



The **Methodist Church**
The Church in action for older people

In advance of this year's **Methodist Homes Sunday** the CEO, Sam Monaghan, wrote to all Methodist ministers thanking them for their support of MHA. IN our 75th anniversary year, and with new leadership, it was a fitting moment to express our gratitude for all that the Methodist Church has enabled MHA to accomplish. The theme of this year's service was the witness and determination of Abraham, who lived to be 'full of years'.

CEO Sam Monaghan was delighted to be with the new President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference as they began their year of office at the **Methodist Conference**. Bala Gnanapragasam (VP) is a Trustee of MHA and an active member of the Board. Sam addressed the Conference and emphasised the importance of MHA's relationship with the Methodist Church. He applauded the vision and tenacity of the Rev'd Walter Hall, whose concern for the needs of older people led Conference to create MHA.

At a special lunchtime event members of Conference were able to ask Sam questions about MHA; see a new video featuring the work MHA chaplain Richard Golding; and hear a presentation about our award-winning end of life training programme, 'Final Lap'. If you would like to learn more about 'Final Lap' please contact us on the details below.

In October the President of Conference, the Rev'd Michaela Youngson, will be the preacher at our **75th Anniversary Service** in **Derby Cathedral**. During the service there will be the premier of a specially commissioned piece of music, 'Fanfare for the Older Person'. The music has been created for us by the organist and composer Nigel Ogden, who has close associations with MHA.

Free tickets for the service at 3 pm on **Saturday 13th October** can be requested from MHA or found on line at www.eventbrite.co.uk and searching for 'MHA'.

Thank you to all the ministers, local preachers and worship leaders who used our worship resources and held services, raising awareness and funds. If your church didn't, it's not too late. Please ring 01332 221641 and ask for Lesley France or email lesley.france@mha.org.uk. For other fundraising ideas and resources to support the work of MHA visit our microsite www.bestforages.com

Next year's Methodist Homes Sunday will be on Sunday 9th June 2019 (Pentecost Sunday) and a range of resources will be available early in the new year.
With your help we aim to reduce loneliness among older people by connecting them in communities that care.