



EDITORIAL

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As we steadily emerge out of lockdown with the easing of restrictions, we face a world that has changed dramatically over these last 14 months. Things are different, and we have had to adapt to a new normal. We've been bombarded by news briefings, daily statistics and charting the trend of the COVID-19 virus and its variant strains. The whole pandemic has shaken us, causing the world to wonder and many of us to ponder and reflect on what really matters.

The truth is that, when things are thrown out of kilter and all is stripped away, it is only the word of God that stands firm and secure. We have a God who changes not. He is the one in whom we can depend and trust. The good news is that his word reveals the gospel - the Good News of Jesus.

So we thought that it was fitting to focus the theme for this spring edition of the magazine on 'The Gospel: Good News for all.' We have a variety of contributors on this theme, as well as our regular features.

Ed Mackenzie, lecturer in Biblical Theology and Mission at Cliff College considers the nature of the gospel: what it is and its importance for discipleship and mission today.

Gary Grant, Founder and Executive Chairman of the Entertainer toy shop chain shares some insights on living the Good News in the High Street.

Andy Frost, Director of Share Jesus International (SJI) reflects on 20 years of faith sharing and draws on some thought provoking insights and challenges from his new resource on culture.

Jo Gordon, CEO of 'Daniel's Den'- a parent and toddler charity based in Wembley in North West London shares how Daniel's Den is Good News to the community of Wembley.

Aimee Nott, All We Can's Communications and PR Manager explores, from a global perspective, how social responsibility and the Good News of the gospel go hand in hand.

As SJI celebrates its 20th anniversary, I have taken this opportunity as former Deputy Director of SJI, to look back a bit further and see how the Good News was celebrated and shared in a brief snapshot of the ministry of the late Revd Dr Rob Frost.

Our artwork in this edition features the latest stunning and powerfully creative work by Jacqui Parkinson on 'Threads Through Creation' which tours the country this summer.

Our Bible Study is part one of a three part study on Paul's letter to Titus which Gareth Higgs, our new Vice-Chair has compiled. This first section is a focus on the need for godly leadership.

Please do send in any of your own Good News stories to me at admin@methodistevangelicals.org.uk

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