of this edition focus on vision: **MET's Fresh Focus**, following our initial presentations at last year's AGM, our series of **MET Local events** (which can still be booked!) and our developing relationships with others through the fledgling **Association of Wesleyan Evangelicals (AWE)**.

This edition features the final two papers that were originally commissioned by MET and prepared and submitted for inclusion at the planned Liverpool 200 conference in 2020, which was cancelled owing to Covid. These papers are double articles - so be prepared for a good read! The first of these is an academic paper from Peter Hatton (former Biblical Tutor) who commends us to preach the 'Wesleyan Way' by focussing on and lifting up Christ in our preaching if we are to see conversion and transformation. The second of these is a paper from Russell Herbert, Superintendent Minister of the Gordano Valley Circuit who explores the theme: 'Worship, God's Holiness and our Need to Grow'. Russell looks at worship in a creative and engaging three dimensional perspective.

Ian Buchanan, CEO of LWPT, (Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust) urges us to **'Keep the main thing the main thing'** - reminding us that God's mission into the UK is the big issue for all bible teachers.

Our two vice-chairs: Gareth Higgs and Liz Miller share insights from their presentations given at the autumn 2023 MET Digging Treasure conference: Preaching for Revival and Renewal. Gareth shares how we can allow people to encounter God through our worship through 'Pursuing Renewal and Revival through Leading Worship'. Liz explores how we need to pursue personal renewal ourselves before we can preach it by 'Pursuing and Preaching for Personal Renewal'.

Our **Bible Study** by **Derek Balsdon** is Part 3, the final part in our 3 part series on **'Images of the Holy Spirit'**. This final study explores the image of **Water**.

Praying Always is compiled by **Roz Addington**, our Prayer Coordinator who provides us with a weekly focus for prayer over four weeks featuring: The Church, Great Britain, World Issues, The Natural World & Climate Change.

Our **next edition** will be the spring edition and will be a new look and fresh feel to the magazine, with the new title **MET: Revive.** We are keen to include resources from the MET membership, so if you have a prayer, a poem or a reflection you would like to share, please contact me on admin@methodistevangelicals.org.uk.

Many thanks!

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