

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](#)

Advent and Christmas



There is Room short film

Our There is Room short film launched on Saturday 19 November across social media. The film is available to [download from our website](#) to use in services. It is aimed at those who might be on the edge of considering engaging with faith or belief and asking them to consider their own story alongside those shown in the short film. If you are sharing online via social media or embedding on your website please use [the version on the Methodist Church YouTube Channel](#).



Church resources

Remember that you can [download all our resources for services and events from our main resources page on our website](#). The theme for the first Sunday of Advent is 'There is room for you and me'.

The content for each of the services, running from Advent until Epiphany include:

- Main themes
- Bible verses
- Nativity character reflections
- Song and hymn suggestions
- Downloadable video story
- Hands-on activities
- Prayer ideas
- Questions for discussion
- Ways people can respond

Don't forget that there are resources for schools and chaplains which use the same service themes, an Advent Candle liturgy, a guide on how to make room in your church this Christmas and many other things to help encourage people into Church over this season.

Help spread the Good News

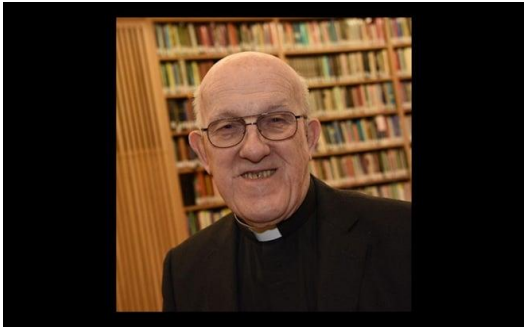
We really want to hear and share all that you are up to over this season, so please share your services with images and video using #ThereIsRoom and tagging us on social media.

We'll amplify your content using our channels and encourage others to do the same as well!

Let's make this Christmas a celebration of what it means to be a Christian and remind people of the Good News that is open to them throughout the year.



Obituary



The Revd Dr Brian E Beck (1933-2022)

It is with great sadness that Wesley House, Cambridge have announced the death of the Revd Dr Brian E Beck, former President and Secretary of the Methodist Conference. He died peacefully at home in Cambridge on 18 November in the 90th year of his age and the 66th year of his ministry. Brian's funeral will be held at Wesley Church, Cambridge at 1.30pm on Monday 19 December followed by cremation at Cambridge Crematorium for family and close friends.

[Read the obituary here.](#)

God for All feedback



God for All is about the Methodist Church taking steps deeper into the Gospel, towards a Church that is more evangelistic, justice-seeking, inclusive, and growing. In the third year of this big commitment, we want to hear from you about your experience so far. What has been helpful? What needs more work?

Here are two ways we would love to gather your feedback:

1. A short survey

[Click here to access a short survey to give your individual feedback.](#)

There are 20 questions in total, and it will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please share this link widely with others in your church and communities. The more the participation, the better.

2. Online focus groups

[Click here to sign up for one of 30 online small group conversations.](#)

These will be hosted in January and February 2023. These spaces are for different roles and groups to offer specific local feedback – celebrations, challenges, and big questions for the future. Once you click on the link, you'll see the entire series of facilitated conversations. Click the event relevant to you, select one of the two dates, and claim your space. Because each group is limited to 20 people for the sake of actual conversation, we ask you only to book in if you are absolutely committed to participating. There will also be feedback conversations hosted at the 2023 Superintendents Conferences and 2023 Methodist Diaconal Order Convocation.

Your responses and wisdom will help the Methodist Church continue to learn and stay focused on the long-term cultural change God is calling us to.

Methodist Worship Book Resources

Covenant Service now available to download

We are piloting free electronic editions of selected services from the Methodist Worship Book in formats including Word and PowerPoint.

You can now download the Covenant service and other Holy Communion services from the [Singing the Faith Plus webpages](#).



Hope and Anchor



Grief, hope and football

On this week's episode Trey Hall hosts inspirational speaker Stuart Lawrence, wellbeing practitioner Dr Delroy Hall, and TV and radio presenter Summaya Mughal around the Hope and Anchor table.

Listen into their gorgeous conversations about grief, hope, football, and the spirituality running through everything.

Listen [here](#), or wherever you get your podcasts.

COP 27

A statement on the conclusion of COP 27

Following the latest Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, JPIT have issued a statement on behalf of the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the United Reformed Church.

[Read the statement here.](#)



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