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The Methodist Church Communications team

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Prayer for World Trafficking Day

This Sunday marks World Trafficking Day. All around the world, victims of human trafficking are still going unnoticed. The Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, has written this prayer for the victims.

*"Loving God,
who created each of us in your image,
we pray for all who are trafficked and enslaved,
treated as commodities to be exploited,
denied opportunity for freedom and flourishing.
We pray for victims and survivors,
for all who offer them care and support,
and for those who seek to challenge the systems, structures and circumstances which
perpetuate these horrific crimes.
Bring your justice, your healing and your flourishing.
Amen."*

Past, Present and Re-imagining the Future of the Yorkshire North & East District



The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton, and the Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, have visited local churches and communities in Yorkshire to learn about their histories and future plans. They rounded off their trip with a visit to the Great Yorkshire Show, which spotlights the region's farming community.

"Being hosted in my own home, by my husband, who happens to be the Chair of the Yorkshire North and East District, made it a real 'home from home'!" - The Revd Gill Newton.

[Read more about their visit](#)

Community of Parents



Find out how Peasedown St John Methodist Church in Somerset used a Methodist Insurance grant to run a course supporting young parents. *Ready! Set! Parent!* was set up when the church realised some parents felt isolated after lockdown. A course of six sessions is aimed at helping young parents to harness their skills and create a supportive community.

[Find out more here](#)

Exploring Digital Online Conference



Our keynote speakers for this event have now been announced! Register for your free ticket and join us online on Saturday 30 September for a day exploring how we can make the most of the digital world as a mission field for the church.

- James Poulter – AI, Everywhere, All At Once: Understanding the theology of artificial intelligence
- Emma Sijuwade - From Bulletin Board to Engaged Community: how to transform your church social media
- The Revd Katie 'Kt' Tupling - Online and Onsite Church: presence, accessibility, inclusion, belonging...

We're privileged to have the Revd Dr Jennie Hurd, Chair of [Synod Cymru](#), leading our opening worship and plenary sessions, and the Revd Mark Slaney, District Chair of [the Methodist Church in Scotland](#), leading our closing worship and commissioning.

We're also hosting a Q&A panel with experts ready to help with your local circumstances so we can discover ideas together. Find out more details about the event and register for your free ticket on our website.

[Register for your free place here](#)

Appointment of Dr Heather Major



Cliff College is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Heather Major as the new Research Fellow in New Places for New People.

As part of a collaboration with the Methodist Church in Britain, Heather will be helping people to discover evangelism and growth from NPNP related projects. In addition, she will be contributing to the college's broader research and publications work.

[Read more about her new role](#)

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](#)

Videos of Conference 2023



We are pleased to announce that all of the videos of Conference 2023, held in Birmingham, are now available to watch. From morning worship to the President and Vice-Presidents' addresses, everything can now be seen in one place. A film of the Conference highlights will be available in time for the September Synods.

[Watch the videos of Conference 2023 here](#)

News & Events

Harvest Resources

Real conversations can change things and conversations about justice can change us, as well as having the potential to change the world. Within your church, you can join together for a locally sourced harvest meal and share conversations around the table with resources provided by All We Can and the Growth Team of the Methodist Church.

[Get your resources here](#)

Easter Offering 2023

The Publishing Team would value your feedback on the Easter Offering 2023 resources, 'No Border to God's Love'. The online survey is anonymous and should only take 15-20 minutes to complete. The deadline is Thursday 24 August at 3pm.

[Fill out the survey here](#)

BBC News Report includes a Methodist School in Wigan

Watch this news report about how Westleigh Methodist School in Leigh is one of many charities taking part in the Holiday Hunger scheme. The school is helping people who need a little extra help to feed their children over the summer holiday. You can watch the church's story from the 19 minute mark.

[Watch the news story here](#)

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