

The Methodist News 24th 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

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Community support for refugees



Manal and her family are among many refugees from Syria, Ukraine and Afghanistan who have been welcomed by the Methodist congregation in Sherborne, Dorset. Read the story of how the church has supported those fleeing violence, and how Manal and her family have brought their own skills and experience to the community.

[Read more here](#)

Civilian Protection in War

Today (Thursday) marks the 18-month anniversary of Russia's devastating invasion of Ukraine. Steve Hucklesby from the Joint Publications Team (JPIT) has written a blog about the invasion and the dangers faced by civilians in war zones.

JPIT have also produced [resources](#) to help churches engage with the challenging questions that are posed as a result of the conflict.

[Read his blog post here](#)

Back to school



Going back to school can bring a whole myriad of feelings for young people. While some look forward to it and feel excited, others can feel overwhelmed, and the idea of heading back can be a stressful time. Action for Children have written a blog offering tips on how you can help your child feel more settled at the thought of returning to school. Some of these tips include showing an interest in your child's classroom and developing a routine for them.

[Read more tips here](#)

Jaranwala religious violence

Christian churches were set alight and the homes of Christians attacked when riots broke out in the east Pakistan city of Jaranwala.

The Revd Kaleen, Deputy Moderator of the Church of Pakistan, asks for our prayers and support in this update on the situation.

[Read his update here](#)

Out of the Ordinary Advent and Christmas resources now available!



The Advent and Christmas resources for our *Out of the Ordinary* 2023 campaign are [now available to download and order for free from Methodist Publishing](#) (delivery from 11 September). Resources include a worship planner, poster, scratch-off postcards and specially

created digital designs. We're running a short 'how to get involved' webinar on Thursday 7 September, 7:30-8:30pm to help answer any questions about the campaign and resources, and talk about the best way to utilise everything being made available.

You can also [sign up for our daily Advent reflections via email](#). These will feature voices from across the Methodist Church in Britain, global Methodists and some of our partner organisations, as we explore how the ordinary can transform lives during this special time of year.

Lost in Wonder



Armed with a sofa and a space to chat, a group of Methodists invited people attending the Edinburgh Fringe Festival to sit and talk. Located on the city's popular Royal Mile, *Lost in Wonder* offered a place for people to take a step back and rest and reflect.

[Read more here](#)

Methodist Way of Life Pocket Guide

**A Methodist
Way of Life**



Pocket Guide

Start the new church year with a focus on discipleship with the free new Methodist Way of Life Pocket Guide. These little fold-out guides give a great introduction to discipleship and the Methodist Way of Life. You can order these now in time to hand out at September Synods. A much wider package of support, including other resources, will be available soon.

[Order your guide here](#)

Have a Listen!

Neurodiversity and disability in the church is the topic of the latest podcast from the Susanna Wesley Foundation. The recording features a conversation between the Youth President of the Methodist Conference, James Carver, and lay worker and local preacher, James Blackhall.

[Listen here](#)

God Welcomes All - new study guide coming soon!



Coming autumn 2023!

GOD WELCOMES ALL

How faith informs safeguarding

An opportunity to explore why and how safeguarding matters for everyone.

This new study guide encourages all members of the Methodist Church to look at our Christian calling that offers a welcome to all, whilst ensuring that our worship and wider church life is safe for everyone.

- User-friendly study materials
- Accessible series of short films
- Versatile for use by individuals or groups

God Welcomes All is a four-session study guide containing new short films with activities and questions for discussion and reflection. It is based on the Methodist Church's report on the Theology of Safeguarding 2021.

Free

Available from methodistpublishing.org.uk

The Methodist Church

A new four-session study guide to be published this autumn will encourage all members of the Church to examine our Christian calling to offer a welcome to all, while ensuring that our worship and wider church life is safe for everyone. The guide, based on the Church's Theology of Safeguarding 2021 report, will contain new short films with activities along with questions for discussion and reflection.

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.

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

News & Events

80 years of Methodist Homes

Methodist Homes are inviting people to join them in giving thanks for 80 years of supporting people to live their later lives well. The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton, will be joining in the celebration at the Wesley Chapel in Harrogate on Saturday 23 September at 2.30pm.

[Reserve your place here](#)

Prisons Week

An online event has been arranged to introduce this year's resources for Prisons Week. Hear from the HM Prison and Probation Service Chaplain General, who will be talking about the value of prayer for all who have been affected by imprisonment. The event will take place on Monday 4 September.

[Register your place here](#)

Church at the Margins Practitioners' Network

This online meeting is aimed at encouraging people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities among economically marginalised people. It will take place monthly on a Tuesday, starting on 5 September, from 4.00pm - 5.00pm

[Book your place here](#)

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