

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome back to the Methodist News.
Details of on-call media support can be found [here](#).
Yours,
[The Communications team](#)

Methodist Church House

Our New Address

As you will be aware, we have been in the process of moving out of our Marylebone premises over the last year. We have now completely left and our new address is:
25 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF
Please note that the Connexional Team are not yet in our new building due to renovation work being undertaken, but all correspondence should now use this address.
Find out more about our temporary accommodation and plans going forward [on our website](#).

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National Occasions



In this short blog, Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference, reflects on the place of the Methodist Church in the nation, and what it means to represent the Church as its President.

Read the whole piece [here](#).

John Vickers



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of eminent Methodist historian, John A. Vickers, who passed away peacefully in hospital on Sunday 8 February, aged 95. John made significant contributions to Methodist scholarship through his work on the Revd Dr Thomas Coke. He was the editor of the Dictionary of Methodism of Britain and Ireland (The Epworth Press, 2000) - a comprehensive, but concise guide to Methodism.

Read his full obituary [here](#).

Additional Orders



The Faith and Order Committee has prepared a set of additional orders offer services which complement the provision in the Methodist Worship Book, while retaining the same structure and theological emphasis as existing Methodist orders for the Lord's Supper.

They are now available on the [Additional Methodist liturgies](#) page.

Action for Children



In the 153 years since Action for Children was founded by Methodist minister, the Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson, their mission has been to secure safe and happy childhoods for all.

Find out more about some of the highlights from the past year [here](#).

If you're looking for a way to challenge yourself in 2023, then how about fundraising to improve the lives of UK children and families?

Fundraise for our partner, Action for Children and sign up to a charity sports event.

Find out more [here](#).

Coming Up

LGBTQ+ Webinar

On **Tuesday 24 January** come along to the latest webinar from the Safeguarding team.

We'll be exploring how we in the Methodist Church can lovingly and respectfully welcome people who identify as LGBT+ into our church communities.

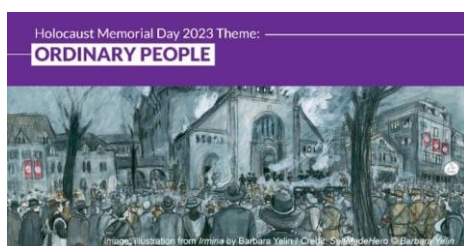
Sign up [here](#).

The Big Gathering

You are invited to join us for a conversation about the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity (our EDI work) and how it is, or is not, going in your context.

Find out more and sign up [here](#).

Holocaust Memorial



Holocaust Memorial Day, **27 January**, is set aside to come together to remember, to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Singing the Faith Plus has [a page](#) of suggested ways to approach this difficult subject in a church services, along with helpful resources and downloads.

Inspire and Equip



Come and join us on the **25th January** to be inspired and equipped to pray Thy Kingdom Come together in 2023.

Run by the Revd Canon Jean Kerr and Doral Hayes, this will be an hour of practical prayer ideas, resources as well as considering how you can engage your local churches as ecumenical partners in prayer. Find out more [here](#).

Friends of the Holy Land



A Concert in aid of Friends of the Holy Land, is to be held at Westminster Cathedral on **Thursday 16th February 2023**.

Friends of the Holy Land is an apolitical Christian organisation working for peace and reconciliation in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

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

Pause for Thought

Jo Cox-Darling

Last week the Revd Jo Cox-Darling appeared on BBC Radio 2's Pause for Thought!

She spoke about choosing joy and resolutions for the new year.

You can listen [here](#), and tune in over the next four Fridays to catch Jo live.

