



EDITORIAL

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The theme for this edition of MET Connexion is The Rising Generation, focussing on the importance of young people - particularly children and teenagers - in our worship, in our mission and in our church communities.

'The Rising Generation' was a term used by John Wesley who stressed the importance of the care and development of children to be nurtured in the Christian faith as vital for revival to continue in the Methodist Church. Chris Ritter, pastor of Geneseo First Methodist Church in Illinois, USA and author of Seven Things John Wesley Expected Us to Do for Kids expands on this concept in his fascinating article on 'John Wesley and the Rising Generation'.

Ed Mackenzie, Lecturer in Biblical Theology and Mission at Cliff College reflects on the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of 1820, held in Liverpool and how it recognised the significance of ministry amongst children and young people as being key to the renewal of the church.

Gareth Crispin, Lecturer in Practical Theology at Cliff College challenges us to think about Intergenerational Church: what it is and what might help us embrace it. He offers some questions for reflection and further reading.

Resource Reviews on children, young people and all ages are interspersed between these articles to provide further reading and resources to equip and encourage individuals and churches in this area of ministry.

David Hull, Lead Pastor of Freedom Church Bristol and Chair of MET reflects on the reported outpouring of the Holy Spirit amongst students at Asbury University, in America in the light of our Wesleyan heritage of revival, and considers lessons for the church of today.

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, Executive Director of Hope Together, shares exciting opportunities and creative ideas to celebrate the Coronation with your local community.

Our Good News Story by Gavin Murray on 'Just-Ice' shares how a deep concern over human trafficking combined with a passion for making ice cream brought Just-Ice into being. An incredible story of an amazing faith venture!

Our Bible Study is the first of a 3 part series by Derek Balsdon, our former Development Worker on 'Images of the Holy Spirit'. This first study explores the Image of Fire.

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 and The Natural World and Climate Change.

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