



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

Coronation of King Charles III



As we prepare for the coronation of King Charles III this Saturday, the Rev'd Michael D Parker, Chaplain General of the British Army, shares this prayer that you can download [here](#) to use in services. Or you can watch the prayer [here](#).

You can read a prayer for the coronation from The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson [here](#).

Imagine Peace - Eurovision 2023



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EUROVISION 2023 - LIVERPOOL

Next week the Eurovision Song Contest is being held in Liverpool 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, under the banner 'Imagine Peace.'

You can find details of all the events and how to join the live streamed 'United in Worship' service at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10th of May [here](#).

You can hear the Revd Jackie Bellfield talking about how Christians are coming together for Eurovision in an interview on BBC Radio Merseyside [here](#), from 2hrs 36mins

White Paper on Gambling

Last week, the Government published its White Paper on gambling, setting out its vision for reform of gambling legislation and future engagement with the Gambling Commission. The Methodist Church, working with other partners, has campaigned for stricter controls to curb the problem of gambling that blights the lives of many. You can read a response to the White Paper from the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church [here](#).

Does government 'Do God?'

[Does government 'Do God?'](#) is an independent review examining how government should engage with faith groups in England. You can read a response from the Methodist Church to the report [here](#).

Together - Gathering of the People of God



Applications are being sought from Methodists between 18 and 35 to join a small group that will represent the Methodist Church in Britain for Together – Gathering of the People of God that is taking place in Rome, 29 September – 1 October. They will be among ten thousand young people from countries across Europe and from all Christian traditions

travelling to Rome for a weekend of listening, sharing, fraternity, unity and peace this autumn.

Read more [here](#).

NPNP Hubs - The Story So Far



More and more places across the Methodist Church have begun discerning a vision for a New Place for New People by listening to God and to their communities.

Open to everyone, this NPNP Hub is an opportunity to hear testimony from a variety of contexts and sizes, told by those

pioneering and supporting them. And of course, the next steps you can take towards discerning what it might be in the community you serve. Click [here](#) to register.

Small Church Rural & Rooted



If you live in a rural area you might want to join a group discussing how being a church without a building might work. We will hear examples of 'flourish' and 'open' using a Methodist Way of Life and explore how we could use these in our locality. To register for the event, which takes place at 7.00pm on 1 June click [here](#). This conversation is open

to anyone from a small church or rural community.

MHA Sunday



Join MHA, the UK's largest charity care provider, on Sunday June 11 (or any other date to suit your calendar) to hear about MHA, pray for them and find out how to support them.

Everything you need for a service is [provided](#): prayers, hymns, video, a quiz, and sermon. You can also order gift aid envelopes, download ideas for fundraising activities, and even for a primary school assembly.

Resources and Events

Additional Training Resources Published

The Methodist Church's Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity includes mandatory training for many leadership roles. One part of this is the Equality, Diversity Inclusion training module. This has now been published in additional formats, to support those completing the learning together. Full details are available [here](#).

Theology: the art of storytelling, Bristol 20 May

Find out how to effectively share stories and where the narrative is within the bigger picture. Limited spaces are left for this in-person joint event. [Book yours now](#). Speakers include: Julia Bicknell, Consultant, Coach & Writer and experienced News Presenter, Reporter & Producer, Mandy Briggs, Education Officer at John Wesley's New Room, and Geoff Hall, Writer, Filmmaker & Mentor.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday May 25: 12noon-1.00pm, Let's Pray for Media

This year's [Thy Kingdom Come 2023](#) includes a time to gather together online to pray for media across the UK in this critical area of public space. Hosted by Paul Kerensa, Writer, Author Comedian and Broadcaster with contributions from Ian Young-Valentine, Operations Director, GOD TV, Tim Levell, Programme Director Times Radio, Lani Charlwood, Director of Operations & Development, All Souls Music, Sats Solanski aka Digital Rabbi, and more! [Register now](#).

Good News Training Events with All We Can and JPIT Manchester, London and Nottingham 3 - 7 June 2023

As followers of Jesus, we are called to celebrate the good news of God's transforming love with our neighbours, whether they live down our street or half-way around the world. All We Can and The Joint Public Issues Team are hosting three events to explore how we can use our worship gatherings and spaces for reflection and action to explore these topics. Ideal for worship leaders and preachers, these will be practical workshops aiming to share tools and tips for a better approach. Find out more and book [here](#).

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