



# 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](#)

## A Prayer for the new Prime Minister

Ever present God, we thank you for journeying with us over recent days; you are our strength and stay. We pray for our new Prime Minister and for those who are called on to create a Government. May all who exercise authority and influence in our nations give particular attention to the needs of those who are suffering the most, that all might flourish. And, may we all serve our neighbours in ways that reflect the unconditional, self-sacrificial love of Christ; in whose Name we pray. Amen.

**Graham Thompson - President of the Methodist Conference**

## Latest videos

### The Hope & Anchor at Greenbelt



Sometimes in our lives we have 'real' conversations where we go a little deeper - conversations that are gritty, vulnerable, sacred, respectful. Jesus had real conversations all the time. Real conversations connect us and change us.

This year at Greenbelt Festival we hosted Hope & Anchor, a venue for real conversations: gritty, provocative, silly and sacred. Hope & Anchor turns up in all kinds of places, sometimes online as a podcast and sometimes onsite.

Don't forget to check out the Hope & Anchor Podcast too! Available wherever you got your podcasts.

### The Caribbean Contribution



In the 1970's, the Methodist Church became a focal point for Caribbean identity in Notting Hill, bringing together many who had come to London as part of the Windrush generation.

Should you need support or wish to talk about the issues raised, please [contact a member of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion team](#)

*This film features language that some may find shocking. The words are used in the context of their time and, while distressing, are included to ensure we hear the authentic, lived experience of being black in Britain.*

# Church at the margins

## Food Pantries and the Cost-of-Living crisis



Everybody should have access to good food. Everybody values community. Your Local Pantries provide both – and more. Across the UK, 90,000+ people are finding friendship, food and freedom through Pantry membership. [Join a conversation with James Henderson from Church Action on Poverty](#) about how food pantries can offer dignity, choice and hope during the cost of living crisis, on Tuesday 22 November from 19:00 – 20:00.

## Connecting with social housing estates



How can we connect and support residents and practitioners on social housing estates to enable people to flourish and discover hope together?

[Come and join this conversation](#) to listen, learn and share with others, on Tuesday 8 November from 19:00 – 20:00

# News

## On the situation of the Palestinians



The situation of Palestinians in the Israeli-governed Holy Land is significantly worse today than it was a decade ago, according to an international delegation of Methodist leaders who just completed a five-day visit marking the 10th anniversary of the Jerusalem-based Methodist Liaison Office (MLO).

The group represented the three organizations that sponsor the Office, which provides information on conditions in Palestine/Israel to Methodists visiting the area and to constituents around the world. The partners are the World Methodist Council, the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, and the Methodist Church in Britain.

[Read the whole story on our website.](#)

## Hope and Anchor Episode 3



Trey Hall hosts Owain Wyn Evans, Dr Cat Hobaiter and Aaron Bent for the third episode of Hope & Anchor, a podcast about inclusive conversations that change things. This week we explore a chill in the air as the clocks go back, challenges to the assumptions of everyday life as things are so unstable around us, and how those leading us don't seem to even know the right questions to be asking, let alone the answers to those questions!

[Find the episode online](#), or listen and subscribe to Hope & Anchor wherever you get your podcasts!

## Global Mission Fellows programme



Aged 20-30? The Global Mission Fellows programme might be for you. It is a great opportunity to serve in another country, to live out your faith and develop as a leader committed to justice and peace.

[Find out more online.](#)

## Around the World

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### BBC Radio 2 Pause for Thought



The Rev'd Matt Finch gives [the Pause for Thought on Thursday 27 October](#), on the theme of 'Light in the darkness'.

Matt will also be giving the Pause for Thought on 2nd and 9th November as well.

## Around the World

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### Methodist for Ukraine: Apply to host a Ukrainian family



As Russia's war in Ukraine continues, its impact on the people there remains devastating. Thousands are still hoping to come to the UK, but hosts are in short supply.

The Methodist Church has responded to this with [the Methodists for Ukraine scheme to help Methodists become hosts to those seeking sanctuary from the war](#).

You can read how one couple gave sanctuary to two young women from Ukraine on [the Sheffield Methodist District website](#).

### Prayer for Haiti



"The situation in Haiti has deteriorated dramatically. I cannot emphasize more clearly, Haiti is in a humanitarian crises more critical than anyone can remember."

[Read the full update and call to prayer from Sandra Lopez, partnership coordinator for the Americas.](#)

### Encounter Together



The Methodist Church in Britain is running an exciting group visit programme. The Living Christianity visit to the Holy Land will take place from Wednesday **18th January** - **Monday 30th January**.

[Find out more about the visit and book your place online.](#)

## Advent and Christmas

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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 available to download.](#)

[You can also order physical items from Methodist Publishing.](#)



## Opportunities

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### Communications Jobs



There are **two** new roles available in the Communications Office of the Connexional Team!

If you're looking to get involved in comms work but don't know where to start, take a look at our [Communications Assistant](#) role.

If you have experience in both print and online journalism, and enjoy the process of finding stories and following leads, check out the [Media Officer](#) role, whose focus will be as Editor of the connexion magazine.

### Life Beyond Borders Conference



Leading church organisation, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), will be exploring the significance of borders and how they impact our society at the conference 'Life Beyond Borders' on **Tuesday 8 November 2022** at Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, England.

This important one-day event, in collaboration with Churches' Refugee Network (CRN), brings together churches and faith organisations that are involved with immigration issues to explore the philosophical, religious and historical significance of borders, and how they relate to issues of nationality, identity, faith, culture, ethnicity and politics across Britain, Ireland and Europe.

[Find out more and sign up to attend.](#)

### Could you accompany someone on their Vocational Exploration?



We are looking for people who might be willing to accompany vocational explorers and candidates for ministry.

An accompanist provides an ongoing relationship, conversation and reflection space, is alert to and sensitive to cultural differences and will seek to affirm the person throughout the processes whatever the outcome. Could this be you? Or somebody you know? [Sign up for the next briefing meeting on Monday 31 October at 7pm.](#)

The meeting will be on zoom. In signing up you are registering an interest not necessarily making a firm commitment to become an accompanist.