



The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome back to the Methodist News.

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Yours,

The Communications team

Exploring Digital



Join us for a day online exploring the digital world for Methodist churches and communities. The event will be taking place on Saturday 30 September from 10am – 3:30pm. Join together with Methodists from all over Britain for a special digital gathering. Learn from key individuals who've mastered the digital world on how to connect and share the Gospel online. The event will feature insightful keynotes, group discussions and an expert panel. Don't miss this chance to enhance your church's online presence and explore faith in the digital era! Find out [more](#) and book your free place on this [website](#).

Empowering People with Sight Loss

If you have a blind or partially sighted person in your church, you may have questions around how to make them feel welcome and include them in all aspects of their church visit. This online event on July 12 will share the lived experiences of visual impairment and how it affects people differently; what churches can do to be inclusive and welcoming and how [Torch Trust](#) can help. The event is being hosted by the South-East District and is open to all. If interested, you can register [here](#).

A Justice-seeking Church



What does it mean for the Methodist Church to be a justice-seeking church? At the end of June, the Methodist Conference will discuss the Walking with Micah report. It offers a new framework for the principles, priorities and practices of justice for Methodists and Methodist Churches. You can read the report, along with a brief summary, and join a webinar [here](#).

Becoming a Church Treasurer



If you've ever thought you'd like to find out more about becoming a church treasurer, [register](#) for this webinar on Wednesday 14 June which will give you more information about what the roles and responsibilities are.

Cliff College Festival

The Cliff College Festival 2023 (26-29 May) at Cliff College in Derbyshire saw many hundreds of people travel to the site to worship, learn, celebrate and encounter the Spirit of God together. The theme was Eden Restored, and speakers and contributors included Ruth Valerio from Tearfund, EAGA Gospel Choir, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Matt Beckingham and Bejoy Pal, who is the CEO of Ascension Trust. With youth and children venues, quiet spaces for prayer and contemplation and much more, it was an event for individuals of all ages, families and churches. You can watch the highlights video [here](#).

Hospitality not Hostility for Refugee Week



This Refugee Week, 19-25 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.

In Case You Missed It...



Sprowston Methodist Church in north Norwich, have a vision to use their grounds for the local community. Providing a space for connection with nature, a vegetable plot and opportunities to meet new people. Have a look at the [video](#) to learn more about it.

News & Events

Are you coming to Solas Festival?

How does your church or circuit involve itself with local music festivals, sports and community gatherings? Are you seeking out new people and building new relationships? Are you offering hospitality and a safe space for people to explore faith in creative, spiritual and conversational ways?

Festivals and events give us an opportunity to engage with people through the love of God and you can find [resources here](#) to help you.

If you're planning on going to the [Solas Festival](#) this summer, then email [Holly Adams](#) if you would like to join in and be a part of the Methodist Church Missional Team. A handful of discounted tickets are still available.

New Places New People (NPNP) Hubs - 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. In many of these circuits new Christian communities have started to emerge and people with no previous experience of faith have encountered God's love for the first time.

Open to everyone, a NPNP Hub takes place online 6 July 2023 at 10:30am and is an opportunity to hear testimony from a variety of contexts told by those pioneering and supporting them. Alongside the story sharing, Eunice Attwood and Matt Finch will share the support available for those hoping to begin an NPNP. And of course, the next steps you can take towards discerning what NPNP might look like in the community you serve! Click [here](#) to register your place.

Flourish Highlights

The successful event, Flourish - Rooted in Love, took place in Scarborough on the weekend of 14-16 April. In this [highlights video](#), you can find out more about what it was like during that weekend.

Radio 4 Pentecost Sunday - Creator Spirit

Last Sunday, The Revd Dr Stephen Wigley, Chair of Synod Cymru of the Methodist Church, talked about prayer and reflection from Amelia Trust Farm. You can listen [here](#).

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