

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Methodist News.

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

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

There is Room



Help us out!

Thank you so much to everyone who got involved with #ThereIsRoom!

Whether you went big, stayed small, got out and about, or logged in online, we're immensely grateful for all the hard work and passion that each of you brought to your contexts.

We'd love to hear from you if your church or community used any of our [There is Room Christmas campaign resources](#). We've pulled together a short campaign survey for you to fill out and we'd encourage you to share this with anyone else who used the resources and may not have received this email.

We're always looking at how we can improve our campaigns to make them work better for our churches and communities, so please use this survey to help us make this year even better.

[Fill out the survey by following this link.](#)

Covenant Service

The covenant service, often celebrated on the first Sunday of the year, is at the heart of Methodists' devotion and discipleship, and their dedication in working for social justice. In the service the Church joyfully celebrates God's gracious offer to Israel that "I will be their God and they shall be my people".

This offer is then extended beyond Israel to all women and men in Jesus Christ, who also provides the supreme example of what it is to live in such a relationship with God.

Whether you held your service last Sunday, are planning for it this Sunday, or are simply looking to find out more, click [here](#).



Blogs

The West Bank



Mental Health



Train or Car?



"Any visitors making the short journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem soon recognize that those few miles are a symbol of the tragic inability of God's people to live together."

The Revd Jonathan Hustler writes on his experience visiting Israel and Palestine in October, and reflects on the Feast of Epiphany when we remember the visit from the Magi to baby Jesus. Read his full reflection [here](#).

"A recent report by the NHS claims that one in four young people in Britain has a potential mental health disorder. [...] When I heard about these results, sadly, I wasn't shocked."

In [this blog](#) James Carver, the Methodist Youth President, considers the role of the Church in tackling the mental health crisis among young people.

In this short blog, the Revd Graham Thompson considers how to balance environmental concerns with the practicalities of travel. Read it [here](#).

Climate Change



This popular online short course, run by [Dr Richard A. Davis](#), is returning in March 2023. This course is for lay and ordained preachers and worship leaders who wish to develop greater confidence when preaching about the climate crisis. Further information and registration details can be found [here](#). There is an Early Bird Discount offer which expires on 31 January 2023 so book early!

Cost of Living



A Call to Prayer

As the rising cost of living sweeps across the UK, God is calling the church to prayer and action.

On the 8th February, Christians Against Poverty are organising a call to prayer. It's available to join in person in Westminster, or online via livestream.

You can find out more and register your attendance [here](#).

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