

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

Since our There is Room short film launched on Saturday 19 November it has touched many people with its message that There is Room for you in God's world no matter who you are or what your circumstances. The film is available to [download from our website](#) to use in services. Please do continue to share on your social media channels - it's best to use [the version on the Methodist Church YouTube Channel](#). If you love the message of the film, please consider [voting for it in the Smiley Charity Film Awards](#).



Help spread the Good News

It has been very encouraging that that Methodist churches have been sharing what they've been up to over this season, so please do continue to share your services with images and video using #ThereIsRoom and tagging us on social media.

We'll continue to 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.

There is Room resources

A reminder that you can [download all our resources for services and events from our main resources page on our website](#). The theme for the Third Sunday of Advent is 'There is room for All of Nature'. Don't forget that there are resources for schools and chaplains which use the There is Room 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.





There is Room for... a Pause for Thought

Director of Evangelism and Growth Trey Hall Paused for Thought on BBC Radio 2 this week, explaining why #ThereIsRoom for everyone. [Listen again here](#)

Presidential Christmas Message



The President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, have recorded a Christmas message which is now available to view and download for use in your Church. Graham and Anthony talk about their favourite Bible passages and how they encourage us to make room this Christmas. [Download the video here.](#)

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The Youth President visits South Korea

Each year, the Methodist Youth President undertakes an overseas visit in partnership with the Global Relationships team. In October 2022, James Carver undertook his visit to South Korea. "Something that amazed me was the deep respect for Methodist history the Korean Methodist Church has. Almost all of the Kwanglim churches had exhibitions and the main church, which has a strong relationship with Wesley's Chapel in London, had artefacts such as a copy of the death mask of John Wesley." Read James's blog about the visit [here](#).

Methodist success in Eco Church Awards

More Methodist churches are signing up to be part of the Eco Church award scheme operated by A Rocha UK. Participation in the Eco Church awards for the 12 months until June 2022 shows an increase of 70 percent for Methodist Churches over the previous year.

There are now more than 640 Methodist and LEP churches registered for Eco Church, with four churches having achieved Gold. [Read more here.](#)

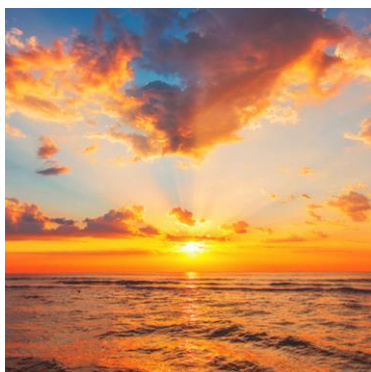


Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Amazing Grace Sunday 1 January 2023

The Revd John Newton was a former slave trade captain who came to faith when God saved him from a shipwreck and who later, anonymously, supported William Wilberforce in his successful campaign to have Parliament declare the slave trade illegal. Newton, deeply moved by his own redemption, wrote the hymn Amazing Grace to accompany his New Year's day sermon in 1773 in Olney, Buckinghamshire.

Why not help celebrate this anniversary by including Amazing Grace in your New Year service?

[Read more about the anniversary celebrations here.](#)



Hope and Anchor



festive loneliness, immigration and artistic nudism

This week's episode features two amazing women as guests, Esther Manito and Jaz Ampaw-Farr.

They are both communicators in very different ways and they have different takes on being mums. They are chatting about comedy, domesticity, reality tv and a whole lot more.

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

Radio

Wayside Pulpits

A few weeks ago Radio 4 explored the history of the phenomenon of the 'wayside pulpit' as part of the Sunday show.

It largely featured a contribution from Southport Methodist Church.

You can listen [here](#), starting at 08:50.



Opportunities

Englesea Brook Executive Members wanted

Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum is looking to recruit new members for the Executive Committee.

Applicants will need to have specific skills and competencies within one or more of the following areas:

- fundraising
- education and/or research
- heritage and museums
- Methodist history

Find more information [here](#).

Methodist Liaison Office Co-ordinator

Are you an ordained Methodist Minister who is passionate about peace and justice and experienced in working with conflict?

The Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem has a vacancy for a Coordinator. Based in Jerusalem with accommodation provided in the West Bank, this role will engage in deep listening and chaplaincy to those living and working in the region.

The closing date is the 18 Jan 2023, and you can find all the details [here](#).

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