

# Rainbow

**AUTUMN 2022**

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

**COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**CLIMATE CHANGE:  
BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE**

**COP26 WORKERS**

**PUZZLE**



# Welcome back!

It has been two years since your last Rainbow magazine and a lot has happened.

Global pandemic



COP26



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



War in Ukraine

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

LOVING GOD, WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE.  
HELP KEEP PEOPLE SAFE AND PROTECT THEM FROM BEING HURT.  
PLEASE CARE FOR CHILDREN SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES,  
PLEASE HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES.  
WE PRAY FOR LOVE AND PEACE, EVERYWHERE.  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE,

AMEN.



The Methodist Church



Following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, we join the nation in praying for her family and thanking God for her dedication and service.

If you are sad about the Queen – or anything else – make sure you find a trusted grown up to talk to about your feelings.

But there is so much exciting good news that we have to tell you about...

Keep reading to find out how your donations have helped people over the past two years...

The JMA promise is to:

“Learn, pray and serve with the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ.”

# The difference you can make

## Love one another

"I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER."

John 13:34-35 New Revised Standard Version, NRSVA



As a JMA collector, you are part of a global Methodist community.

How can you and your group help make a difference?

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## Pray

DEAR GOD  
WE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.  
WE PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE.  
HELP US ALL TO BE KIND  
TO ONE ANOTHER  
AND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER,  
THE SAME WAY THAT YOU  
LOVE US.  
AMEN.

# Make Your Own JMA Saving Box!



In the past, JMA collection boxes were made from **plastic**. From now on we want to make sure we make them from **recycled materials** to protect our planet. Ask an adult to help you look through your recycling to find a **box, carton** or **jar** that you could turn into a saving box. Your container will need to be **clean, dry**, have **no sharp edges** and have a way for money to be put into it... and taken out again!

## You will need:

- a container from your recycling
- scissors
- pens or paints
- glue



Use paints, pens or paper to decorate your container. You could also cut out or copy the JMA characters from these pages to stick on your box. Ask an adult to help you with the cutting.



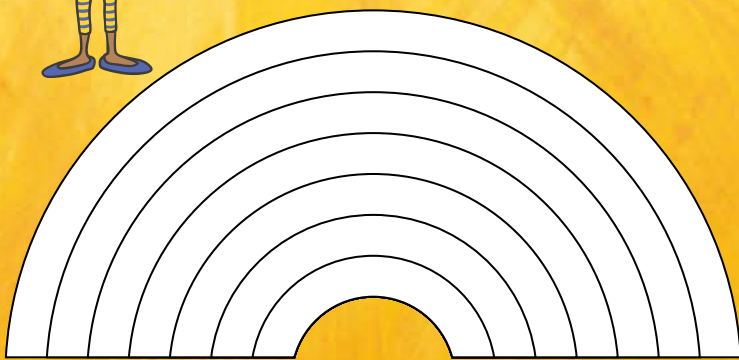
# My JMA Saving Box



Here are some saving boxes that we made to inspire you.



How about drawing pictures in the boxes on this page and colouring in the rainbow? Then cut them out and stick them on your box.



# World Mission Fund

Your JMA money helps the Methodist Church to help places and people around the world through the **World Mission Fund (WMF)**. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we helped...



Methodist Church in Alto Beni

**Where?** Alto Beni, Bolivia, South America

**What?** HELPING COMMUNITIES IN ALTO BENI

Your kind donations to the World Mission Fund have helped the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia to give support to local people.

The church gave out medicine, school uniforms, school equipment and phones to people who really needed them.

A new house being built after the cyclone.  
A toilet was built in this new house.



This is what the old toilet looked like.

**Where?** Mozambique, East Africa

**What?** THE WORLD MISSION FUND SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES AFTER CYCLONE ELOISE

The World Mission Fund helped farmers in Mozambique by providing seeds to plant.

Cyclone Eloise destroyed people's homes. Communities were already struggling because of an earlier cyclone and the Covid pandemic. So Eloise caused even more suffering. Donations to the World Mission Fund helped farmers by giving them seeds to plant for food. The farmers were so happy:

"This will help us a lot in the coming season, and we want to thank the Methodist Church and its partners who are helping us by giving us these seeds. We believe they will be productive and we will have a good harvest."



**Where?** North Macedonia, Southeast Europe

**What? MEALS ON WHEELS FOR THE ELDERLY DURING THE PANDEMIC**

The World Mission Fund has helped older people in North Macedonia with hot meals. Around 200 people are fed five times a week.

It is also a chance for older people to have someone to talk to. Eco-friendly paper bowls are used for the soup.



**Where?** India, Asia

**What? JOINT EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS APPEAL**

The Henry Martyn Institute in India was helped by All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain (MCB) with money raised through a joint Emergency Coronavirus appeal.

