

# 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](#)

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**Resources now available**

In the Christmas story, we are made acutely aware that there was no room for Joseph and Mary to rest when they arrived in Bethlehem, in the more traditional places reserved for hospitality in Jewish culture. This meant they had to use other spaces which were available. Jesus' birth changed everything and made room for us in God's Kingdom. 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.

## Hope and Anchor

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**This isn't your average podcast!**

Join Trey Hall, a self described 'yappy Yank' who is looking to explore conversations with people to make sense of the world.

Hope & Anchor is a space in between the really boring treatment of important topics and a comedy show. It's an inclusive and spiritual space for real conversation that changes things.

The first episode will be launching on **Monday 10th October**, with new episodes each week, available [here](#) or wherever you get your podcasts from.

## Ukraine

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Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia are suffering. At our Council meeting held in Hamburg from 30th September to the 4th October we provided a safe space to share and listen to each other in a Spirit of love and respect. We heard from member Churches who are deeply impacted by the war in Ukraine. When one part of the Body of Christ is suffering, the whole body suffers. United in Christ, we grieve and pray together.

As Methodist, Wesleyan and Uniting Churches in Europe we remain sisters and brothers across all divides and we renew our determination to be peacemakers in Europe today.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God."

Matt. 5v9



### Methodists for Ukraine

As Russia's war in Ukraine continues, its prominence in our headlines is fading. Yet, for the people of Ukraine, the impact of war remains devastating. Thousands are still hoping to come to the UK, but suitable hosts are in short supply.

It is still as important as ever for those who can to come forward and offer their help. If you have the means to do so, please host a refugee through the Methodist Church this winter.

You can find out more about the Methodist for Ukraine scheme [here](#).

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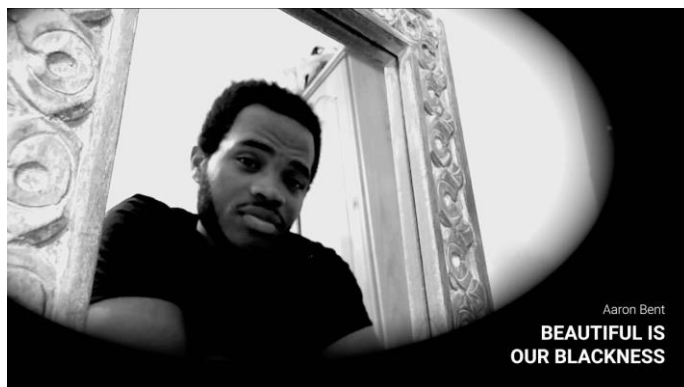
### 3Generate 2022



3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, took place at the NEC Birmingham 30th September to 1st October, with over 1,000 young people from across Britain coming together to share in fun, fellowship and to hear the word of God.

Check out a write up, along with images and videos from the event [here](#).

### National Poetry Day



"As a Black Brit of Jamaican descent, my lineage was shrouded by mystery. Growing up in Britain, I lived under the impression that my history began with slavery!"

This World Poetry Day, [read more](#) about Aaron's journey and listen to his spoken word poem titled: "Beautiful is our Blackness"

## This Month

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### Black History Month

# B:IM2022

DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

All of October is Black History Month.

We're so grateful for the people who have engaged and contributed so far.

You can rewatch the opening prayer [here](#).

### Homelessness Sunday



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](#)

**Prison's Week - Starts Sunday 9th**

**World Mental Health Day**



God of the prisoner and the free  
We offer to you all that we are all that we have been to you.  
Whether we are within the physical bars of the criminal justice system,  
Or the metaphorical bars that keep us captive in other ways.  
We remember the words of the Psalmist who asks, 'from where is to come our help'  
And realise, all along, you sit alongside us, waiting to set us truly free.  
On this we depend and are truly thankful.  
Amen.  
- A prayer by Deacon Sue Culver, Methodist Prison Chaplain

World Mental Health Day is on the 10th October.  
This year's theme is: 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'.

You can find a variety of resources [here](#).  
Get in touch and let us know if your church is planning anything special around Mental Health!

## In the Media

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### The One Show

Bishop Stortford Methodist Church appeared on the One Show last week, as Katie Callaghan was presented with an award by David Walliams and Tony Ross in recognition of her Cards for Bravery Project.

You can watch the episode [here](#), and find out more about the Katie and her Cards for Bravery [here](#).

### Youth President on BBC Radio



On the Sunday morning of 3Generate the Youth President, James Carver, was on BBC Radio Nottingham with a pre-recorded interview to discuss being the new Youth President, and living with neurodiverse conditions and a stammer.

You can listen to the interview online [here](#) from: 2hrs 51.

## Coming Up

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### 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](#).

### 60th Anniversary

60th anniversary  
**Methodist Modern**  
**Art Collection**  
**1962-2022**

This autumn, to mark its 60th anniversary, major artworks from the Methodist Modern Art Collection are on loan to diverse venues across the country. A programme of events will accompany the loans to celebrate sixty years of collecting and art-based activism.  
You can find out more [here](#).

## Fernley Hartley Lecture



# The Queen's Foundation

for Ecumenical Theological Education  
Birmingham

The Queen's Foundation and the Fernley Hartley Trust would like to invite you to the annual Fernley Hartley Lecture, which this year will be delivered at Queen's by Rev Dr Christine Dutton, on **Thursday 20th October at 6pm**.

The topic will be:

'There is nothing new under the sun':

Is the cyclical nature of Methodist ecclesial experimentation inevitable?

You can register your interest and find out more by emailing Catrin at [harland-daviesc@queens.ac.uk](mailto:harland-daviesc@queens.ac.uk)

## Reflect Quiet Morning

# Reflect

Methodist spirituality

How do we come to a greater understanding of God? How do we deepen our relationship with God? How can we seek the transformation God desires for us?

Over many centuries of exploration Christians have developed spiritual practices to help in this process. They aim to facilitate an intentional listening to God and discernment of God in our life.

Reflect is running quiet mornings on **Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October**. You can find out more [here](#).

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