

# The Methodist News June 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

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## Gaza Appeal Update

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Last week, £20,000 was transferred from The Methodist Church in Britain Gaza Appeal to the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees and to the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre. In this blog, the Revd David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem, (currently based in the UK), gives thanks for the generous donations and reflects on the impact of the appeal.

[Read the update here](#)

## Poverty must be at the heart of this election

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Church communities, including Methodists, are joining forces ahead of the general election to call for an end to poverty. [Banners](#) with the message "Let's End Poverty in the UK and globally" are being put up, with churches inviting prospective parliamentary candidates to set out clear action plans to tackle the issue.

[Read more on this story here](#)

## Election Registration

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This is the final Sunday before voting registration closes at 11.59pm on Tuesday 18 June. With as many as 26 million people potentially missing out on their chance to be part of the democratic process, the Joint Public Issues Team have written this guide to help churches encourage people to participate.

[Discover the guide here](#)

## Church of North India: First Woman Bishop

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The Church of North India (CNI), a partner Church of the Methodist Church in Britain, has celebrated an historic milestone by welcoming its first female bishop, the Right Reverend Violet Nayak, who will serve the Diocese of Phulbani.

[Read more here](#)

## Father's Day

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This Sunday, 16 June, is Father's Day. Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, the Secretary of the Conference, has shared this prayer.

On this day of thanksgiving for many and of differing emotions for some, we pray:

For those who exercise the role of a father – grant them wisdom, patience and strength;

For those who long to be a father but have never had the privilege – grant them love and fulfilment;

For those who have failed in their responsibilities as a father – grant them pardon and peace;

For those who reflect with joy on their experience of a father's care offered or received – grant them thankful hearts.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen

## Have a listen!

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Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth, has been on BBC Radio 2 Pause For Thought, where he talks about 'History on my doorstep'.

[Listen here](#)

## Clothes Swap

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This week, 8-16 June, is Big Green Week. To celebrate, we are sharing the story of the 'Shoe Swap', a new initiative from the [Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Methodist District](#), their way of helping to care for the community and the environment.

*"The concept is to have a table with a range of children's shoes on it. The idea is that as children outgrow shoes a parent can come in, drop off a current size and upgrade to a larger size."*

[Read more here](#)

## Methodist Tapestries Collection

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When completed, the Methodist Tapestries Collection will feature 100 panels portraying the history and heritage of Methodism.

The designs so far explore key events in Methodist history, such as the fire at the Epworth rectory where John Wesley was rescued, and Mow Cop - the site of the first Methodist camp meeting in the UK.

*"I do not describe the collection as 'The History of Methodism' but rather 'Stories of the People Called Methodists', which I think leaves it much more open-ended and interesting."*

[Discover more about the collection here](#)

## Caring for older people

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[3Generate](#) is the occasion for children and young adults to have fun, explore their faith and expand their minds. One activity for the latter was the *Faith convo: Caring for older people*, encouraging people of all ages to get together and have a chat.

[Read about the conversation here](#)

## Airport Chaplaincy

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The East Midlands Airport's chaplaincy service is 25 years old this year and a celebration to mark the anniversary took place in one of the departure lounges.

[Read about the celebration here](#)

## 50th anniversary of the ordination of women

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Tuesday 2 July 2024 is the 50th anniversary of the first ordinations of women as presbyters in the Methodist Church in Britain. To celebrate this milestone, we would like to hear your stories to share on our website. If you would like to contribute, please send stories, memories, photos or drawings to this email [mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk)

## News and events

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### **Come and pray with us**

Monthly online prayer gathering for the NPNP/Church at the Margins movement. Running from 6.30pm-6.50pm on the second Monday of each month. Next month's session is on 8 July (led by Leslie Newton). Come and join us in connecting, supporting, and growing the NPNP movement.

[Sign up here](#)

### **Church at the Margins Protectioners Network**

An online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. Monthly from 4.00pm-5.00pm on Tuesdays. Book for the next session on [9 July 2024](#), you can book for other dates on the main page.

[Find out more here](#)

### **Faith-Rooted Community Organising**

Between 8-10 November at Cliff College, this weekend event is for those beginning a New People New Places/Church at the Margins. Faith-Rooted Community Organising offers a way to reduce and enable people to find out where God is at work in their communities and to join in.

[Book here](#)

### **Flourish Uniform groups Children, Youth & Family (CYF)**

Uniform organisations provide vital children's and youth work across our country. Please join together and pray for their leaders and the young people who attend the groups each week. The prayer event will take place on Monday 8 July 2024, 7.30pm-8.00pm

[Join here](#)

## Be a part of the Connexional Team

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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.

[Take a look at our job and volunteering opportunities](#)

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