

# Rainbow

SUMMER 2024



The Methodist Church 

# Welcome

to your summer edition of Rainbow.

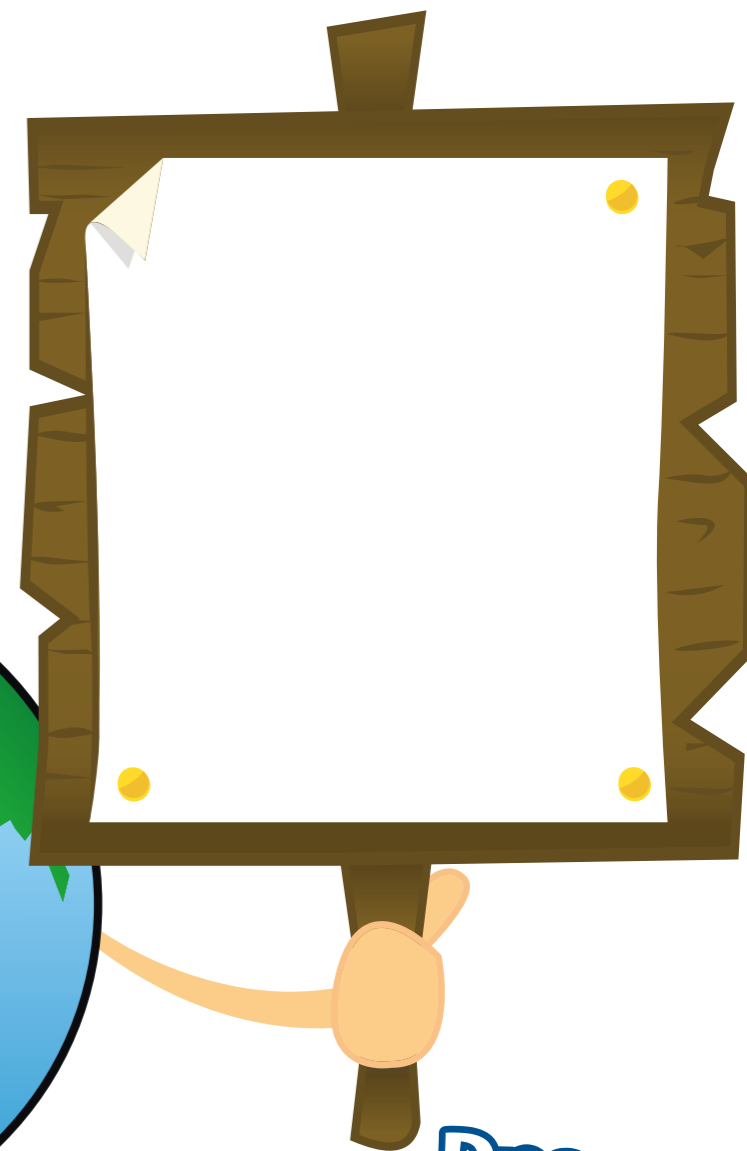
This issue of Rainbow is about seeking justice. Seeking justice means trying to change things to make them right and fair, for ourselves and for people around us.



The JMA promise is to:  
"Learn, pray and serve with the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ."

# What change in the world would you like to see?

Write or draw your idea here.



## Pray

THANK YOU GOD FOR OUR WONDERFUL WORLD. HELP US TO BE INSPIRED TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. AMEN.



God always takes the side of people who need help and God asks us to do that too. Sometimes, helping people, may mean we challenge things that are unfair.

# Action for Hope

## Can you be a green agent of change?

To do our part to care for creation, the Methodist Church in Britain wants to become 'net zero'. This means making sure that none (zero!) of the things it does causes pollution to harm the environment.

We can all do our bit as well – and make changes that mean we use less plastic, produce less rubbish or use less energy (like electricity and petrol).



Walk to school



Recycle

Use a reusable bottle



Grow vegetables



Turn off the lights

**GREEN AGENTS OF CHANGE**

**Think**

WHAT ONE THING COULD YOU DO TO USE LESS ENERGY OR MAKE LESS RUBBISH?  
WHAT COULD YOUR CHURCH DO?  
WHO COULD YOU TALK TO ABOUT MAKING A CHANGE?



flourish

Flourish means to grow and do well. By understanding that we are part of creation and that it is our job to care for the world around us, we can help make sure that all creation gets to be its best.

# The Freedom Community Project

The Freedom Community Project is a group of churches and volunteers in East Derbyshire, England. They do what they can to help families who don't always have enough money for all the things they need. Last year, the Freedom Community Project helped more than 2,500 people! They gave away over 4,000 food parcels.

And they even arranged a day trip to the seaside!



The Freedom Community Project want to show people that God loves them. The Project does this by giving food, supporting people with advice and helping them to have fun!

**Pray**

THANK YOU GOD THAT THE MONEY WE RAISE CAN HELP PEOPLE LIKE OUR FRIENDS IN EAST DERBYSHIRE.

AMEN.

**Think**

IF YOU COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP PEOPLE WHERE YOU LIVE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



The money you raise for JMA helps to support projects like The Freedom Community Project as part of the 'New Places for New People', funded by the Mission in Britain Fund.

# Protesting in the Pacific

Young Christians in the Pacific Islands recently gathered at the Pacific Islands Conference. They prayed together and protested about climate change, equality and justice. To protest means to show others that you strongly like or do not like an idea. You can protest with others in a big group, or on your own by writing letters and sharing your story.

Meava, from the Cook Islands, said, "We share with each other and begin to see solutions for our own island".

