

# The Methodist News 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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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](#)



## The Russian Invasion of Ukraine: resources for reflection, discussion and action

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18 months on from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) have produced a briefing and supporting resources to help our churches engage with the challenging questions posed.

[Read more here](#)

## A space to welcome the whole community

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When Bishop Stortford Methodist Church made the radical decision to redesign its building, it decided to transform itself into a space that would welcome the whole community, with an emphasis on accessibility and reaching those who were marginalised.

The changes didn't just bring new people into the building, but into the church too!

[Find out more about the project here](#)

## Becoming an accessible hybrid church

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“Online church has made it possible for me to worship with others once again.”  
Read how Brimington Methodist Church is adapting to include those who, like Pam Webster, can't attend worship physically.

[Read more here](#)



How we make church accessible for all, whether online or on site, is one aspect covered in our Exploring Digital online conference on Saturday 30 September.

There is still time to sign up for the day.

[Read full details and book here.](#)

## Church at the Margins Practitioners' Network

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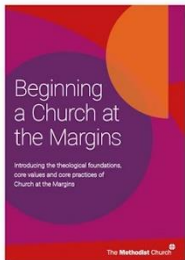
The network aims to provide an online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. It takes place monthly 4 - 5pm on Tuesday evenings.

[Book for the first session on Tuesday 5 September here.](#)

[Read full details and book for other dates](#)

## Facilitating Beginning a Church at the Margins

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Join a 90-minute training session for anyone leading a small group using the Beginning a Church at the Margins resource (see [How to begin a Church at the Margins](#), you can use this page to order hard copies). We will introduce the course and think about how you can share the materials in your context.

Book your place at the first event here [Tuesday 3 October 7 - 8.30pm.](#)

[Read full details and book for other dates](#)

## Faith-Rooted Community Organising

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**20-22 October, at Cliff College.**

For people beginning a New Place for New People. Faith-rooted organising offers a way to resource and enable people to find out where God is at work in their communities, and join in.

[Read full details and book](#)

## Calling local preachers and worship leaders

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Are you a local preacher or worship leader who would value some training on digital tools? In the autumn we are launching a short series of training courses looking at:

- What's digital got to do with me? (Why should LPs bother with the digital world at all?).
- Going digital in worship (including videos in PowerPoint files, recorded music etc).
- Introduction to social media.

Dates to be announced in due course, but if you would like a conversation about your digital needs, please be in touch with Fiona Fidgin, our Digital Communications Training Officer.

[Email Fiona here: fidginf@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:fidginf@methodistchurch.org.uk)

## 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](#)

## 'Church for Change': Exploring 300 years of Methodist Social Justice

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**Saturday 4 November 10.30am - 5pm**, in person in Oxford or online.

Following the *Justice-Seeking Church* report to the Methodist Conference, this event will delve into historical and contemporary social justice in the Methodist Church.

Church for Change is organised by the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History.

[Read details and book here](#)

## News & Events

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### Communities for Afghanistan Round Table

The Citizens UK network of community organisations is appealing for people to join them in their call for action for safe routes for Afghan asylum-seekers.

The network, which also wants to show that UK communities are ready to welcome Afghans through local sponsorship, are holding a round table discussion on Friday 18 August from 11am to 12pm. This will be an opportunity to hear from Afghan refugees and learn how we can support those who are already in the UK.

[Reserve your place here](#)



The City of Edinburgh Church, in partnership with Hope & Anchor, is in its final days hosting a fringe-registered show – Lost in Wonder – to engage with festival goers.

The immersive storytelling experience Lost in Wonder, which includes moments of silence and reflection, will run until Saturday 19 August in Nicolson Square Gardens. The Revd James Patron Bell, a Minister in the Forth Valley Circuit, explains more.

[Read here](#)

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