



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 on our website](#).

Yours,

The Communications team

Aldersgate Sunday & Methodist Way of Life



This Sunday is Aldersgate Sunday traditionally known as Wesley Day. It commemorates a life-changing moment in the Christian journey of John Wesley when he attended worship at a Moravian Religious Society meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. It was during this service that he felt his "heart strangely warmed", as he experienced God's love in a most personal and life-giving way. You can read more about John Wesley's story and learn more about Aldersgate Sunday and a Methodist Way of Life [here](#).

Coronation Reflection

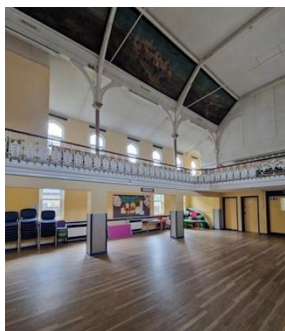


World leaders gathered in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Faith leaders were also present, including the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson. In this [reflection](#), he shares his thoughts on the historic day and on the message of service which was a theme throughout.

Methodist projects granted more than £1million support by Benefact Trust

Grants totalling more than £1 million have been awarded to the Methodist Church by Benefact Trust, giving a huge boost to a range of significant Methodist projects. A grant of £500,000 will support projects that are part of the Methodist Way of Life and a grant of £300,000 will help to support 3Generate, The Methodist Children and Youth Assembly. You can read more about the other grants and how it will benefit The Methodist Church [here](#).

East Molesey Methodist Church's Journey Towards Net Zero



The story of East Molesey Methodist Church's journey to become Net Zero is one of determination and commitment in the face of obstacles and financial constraints. The church started its Net Zero journey in 2015 and is now working towards a silver award in the A Rocha award scheme. You can read their inspiring story [here](#).

Transforming Lives



"Methodist education puts the faith, vision and values of John Wesley at the forefront all that is done. These shine through in the schools I have visited, and are evident in the active chaplaincy, the net zero initiatives, the inclusion and diversity everywhere, the kindness."

Judith Fenn writes about finding her purpose as the CEO of the Methodist Independent School Trust (MIST). You can read more [here](#).

The Tolpuddle Pilgrimage: A Methodist Story of Social Justice



Find out more about the journey a group of pilgrims have taken from New Room in Bristol to Tolpuddle in Dorset. They walked along busy and quiet roads, under sun and rain. The group came together to walk and discuss their interest and commitment to social justice.

Find out more about the pilgrimage and history of Tolpuddle [here](#).

Show Hospitality not Hostility this Refugee Week



This June, faith groups across the UK are coming together to be communities of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary. As the government's Migration Bill proposes a ban on claiming asylum in the UK, could you host a meal or tea during Refugee Week to stand in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers?

If you think you can, then click [here](#) for more information.

Looking back on Eurovision



Although the United Kingdom's entry to Eurovision may not have won the contest, the [events organised by the Liverpool Methodist District](#) certainly won over the people there. You can listen to the Revd Jackie Bellfield, Liverpool District Mission and Evangelism Facilitator, and Major Allister Versfeld, Mission Development Officer for Strawberry Field in an interview on Premier Christian Radio [here](#). Revd Jackie Bellfield was also interviewed on numerous BBC local radio stations the morning after the final, listen to her on [BBC Radio Essex](#) from 2hrs 30.

News & Events

What do you want to see in a General Election manifesto?

The Joint Public Issues Team helps our Churches to work together for peace and justice through listening, learning, praying, speaking and acting on public policy issues. Our work is focused around [six hopes of society](#). You can read more about the manifestos [here](#).

How to begin a Church at the Margins

Who is it for? Small groups of people (3-12) who want to begin a new Christian community amongst people experiencing poverty. You can find further details on how to run the course [here](#) and you can read and download the workbook [here](#) online.

New Prayers for NPNPs

A regular monthly online prayer gathering, to pray for the New Places for New People/Church at the Margins movement in the Methodist Church. Running from 18.30 to 18.50 (a fixed 20-minute duration) on the first Monday of each month, beginning Monday 5 June.

Come and join us in connecting, supporting, and growing the NPNP community/movement through prayer. Sign up [here](#).

Celebration Concert of the British Methodist Choral Society

The BMCS will have its re-launch Celebration Concert on Saturday 20th May, 7.30pm in Christ Church, Berry Lane, Longridge, Preston PR3 3JA. Free entry.

Methodist Heritage News Survey

If you like Art and Heritage and would like to give your opinion, check out our Audience Survey [here](#). And if that's not the case yet, join our [Heritage mailing list](#) to be the first one to hear about our wonderful news.

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