



# EDITORIAL

*Marian Izzard*

This autumn edition of MET Connexion is on the theme of 'Revival'. As a team, we have been reflecting on what that means today. We have been drawn to the biblical interpretation of revival that the psalmist describes in Psalm 80 - that of restoration with God. Before restoration can take place, repentance must happen so that we humble ourselves before God and receive his forgiveness. We find that this 'formula' for revival is at the heart of the great revivals that we have seen in the past which lead to transformation and renewal. In this edition, we take a look at some of these revivals and consider how they might shape the way in which we can hope and pray for revival today.

Huw Priday, ordained minister and classically trained musician, looks at the characteristics for revival with particular reference to the Great Welsh Revival of 1904 and the transformation that this brought not only to Wales but to other places around the world.

John Senyonyi, former Vice-Chancellor of Uganda Christian University, shares in his article what we can learn from the East African Revival during the late 1920s and 1930s.

William Porter, leader of the Beacon House of Prayer, takes a look at the Wesleyan Revival and some features of the move of the Holy Spirit in early Methodism.

Carolyn Lawrence, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, reflects on what new thing God might be doing in the Methodist Church as she explores the concept of 'Growth' during her year of office.

Anne Middleton, former editor of MET Connexion, shares about her new role as Performing Arts Mission Enabler and how we can find God's plan and purpose for each one of us.

David Hull, Chair of MET, takes a look at the foundational work of the Methodist Revival Fellowship as he shares conversation with the Revd Keith Jarvis.

Roz Addington joins the team as our new Prayer Secretary and takes over the role of 'Praying Always'. We are delighted to have Roz on board with us.

We have featured some 'good news' stories that several of our members have shared over recent months. Please do send in any 'good news' stories that you might like to share in a future edition to [editor@methodistevangelicals.org.uk](mailto:editor@methodistevangelicals.org.uk)

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks for the life of Chris Faull and of his tireless work in proofreading many editions of MET Connexion over recent years. His tribute appears on page 28.

We are delighted that the Revd Janet Knowles-Berry has been willing to take on the role as proofreader for this edition and future editions.

Our next edition will be available in early January 2021 and we will be exploring the theme of 'Hearing God' and discerning his voice in a confusing world.

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