

# 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](#)

## News

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### Living on the Breadline



"Responding to criticism of the Government's historic tax cuts last week, a Treasury minister said they would not worry about the 'politics of envy'. I'd challenge any Government minister to come to one of our churches this winter and seek out the envious. They will be hard pressed to find them."

The Revd Graham Thompson addresses the needs the church is preparing to meet this winter in this heartfelt post. Read the whole blog [here](#).

### Cost of Living and Gambling

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Research published by Gamble Aware last week found that out of 1,6000 surveyed, a quarter of women aged 18-49 who gamble are expecting to gamble more in the coming months due to the cost-of-living crisis, with one in ten reportedly already having turned to gambling in an attempt to supplement household income.

Rachel Lampard, part of the Joint Public Issue Team, spoke to Premier Radio about the rising number of women gambling and the need for more protections for all people who gamble. Read the full story or listen [here](#).

## The Freedom Project

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"Jesus said, I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly".

Click [here](#) to watch the short film and find out how the Freedom Project in Bolsover helps local people to find joy in the world.

## Dates for your Diary

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### Homelessness Sunday



### Christmas and Advent



This year's Homeless Sunday takes place on Sunday 9th October, the day before World Homeless Day on Monday 10th October. The theme for this year is 'Homelessness and Mental Health Issues'.

You can find a variety of useful resources [here](#).

In case you missed them, the Webinars introducing this year's Christmas campaign are now available to watch [here](#).

Be sure to check back regularly, as new digital content and items for pre-order are being added all the time!

## Listen Now

### The Methodist Podcast



In this week's podcast we hear about New Places for New People, an initiative to grow church in unexpected locations.

We discover how we can be creative when we think of what a new church can look like and, with life getting increasingly difficult for many, we ask what New Places for New People looks like for those at the margins of society.

You can listen [here](#), or on your favourite podcast platform.

### Faith in Politics



In this episode of Faith in Politics, Paul and Dave take 10 minutes to talk about the government's mini-budget, announced on 23rd September, and the impact this will have on the poorest families facing the cost of living crisis.

You can listen [here](#).

## Coming Up

### Next Steps for Justice



You're invited on **3rd November** to a chance to shape the recommendations of the Walking with Micah project at a day's consultation.

This event will be held in Birmingham and will be hosted by the President of Conference, Revd Graham Thompson.

To find out more and book your free place visit [here](#).

### New Webinar Series



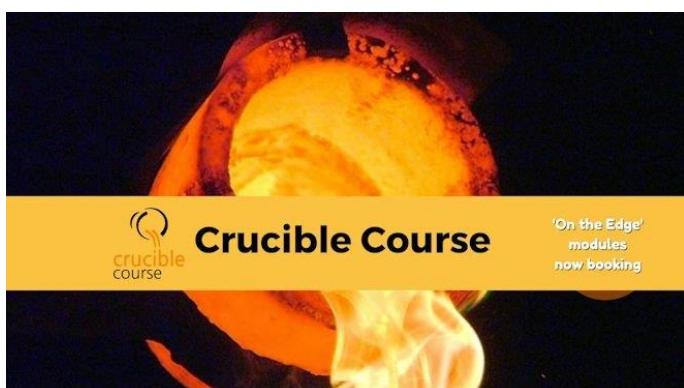
Great leaders are transformational: they long to see their churches and communities flourish and start to look more like the Kingdom of God.

All are welcome, whether you're an ordained minister or lay leader, to come and explore theories of change and learn new skills to enrich your leadership.

The first webinar will be held on the **20th October**.

Find out more and book for free [here](#).

### Crucible



### Scholarships and Funding Deadline



Church at the Margins is partnering with Crucible to offer the 6 session online module 'On the Edge' in Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023. On the Edge offers a space to think about the dynamics of mission and ministry in marginal urban and rural communities. This is for anyone who wants to develop their thinking about nurturing communities amongst people experiencing economic poverty either as a practitioner or as an advocate. Methodists can get a free ticket by using the code: **MARGINS2022**. You can find out more and book [here](#).

We still have funding available and are inviting any further applications before **16th October**.

The Methodist Church is able to offer grants towards fees for any Methodist undertaking a higher degree (doctorate or masters).

Details can be found on the website [here](#).

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