

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News. Details of on-call media support can be found [here](#).

Yours,
[The Communications team](#)

Reflecting on The Queen's Life



President of the Methodist Conference The Revd Graham Thompson

'I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live'. John 11:25. The President of the Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson reflects on the sure and certain hope we have as Christians of being raised to eternal life, through Jesus Christ.

Read more [here](#).



Vice-President of the Methodist Conference Anthony Boateng

Creator God,
We give thanks for the life of
Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.
We honour her life of service
built on a firm foundation of faith
and an exemplary commitment to duty.

Read more [here](#).



Methodist Youth President James Carver

Queen Elizabeth touched the lives of children and young people through her patronage of various youth organisations such as the Girl Guiding Association and Boy's Brigade; organisations which depicted her model of constant and steadfast leadership.

I am sure that like I, many have had difficulty processing the sad news of her death.

Read more [here](#).

**A reflection from Wales on the death of
Her Majesty The Queen**



**A reflection from Scotland on the death of
Her Majesty The Queen**



"The inaugural meeting of the new Wales Synod Cymru at Newton, Powys on 10th September began with a minute's silence before the Secretary of Conference led a prayer giving thanks for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth. Later on, the Synod requested that letters of condolence be sent to King Charles and to the new Prince of Wales, Prince William."

You can read the full reflection from Wales on the death of Her Majesty The Queen written by the Revd Dr. Stephen Wigley [here](#).

"Scottish tributes to Queen Elizabeth celebrate her deep affection for Scotland and its people. That affection was returned by the Scottish people, visible as thousands turned out to pay their respects from Balmoral to Edinburgh, along the Royal Mile and then filing past her coffin as she lay in rest following the national service of thanksgiving at St Giles' Cathedral."

You can read a reflection and prayer from Scotland on the death of Her Majesty The Queen written by the Revd Mark Slaney [here](#).

Resources and Guidance



Guidance and resources for churches to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II can be found on our website. These include reflections, posters, FAQs and official guidance from the Government and BBC relating to upcoming events.

Find the resources [here](#).

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Talking About Grief



How do you talk to children and young people about death and grief?

Read this [short blog](#) and discover resources designed to help us have conversations about these important topics with our children and young people.

Broadcast

Revd Dawn Saunders



"My faith has taught me...to wait patiently and continue to pray for God's guidance."

Hear the Revd Dawn Saunders reflect on the loss of Her Majesty The Queen in her BBC Radio 2 'Pause for Thought' on 12th September. Listen [here](#).

Revd Trey Hall



The Revd Trey Hall joined Zoe Ball for Pause For Thought on BBC Radio 2 on Thursday, 15th September and considered the death of The Queen from the perspective of an American here in the UK.

Listen [here](#).

Revd Michaela Youngson



The Revd Michaela Youngson gave the Daily Service on BBC Radio 4 Long Wave on Thursday, 15th September with a service marking the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

Listen [here](#).

The Methodist Podcast



This week's Methodist Podcast reflects on the life of The Queen. We hear from Methodist Central Hall Westminster about plans for her funeral, consider the relationship between the monarchy and the Methodist Church, talk to a minister from Canada about The Queen's Commonwealth role and Lord Leslie Griffiths shares his memories of The Queen and her faith.

Listen [here](#).

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Working towards net carbon zero by 2030 A case study from Bradford



The Methodist Church has set an aspirational target to become a net zero church by 2030. Using the steps set out in our guide for churches, John Anderson, Trustee of Baildon Methodist Church, shares his church's journey in [this blog](#).

Pakistan Flood Appeal



All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain have launched an urgent appeal to support communities impacted by the devastating flooding in Pakistan. More than 1300 people have died since the monsoon season began in June, and it is reported that a third of the country is now underwater. Read more [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth

How to "Make Room at Christmas" Webinar



Christmas is, hands down, the easiest time of year to invite people to church and to connect people with good news. The Methodist Church has put together a resource pack to help you plan your Christmas services and community events, and a digital Christmas campaign which you can use to help you share good news. There is also an evangelistic booklet which has been written with unaffiliated people in mind. In this webinar,

Rural Hope



Check out the rural mission webinars on offer this term – offering a space for inspiration, connection and interaction with those in similar settings around the Connexion.

We're covering topics such as welcome, pilgrimage, small church, and learning from regenerative practice. We hope there's something to spark interest and further ideas in your local setting. Check out the collection of offerings [here](#).

22nd and 23rd September, the Methodist Church's Director of Digital Engagement, Ben Hollebon, along with Holly Adams and Emma Nash from the Evangelism and Growth Team, will offer lots of ideas for planning a Christmas that is good news to your whole community. Register [here](#).

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