

The **Methodist** News 20th July 2023

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The Methodist Church Communications team

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Last Chance to Buy Tickets for 3Generate 2023



Tickets are still on sale for 3Generate 2023! The event is happening at the NEC in Birmingham from October 6 – October 8. It's a great event for young people from the Methodist Church to come together to celebrate. If you're interested in attending then be quick as ticket sales end tomorrow.

[Book your place here](#)

The Mother of Methodism



As the mother of John and Charles Wesley, it was arguably the influence of Susanna Wesley that gave rise to the Methodist movement. As we mark Susanna Wesley Day on Sunday, we celebrate her life and legacy.

[Read about her legacy](#)

Response to the Illegal Migration Bill



The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have joined other organisations' leaders in expressing concern about the impact that the Bill will have on people seeking asylum in the UK. The leaders have released a joint statement of solidarity.

[Read their response here](#)

Nailsea Methodist Church Gains Church of Sanctuary Award



Nailsea Methodist Church has become the first church in North Somerset to achieve the Church of Sanctuary Award, which was presented to them earlier this month.

The members of the church have been offering practical support to refugees and migrant families and been active in starting a Hong Kong Welcome Course. They have also provided a Conversation Café for refugees from Syria and Ukraine.

[Read more here](#)

Rural Churches

Read this fascinating story of how a Methodist church in Kent moved from its building into a village hall and how this has helped them shape themselves as a new missional community. Superintendent, the Revd Helen Hollands says: "Of course people were sad to to lose their building but in the end, when it was sold, many saw it as a relief. Since moving to the village hall, the church in Headcorn has gained three new attendees. I think some people are more comfortable coming to church in a village hall, perhaps it feels less intimidating."

[Read their stories](#)

Coming Together to Seek God



The East Anglia District has decided to dedicate 2023 to prayer. [Prayer 23](#) is aimed at enabling the District to rediscover the ancient truth by praying more often, more creatively and in ways they had never imagined.

[Read more here](#)

The Bike Shed: A Place for Everyone in Inverness



Located in Merkinch, Inverness, the Bike Shed provides the local people with a safe and friendly environment to gather, have a chat and be themselves.

Dave Saunders, a Methodist pioneer in Inverness for nearly 12 years, is the instigator of the Bike Shed which is now a successful non-commercial venue with the support of the Methodist Church.

[Read his story](#)

Bouncy Church: Bringing Families Together



Located near Glasgow, Paisley Central Hall is a small but active church offering new activities to its community, including Bouncy Church, an intergenerational day for local families.

[Find out more](#)

Have a Listen!

The President Designate of The Methodist Conference, the Revd Helen Cameron, spoke on BBC Radio Nottingham and BBC Radio Derby about her election and how she feels. She will begin her year in office at the Methodist Conference in Leeds in June 2024.

You can tune in to the BBC Radio Nottingham interview at 1hr 51 and the BBC Radio Derby interview at 1hr 42.

[BBC Radio Nottingham](#)

[BBC Radio Derby](#)

Be a Part of The Connexional Team

If you're interested in being a part of the Connexional Team or interested in volunteering with the Methodist Church, then take a look to see what roles are available. Please make sure to share if you know of anyone who may be interested.

[Be a part of the Connexional Team](#)

Methodist Youth President 2024/2025

We're looking for the 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 round the UK and overseas, to learn new skills and leadership, and be the face of the younger generation of the Methodist Church

[Apply here](#)

Fund for Human Need



The Methodist-supported Fund for Human Need offers grants to relieve poverty and hunger. In the first six months of 2023, the charity gave out more money than they received in donations. As the cost of living crisis continues and people's needs change, they want to be able to support as many people as possible who may be going through financial hardship. If you or your church can help support FHN your contributions would be very welcome. You can find out more here:

[Check out their website](#)

News & Events

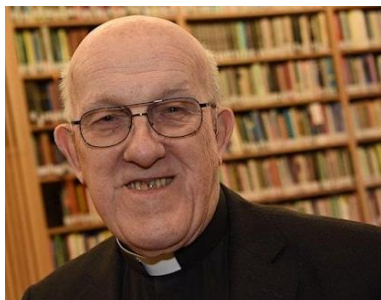


Wholehearted Conference

If you're seeking spirit transformation in your church or circuit, then gather together with other Methodists for the Whole Hearted Conference. The event will be happening on Friday 12 - Sunday 14 January at Yarnfield Park in Staffordshire. It's a chance to share stories, seek God and inspire each other. If you have any questions then please get in touch with

the [Evangelism and Growth Team](#).

[Book your place here](#)



Brian E Beck Memorial Service

Wesley House invites you to their annual open day and the inaugural Brian E Beck memorial lecture, given by [The Revd Dr Julie Lunn](#) on "*Sanctification in Charles Wesley's Hymns: an examination of different perspectives on sanctification between John and Charles Wesley with illustrations of Charles' use of sanctification in his hymns*"

Book your free place now and if you can't make it then it will be livestreamed online.

[Book for your free place](#)



Church Planting Intensive

From 3 - 5 November, this a fully funded course for those planting New People New Places projects. They also support planters through [Methodist Pioneering Pathway](#), a community of pioneers.

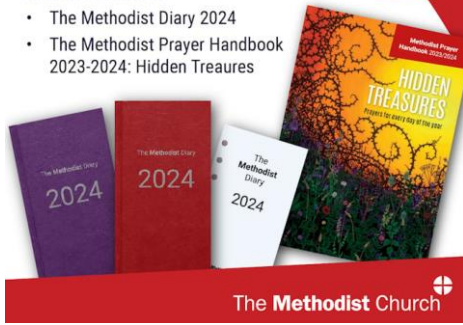
[Book for this free course](#)

Connexional New Year Resources 2023/2024

AVAILABLE NOW

Resources include:

- The Methodist Diary 2024
- The Methodist Prayer Handbook 2023-2024: Hidden Treasures



Connexional New Year Resources

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[Find the resources here](#)

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