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Details on how to contact the Media team can be found on our website.

Make sure you're following us on social media to stay up to date with everything going on across the Methodist Church. Remember to share and tag us in your posts so that we can see the amazing things going on in your local area too.

The Methodist Church Communications team

Find out more about the Communications team













Windrush 75th Anniversary



Today is Windrush Day and marks the 75th anniversary of the first crossing from the Caribbean. You can watch a video of The Caribbean Contribution. The video talks about how Notting Hill Methodist Church became the hub for those who came from the Caribbean during the Windrush movement.

Below, you can read a prayer by Revd Arlington Trotman, Methodist Supernumerary Minister:

God, Father of all: We thank you for Christ Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

You have sustained us with abiding grace, that as peoples of the Caribbean, we are enabled to mark the 75th Anniversary of an historic journey to the United Kingdom, on the HMT Empire Windrush in 1948, pioneers of a new age.

Your grace has enabled the People of Windrush and their descendants, to accept the Government's call to rebuild the nation's infrastructure following War.

We praise you, that Your assurance of peace helped us in this task, and confronting rejection and oppression, we worked and worshipped, reflecting your justice and love.

Bless our celebrations reflections and future! Grant that we heed your wisdom in life worship and word, that the People of Windrush and British society generally would reciprocate your love in all we are and do.

Amen.

Read more



This week is Refugee Week and to mark it, we are sharing the stories of those seeking sanctuary and discovering how the Methodist Church is responding to the global refugee crisis. You can read a selection of <u>blog posts</u> and watch this video on how different leaders of faith stand with refugees.

Below is the Collect for Refugee Week from Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, a founder of City of Sanctuary Movement:

Migrant God, free from borders, your presence spans all creation.

You take sanctuary in us, in you is our eternal sanctuary.

We behold you in community with those uprooted from their homes by war, poverty, persecution and extreme weather, especially those who make their way to these shores on small boats.

Be the shelter of their lives.

Bless their courage and resilience in seeking freedom and sanctuary.

Bring us to build cultures of welcome, hospitality and sanctuary for all;

Community where there is conflict; Compassion where there is cruelty;

Humanity where there is hatred; Hospitality where there is hostility;

And so, to practice and proclaim hope.

In the Name of Christ.

Amen

Read blog post

Conference Agenda



The Methodist Conference starts this week and the agenda is now available. You can find everything you need to know from where it will be livestreamed to how you can follow updates through our social media pages.

Find out everything you need to know

Exploring Digital



A day online exploring the digital world for Methodist churches and communities, 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!

Being Christian Entrepreneurs



Are you interested in Christian and social entrepreneurship? Are you a church leader wanting to develop sustainable income streams to support ministry work? Or possibly you're someone with a missional idea, looking for how to make it work financially?

If that's the case, join us in central London on Thursday 29 June for Being Christian Entrepreneurs, a day conference hosted by Methodist Central Hall Westminster.

Sign up

Every Church a Growing Church: Mission Planning Workshop



Perhaps you have found yourself asking: How do we do mission when we're all worn out? What if we have big ideas and a small congregation? How do we produce a circuit mission plan? This online conference seeks to inspire you to discover the particular gifts your church/es have to offer the community and to create simple, useful plans for positive action.

Through a morning of presentations and team coaching sessions, we'll explore God's call to share the love of Christ in word and deed, offering what we have to our community and letting the Spirit get to work.

Register here

Jobs around the Connexion

If you're interested in being a part of the Connexion Team or interested in volunteering, then take a look to see what's available. As there are various of job openings around the UK. Please make sure to share if you know of anyone who might be interested.

Also, if you're want to advertise a job that's happening within your local here, drop us an email.

Be a part of the Connexion Team

We're Hiring!

The Methodist Church in Britain are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and ambitious person to help develop and maintain our social media presence. Working within the Communications Team, the holder of this role will work alongside colleagues in The Methodist Church and key partner organisations to lead/assist in leading the delivery of social media communications.

Don't hesitate to apply or share if you know of anyone who will be a good fit for this role.

Apply for this role

We're looking for the next Methodist Youth President for 2024/2025. If you're interested then you need to be between the ages of 18-23 and a member of the Methodist Church.

This is a great role and opportunity to travel around the UK and overseas, to learn new skills and leadership, and be the face of the younger generation of the Methodist Church

Apply to become the next President

Leadership Year



The Leadership Year is an exciting opportunity for 18-30 year olds across the Connexion, who want to invest time in developing their leadership abilities. It is aimed at those who may just be starting out in a leadership role, or who are wanting to be involved in leadership, which may be within, or outside, a church setting.

Centred around 3 residential weekends, with evening online gatherings and the opportunity to meet with a coach, it is a chance for young leaders to be in community with other young adults, to reflect on what it means to be a Christian leader (in church, secular workplaces, and local community) and to develop characteristics needed for self-aware, visionary, resilient leadership. There are 12 fully funded places available.

Details & how to apply

News & Events

Prayers for Ukraine

Every Friday evening at 7.30pm, the Methodist Peace Fellowship and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, as well as others, pray for peace in Ukraine.

All are welcome to join the led sessions regularly or occasionally.

New Prayers for NPNP

A monthly online gathering, to pray for the New Places for the New People/Church at the Margins movement.

Running from 18.30 – 18.50 on the first Monday of each month. They have started at the beginning of June and had an inspiring time of prayer. The next session is on 3 July if you're interested in joining.

Join here

Fresh Expressions

An online ecumenical space for church at the economic margin's advocates, and practitioners of fresh expressions of church. Hosted by Fresh Expressions and the Methodist Church.

Tim Lea, Fresh Expressions Networks facilitator and animator and Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer, The Methodist Church will be hosting the event.

Find out more and book here

Event for Everyone! From the National Parenting Initiative

Join in and be encouraged about ways that your church can support and empower families in your community, and see them flourish!

Featuring Kids Matter, Connected Lives, Who Let The Dads Out? And including Parenting for Faith. If you volunteer in your church or community, this event is for you!

Join here

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