

# The Methodist News

15 December 2022

Hello everyone and welcome to the final Methodist News before the new year! Keep an eye out for a special Christmas round up next week, and see you on January 5th.

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.

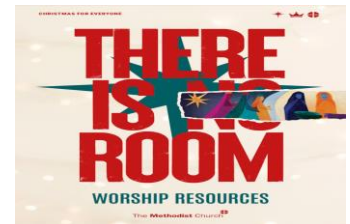
Please do continue to share on your social media channels - it's best to use [the version on the Methodist Church YouTube Channel](#).

If you love the message of the film, please consider [voting for it in the Smiley Charity Film Awards](#).

### 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.



## Christmas Messages

### Youth President



"Each Christmas, my family attempt to get together and spend the day reconnecting as we open presents from each other, playing the games we received; and promptly fighting over who was cheating at Monopoly."

Read this [Christmas reflection](#) from James Carver, Youth President 2022/2023.

### The President and Vice-President



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.

[Watch and download the video here.](#)

### Letter from Bethlehem



"In the midst of daily bad news, may we have eyes, ears and hearts to witness good news that is shared daily by those around us."

Angleena Keizer is our mission partner at the Methodist Liason Office in Jerusalem.

Read her powerful letter [here](#).

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## Watch Highlights from this year!

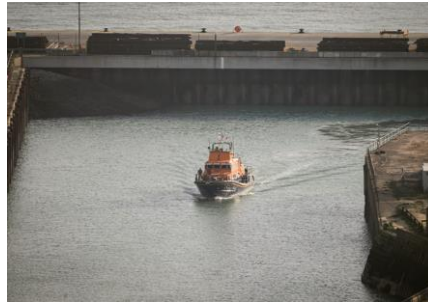
Over 2000 people gathered at the NEC in Birmingham for 3Generate back at the end of September. Children, young people, their leaders plus an incredible delivery team (that's you!) and contributors made the Methodist children and youth assembly happen. Watch all the highlights to find out more about the memorable time everyone spent together. There are two films: a [6 minute version](#) and a shorter [2 and a half minute](#) version.

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## Room for More

"On Monday we closed our doors a little more to those who are seeking sanctuary. Today we need to declare, 'There is room!'" In this powerful response to the government's new strategy for responding to those it claims are "illegal immigrants", Graham Thompson calls on all of us to be willing to make room for our neighbour. Read the full response and a short prayer [here](#).



## Operation Noah

The President and Vice-President have joined over 450 Church leaders and Christian campaigners call on UK Government to reconsider Cumbrian coal mine approval.

You can find out more and read the open letter [here](#).



## Presidential Visits

"I have experienced enthusiastic Synods, faithful churches, committed chaplains, ecumenical endeavour; innovative pioneering and community outreach of all kinds." Graham has written a [short blog](#) (with some great pictures) about his experience of visiting many amazing places this year.



# Hope and Anchor

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## Property porn, naming ceremonies & house music

For the **final episode** of the season, Trey Hall hosts with Hope and Anchor favourites Emma Goswell and Soheyi Astangi. Also joining around the table is comedian, writer and speaker Joy Carter, for the final episode this series of Hope & Anchor.

This week we discuss property porn, naming ceremonies & house music.

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

# On the Radio

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## Pause for Thought

"House music, loving to dance, God's glitterball – and Christmas."

Join Trey Hall and Zoe Ball for Trey's short reflection on Pause For Thought earlier this week.

Listen [here](#).

## The Bereavement Journey

Christmas can be a particularly difficult time of year for those who are bereaved. BBC Radio Four's Sunday programme visited The Bereavement Journey, a project being run by the Methodist Church in Southport, Merseyside to hear how they are supporting people.

Listen [here](#) from 12:55.

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