

The Methodist News

20 December 2022

Hello everyone and welcome to the final, Christmassy Methodist News before the New Year! See you again on January 5th.

Details of on-call media support can be found [here](#).

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

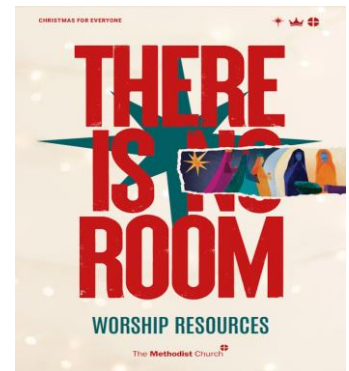
Advent and Christmas

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](#). You will be able to find content to cover the next few themes, which are:

- There is Room for People Experiencing Poverty - 24th December
- There is Room for God - 25th December
- There is Room for Refugees - 1st January
- There is Room for Revelation - 6th January

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.
There is room, for you.
There is a space in the world, for you.
There's a place in God's story, for you.

Our #ThereIsRoom short film is still available to watch and share with your friends. You can find it [here](#).

It is also available to download for use in services or your own social media [here](#).



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](#).

Room for the Homeless

"I was asked which had been the most inspirational place that I have visited during my time as President of the Conference. I paused just to be sure before replying that this would be the Whitechapel Mission in London." In [this blog](#) by Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference, he writes about his invitation to visit Whitechapel mission and the opportunity he had to meet the amazing people who both use and run the facility.

Other News

Sutton Hong Kongers

"It was an honour and blessing last Sunday to share the word of God with Sutton Hong Kongers Fellowship at the kind invitation of the Revd Kan Chaw."

Anthony Boateng, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, visited the Sutton Hong Kongers Fellowship and celebrated their vibrant, growing community with them. You can read about his visit [here](#).



Methodist Church House Move

From 1 January 2023, the Methodist Church will be saying goodbye to Methodist Church House in Marylebone.

Our new building is currently undergoing a complete renovation, which is due to last between 12-18 months. Whilst this work is being undertaken, we'll be sharing an office space with our ecumenical friends, the Church of England, at Church House Westminster.

You can find out more [here](#).



Solidarity Circles

"Church is a place where we come together for worship, but sometimes, even surrounded by others, it can feel lonely." The Revd Jill Marsh, Inclusive Church Implementation Officer, shares this blog regarding the Solidarity Circles for protected characteristics that are being established by the Methodist Church in the New Year.

Find out more about the ways we're working to be more inclusive for everyone, and how you can get involved, [here](#).



Encounter Program

What is Encounter?

- Encounter is a place to deepen your awareness of God
- An opportunity to reflect on your faith journey
- A supportive small group environment for sharing and learning together
- A place to help you discern your unique calling

Find out more [here](#).