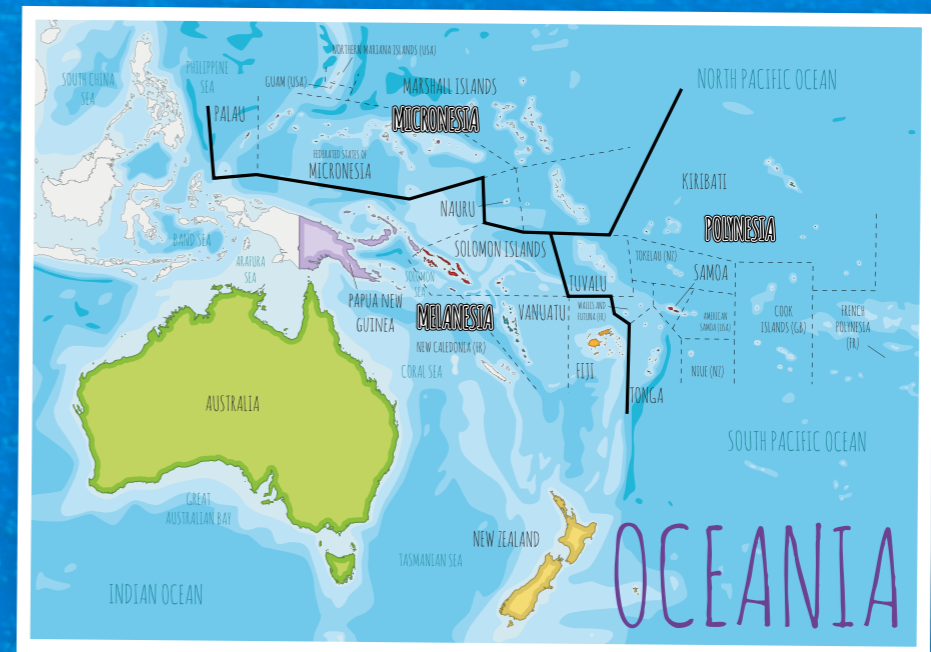
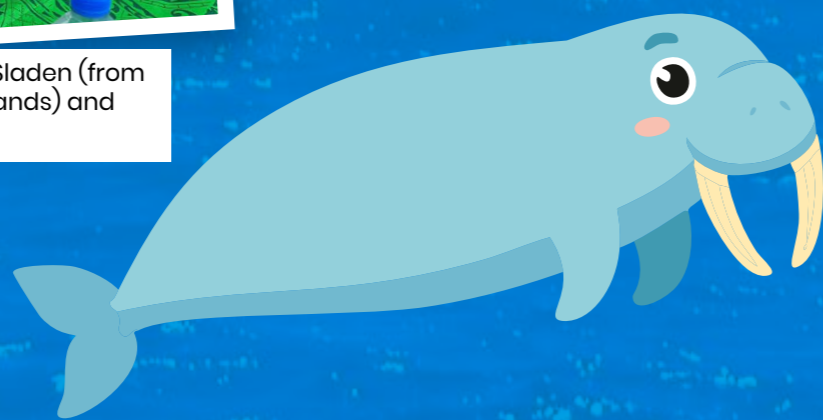
We can do the same: sharing our stories, praying and raising our voices for change together with other young people.



Breakfast in the Pacific with (from left to right) Sladen (from the Marshall Islands), Mevea (from the Cook Islands) and Toa (from Kiribati)

## Think

HOW CAN YOU AND YOUR JMA GROUP HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF AN ISSUE THAT AFFECTS YOU? COULD YOU START BY SHARING YOUR STORY AT YOUR SCHOOL, CHURCH OR IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?



## Fun facts about the Pacific Islands!

- There are about 30,000 islands in the Pacific Ocean, and people live on only 2,000 of them.
- The Pacific Islands were made by volcanoes exploding or formed on top of coral reefs. The islands made by volcanoes are bigger, and more people can live on them. The islands made on coral reefs are smaller, and fewer people can live on them.
- The Pacific Islands are split into three different regions: Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia
- Tonga, a Pacific Island nation, is a kingdom with a royal family. Queen Nanasipau'u and King Tupou VI of Tonga attended the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla last year.

## The Methodist Church in the Pacific Islands

The Methodist Church in Britain works with a number of partner churches in the Pacific:

- > United Church in Papua New Guinea
- > The United Church in the Solomon Islands
- > Methodist Church in Fiji
- > Methodist Church in Samoa
- > Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga

There are many Methodist people on the Pacific Islands. In Fiji over 30 per cent of the population are Methodists, and in Tonga this rises to over 70 per cent.

There are lots of Methodists from the Pacific, or with a heritage from the Pacific, living in Britain. They play a big part in the life of the Methodist Church in Britain.



The money you raise for JMA helps people and projects funded by the World Mission Fund.

Find out more about our Pacific Island partners, and to read more stories from around world, go to: [methodist.org.uk/Global-relationships](http://methodist.org.uk/Global-relationships)

# Change makers

## Praise God

Grab your musical instruments and let's sing together

"He's got the whole wide world in his hands,  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands,  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands."



## Bible Reading

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8 (NRSVue)

# Meet a JMA group



Finn, Evie, Elliot and Grace at their JMA group at Belle Vue Methodist Church, Shrewsbury



## Pray

THANK YOU GOD  
FOR JMA COLLECTORS  
ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
HELP US TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY  
BEING TOGETHER AND FIND FUN WAYS  
TO RAISE MONEY FOR JMA.

AMEN.



Let us know what your JMA group has been doing!

Your JMA leader or grown up can email us with your updates and photos at [fundraising@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@methodistchurch.org.uk)

# Kindness



## Puzzle

Complete the puzzle with the words below:

- JUSTICE
- KINDESS
- LOVE
- PROTEST
- PRAY



**Action**  
WHY NOT SHARE  
THE JMA PROMISE  
WITH A FRIEND?



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be part of something bigger!

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