

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

Watch Now



In 1985 a Caribbean Carnival was launched in Leicester by Elvy Morton, a member at Uppingham Road Methodist Church, with the aim of bringing together people from the community, inspired by the faith of those who initiated it.

Watch the short film <u>here</u> to find out more about this amazing movement.



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Prison Chaplain Jack Key from South Yorkshire joins us to talk about his work this Prisons Week.

Find out more about Jack and his work by watching the film here.

Around the World

Romania

"On February 24, 2022, I lost everything. On the very first day, my wind farm was fired upon and captured by Russian invaders. The wind power plant was captured by Russian invaders and de-energized. My hometown of Slavutych is surrounded by Russian troops and is without power. People have no electricity, limited heat, and no way to cook food. All supplies of food and medicine have been blocked for 2 weeks"

Aliona and her daughter left Northern Ukraine for Romania shortly after the war started. You can read the rest of her story, and other stories from Sibiu United Methodist Church in Romania here.

Buzaishte, Albania



The Albanian United Methodist Church has grown to 5 churches since 2008. You can read about their story of growth and fellowship here.

South Africa



Made possible by the World Mission Fund, two members of our Safeguarding Team were able to travel to South Africa, to offer training in safeguarding with Methodist colleagues.

You can read more about the visit, and the shared learning, here.

Hope and Anchor



This isn't your average podcast!

The first episode of the brand new Hope and Anchor podcast launched this week, covering topics from starting over and second chances, to new life and bunions!

New episodes will be out every week, so check back <u>here</u> each Tuesday or subscribe to Hope and Anchor wherever you get your podcasts from.

Advent and Christmas



Resources now available

As part of the Methodist Church, we seek to demonstrate our open, inclusive and welcoming nature by saying to all people, 'There is Room' for you.

Resources for this Advent and Christmas are now available to download here.

You can also order physical items from Methodist Publishing here. Additional There is Room candle lighting liturgies will be available by the end of October.

Remembrance





Royal Navy Chaplain Bill Gates



The Methodist Peace Fellowship is hosting a free webinar with the Revd Mark Wakelin exploring how to reflect gospel values of peace and justice in worship during the season of remembrance.

The webinar is on Thursday 27 October at 7.30pm.

You can book to attend here.

Watch his short reflection here.

Royal Air Force Padre the Revd Dawn Colley



The Revd. Dawn Colley (RAF Chaplain) shares thoughts based around the music that we use at Remembrance time. When the Last Post and the Reveille are played they help us tune into the significance of the moment.

Watch her short reflection here.

More Remembrance Resources

The Revd. Bill Gates (Royal Navy Chaplain) reflects on his

personal experiences in Afghanistan to provide a powerful insight

into what Remembrance means to the Armed Forces community.



Along with the Remembrance Reflection videos, you can find a variety of other resources for Remembrance Sunday <u>here</u>.

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Meet the Youth President



"Ay Up, I'm James Carver, the Youth President of the Methodist Church for 2022/2023. Now, you may have guessed from my greeting that I am (technically) from the North, from a council estate in Clifton, Nottingham."

Meet James! You can read his blog post <u>here</u> to find out all about him and his plans for this year.

Royal Visit to Newcastle



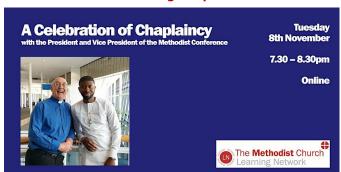
Last week, Prince Edward visited Newcastle to thank members of the emergency services for their help during the funeral of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

As part of the trip he also visited a number of local community centres and charity venues, included Brunswick Methodist Church.

You can see pictures from his visit here.

Coming Up

Connecting Chaplains



If you love chaplaincy then come and join us as we celebrate together. We'll be hearing the stories of chaplains from many different sectors, and there will be a chance to catch up with chaplains far and wide before being reaffirmed in this vital ministry and prayed for by the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference.

This event will take place online on the **8th November at 7.30pm**.

You can find out more and register to attend here.

Reimagining Discipleship



Are you interested in exploring how to bring intentional discipleship growth into your community? Would you value space and time for reflection and conversations with others asking the same questions as you?

Join us on the **1st November at 7pm** for an evening exploring how we can re-imagine what it means to be a disciple.

Find out more and sign up here.

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