The Henry Martyn Institute is a university that believes in peace building, community development, and helping women to succeed.

The Methodist Church also helped the Institute with grants from the World Mission Fund.

This money provided:

- free face masks, hand sanitisers and soaps
- vaccines for the poor
- education on how to take care of yourself during the pandemic (such as eating a proper diet and taking regular medicine)
- money to help families affected by the pandemic.

**Write a prayer to give thanks for the good work achieved by using money from the World Mission Fund?"**

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# Climate justice and COP26 workers funded by the WMF

In 2021 the **Climate Change Conference** (called **COP26**) had young Methodists from around the world campaign for the global Methodist community to take action on the climate crisis.

The campaign was called '**Climate Justice for All**' (**CJ4A**).

CJ4A invited the global Methodist community to take action in three ways:

- **Listen** to those with experience of the climate crisis.
- **Call** upon representatives.
- **Commit** to personal change.

Most of the COP26 workers were funded by the World Mission Fund, so thank you to all of you who gave money to this fund.

Your kind donations means that this project and others can continue to happen.



## Messages from the COP26 workers

**Irene:** My message for young people is that there is no limit of age to make a change in this world.

The most important thing is to believe in yourself and to act according to what you want to achieve and, most importantly, to be resilient and ambitious.

**Mollie:** My message to other young people with a passion for climate justice would be to make sure you find rest throughout your activism. Being overwhelmed by the climate crisis won't allow you to take action to the best of your abilities.

**James:** Try to bring together a small team of like-minded passionate young people and find a focus and a goal you want to achieve. Network with other groups to get the resources you need and to learn from their experiences.





# Be a Green Agent of Change

Grace is an enthusiastic activist in the Church and a Green Agent of Change.

## **SPREAD THE LOVE – SPREAD THE GREEN! BY GRACE (AGED 8, AT THE TIME)**

"I went to a Zoom call which was based on climate. It was a webinar called Green Agents of Change and it was run by the Methodist Church.

The Youth President for 2020/2021, Phoebe, asked us to draw our dream world and here is mine:

I drew it like this because I would like the earth to be full of love and plants. We then were split up into two groups. In our groups we shared and explained our drawings. Other children had drawn electric cars.

The meeting made me want to ask Children and Young People's Sundays to use eco-friendly resources, such as compostable brown paper sticky tape and biodegradable glue and glitter. I really love all our delicious church meals and I would love to persuade the church catering group to make church meals fairtrade, organic, local, use less meat and if we have meat let it be from happy animals. This meeting was a wonderful influence on me to help a little bit more in being green."



## **NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!**

Draw a picture of your dream world, and write down ideas of how you could make this a reality.

# Meet some new faces

We have some friends who work for the Church to whom we would like to introduce to you...

## James. Youth President 2022/2023



James becomes the new Youth President this September. He's from Nottingham. James lives with ADHD and has autistic traits.

"I want to raise awareness of mental health issues to help the Church become truly inclusive. It's important for people to talk about conditions such as ADHD and autism. As young people's mental health suffered so badly during Covid, I want to give young Methodists some fun. Let's enjoy ourselves at church!"



## Daud. Youth President 2021/2022



"Last year when Youth President, my theme was 'God's Church – A Home for All' because God sees and loves all of us. When I was in my Sunday School, I was a JMA collector. So it makes me glad that many children are still raising money just like I did. In supporting JMA through our fundraising, we help people across the world to share in God's love."

## Eli. 3Generate Global Youth Rep



"My name is Eli and I am one of your 3Generate Global Youth Reps. It's great that you are getting involved to help and love others – just as God teaches us. The work you are doing inspires me to be a better person and Christian. Remember that God is with you in everything. God loves you, and will bless you. Thank you for the important work you are doing."

## Liddy. 3Generate Global Youth Rep



Hello! I'm Liddy, a 3Generate Global Youth Rep. I love being part of our global Christian family, and with the money you collect for JMA, you help people all over the world."

## Ben. Global Mission Fellow



Ben is from Birmingham. He serves as a Global Mission Fellow with the Surf Project, supported by the Methodist Church in Ireland.

"At Surf Project our mission is to focus on serving and surfing! While surfing on the north coast of Northern Ireland, we hold workshops and Bible studies on the beach for connecting with God. We also hold school retreats."

To find out more about 3Generate visit [methodist.org.uk/3generate](https://methodist.org.uk/3generate)

# Puzzle

The word search below contains these 6 words inspired by John 13:34-35:

1. Love

2. One

3. Another

4. Be

5. Kind

6. Friend



# GOD'S WORLD OUR HOME

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another..."

John 13:34 NRSVA



If you are interested in climate justice, you can find lots of videos,  
prayers, challenges and activities online on the Methodist Church website

[methodist.org.uk/gwoh](http://methodist.org.uk/gwoh)

**TAKE ACTION AND MAKE A REAL CHANGE**



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