# The Methodist News 3rd 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

## ADAVU: Supporting the Survivors of Trafficking



The ADAVU project, set up in 2011 by Vice President Deacon Kerry Scarlett and the Revd Stephen Willey helps people who have been trafficked into the UK to receive the support they need to thrive and explore a new life. Around 230 men and women have been helped by the charity. Find out more about the project.

Read more here

## A Community of Refugees and Asylum Seekers at the Heart of Cardiff



The Trinity Centre in Cardiff is well-known in the area as a safe place for refugees and asylum seekers. In 2013 the Methodist congregation that met at Trinity decided it could no longer afford to maintain the building, and work started to see if a centre for refugees could be set up.

So far, the centre has been a huge success in helping refugees to get back on their feet by providing them with clothes and toiletries, helping them learn English and enroll on part-time courses at the local college.

Find out more here

## A Prayer for Exam Results Days

With exam results coming out later this month, the Youth President of the Methodist Conference, James Carver, has written a prayer for those who are waiting to get their results.

### God of knowledge,

You told us not to be afraid. Earlier this year, many children, young people and adults took examinations and are about to receive their results. Thank you for the brilliance of young minds and for the staff, friends, and parents who supported them along the way.

Ease their anxieties and lift them up, support those who are discerning what to do next.

And no matter the grade, let them know they are worthy and that you are proud, Amen.



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

- •What's digital got to do with me?
- Going digital in worship
- •Introduction to social media

Dates will be confirmed in due course but if you would like a conversation about your digital needs, please contact Fiona Fidgin, our Digital Communications Training Officer.

### Contact Fiona Fidgin 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 <u>Synod Cymru</u>, leading our opening worship and plenary sessions, and the Revd Mark Slaney, District Chair of <u>the Methodist Church in Scotland</u>, 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

# 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.

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## 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** 

## Methodist Ministry for Southern Africa



The Mission Director for the Methodist Church in Southern Africa, the Revd Musi Losaba, reflects on the nature of the Methodist presence in Southern Africa and the future of global partnerships and relationships.

Watch the video here

## **News & Events**

#### **Eva's 14-Mile Foodbank Walk**

Nine-year-old Eva Milburn, who attends Fellside Methodist Church, has walked 14 miles to deliver donations to local foodbanks in Gateshead as part of her campaign to support people struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. Watch this report on ITV Tyne Tees.

Watch here

### **The Community for Spiritual Formation**

The Revd Dr Canon Rachel Mann is leading a five-part course: 'Views from the Broken Middle' at Cliff College. The teaching will be part of a rhythm of silence, worship and small group sharing. This three-day event will be happening at Cliff College from 12 to 15 March 2024.

Register here

### **Surviving the Summer Holidays**

Action for Children have come up with some tips for making this summer more affordable. With the rising cost of living and the challenges that parents can face in school holidays, these tips aim to make this summer a little less stressful.

Learn about the useful tips here

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