



# The Methodist News

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**13 April 2023**

Hello everyone and welcome back to the Methodist News.

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

Yours,

**The Communications team**

## Easter Reflection

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With his thoughts still very much focused on Easter, the Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Conference, has today published a blog reflecting on his visit to Lamanai in Belize on Easter Saturday last year. [You can read his blog here](#).

## Beginning a Church at the Margins: A three session interactive online course

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**Aim of the course:** A space to think about connecting and becoming a community of new Christians amongst and led by people experiencing poverty.

**For:** People who are passionate about their community with very little or no experience of this kind of work. Whilst you can attend alone ideally, we would like you to **join as a team** (you plus one other person from your church or circuit) to share in conversation together (if you are an experienced pioneer drop us an email for more information).

**Important:** Each session in the course builds on the previous session, so you need to be available to attend all three sessions. The sessions are designed to be interactive rather than formal presentations and will not be recorded.

**Hosted by:** Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer and Kerry Scarlett, Regional Learning and Development Officer

**The next courses - Please sign up for all 3 sessions by clicking on the links below in red:**

**Summer 2023:**

**Tuesday 6 June 7-9pm: [Session One](#):** Creating connections and spaces where people truly encounter one another.

**Tuesday 20 June 7-9pm: [Session Two](#):** Nurturing communities in which people with lived experience of poverty are recognised as the experts

**Tuesday 4 July 7-9pm: [Session Three](#):** Sharing the gospel and seeing transformation as people grow in faith and challenge injustice.

If you would be interested in attending this course over two days face to face at Cliff college, please email: [attwoode@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:attwoode@methodistchurch.org.uk)

## Imagine Peace: Eurovision 2023

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# IMAGINE PEACE

EUROVISION 2023 - LIVERPOOL

The Eurovision Song Contest 2023 is being held in Liverpool, United Kingdom, on behalf of Ukraine, last year's winners. The Liverpool Methodist District, in partnership with The Salvation Army and other ecumenical partners, is organising a week of prayer, worship, creativity and fun, under the banner 'Imagine Peace.' Whether you're planning to come to Liverpool for Eurovision or you'd like to join in online, there will be daily opportunities to pray for God's peace in our world. [Read more here.](#)

## The Methodist Council, March 2023, Leamington Spa

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The Methodist Council met at Woodland Grange, Leamington Spa between the 25 and 27 March 2023 to discuss matters relating to the life of the Church including the Walking with Micah project, the Anglican / Methodist Covenant and the composition of the Methodist Conference. Read more about the decisions and work of the Council [here.](#)

## Stephen Lawrence Day 30th Anniversary

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This year marks the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence in southeast London. Stephen Lawrence Day takes place annually on 22 April, the date of Stephen's death, to celebrate his life and legacy.

You can read a prayer to mark the anniversary written by London District Chair Nigel Cowgill and a poem to remember Stephen's life [here](#), along with a link to resources from Christian Aid and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland considering Stephen's legacy.

## Friday Evening Online Prayer

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### Prayer for Ukraine

The Methodist Peace Fellowship has partnered with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and others in praying weekly for peace. They've been praying every Friday at 7.30 p.m. since the war in Ukraine began. All are welcome to join these led sessions, regularly or occasionally. [Simply register to join.](#)

## Events

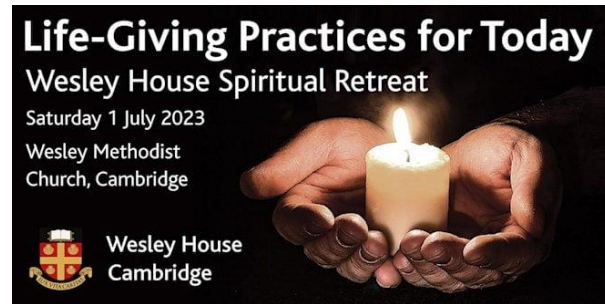
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### Flourish - Rooted in Love 2023



This weekend is the Flourish event hosted at Scarborough Spa. It starts on Friday 14 April and ends on Sunday 16 April. It will be a fun weekend full of workshops, worship, prayer and talks. There is still a chance to grab day tickets for the weekend. You can find more information [here.](#)

Led by the Revd Dr Paul W. Chilcote, Research Fellow at Wesley House. For the Wesleys, the Christian life was a way of devotion. Following this spiritual path entails engagement in life-giving practices that enable us to flourish in our lives today. The spirituality we have inherited as Methodists is holistic and helps shape us into a loving people. Love sets us off on our journey, sustains us along the way, and lies before us as our goal. [You can be a part of the event and register here.](#)



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