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The Methodist Church Communications team

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Welcome service for Thomas Hart



Thomas Hart has been formally welcomed as the new Methodist Youth President following an induction service in Grimsby. The President of the Methodist Conference, the Chair of the Lincolnshire Methodist District and ex-Youth President James Carver all took part in the service.

Tom spoke to BBC Radio Humberside about his new role. You can [listen at the 1hr 40 mark](#).

[Read more here](#)

Online recovery church



This inspiring story features Deacon Tracey Hume from Newcastle who leads an online service for those in recovery. It was originally set up during COVID to support people living with addiction, and Tracey started a 20-minute service alongside the 12-step recovery programme. The services have been welcomed by the community and are now a permanent fixture in the Newcastle Methodist District.

[Discover more here](#)

The Bridge Circuit



The [Yorkshire North & East District](#) has launched a new circuit which aims to free up minsters by employing someone to take care of the governance. Bridge Circuit was set up so churches scattered around the area could keep their identities while a new operations manager takes the lead on finances and property leaving time and freedom for ministers to focus on their mission.

[Find out more here](#)

The story of Holly Hill Church School



When Charlotte Taylor became the newly appointed head teacher of the joint Methodist and Anglican Holly Hill Church School in Birmingham, the situation was exceptionally challenging, the school is based in one of Britain's most disadvantaged areas.

She started her new role with the aim of transforming lives and enabling children to flourish through education, pastoral support and spiritual development.

[Read more here](#)

Bloomin' Church



After the success of her first play, *Passion*, Anne Middleton, the Performing Arts Mission Enabler for the Plymouth and Devonport Methodist circuit, has written a second play.

Bloomin' Church is inspired by her faith and centres around a fictional church called Hope Methodist and its devoted leader, Reverend Dan Fisher. Even though the play is fictitious, it's based on Anne's personal experiences and knowledge and she's hoping to give people an authentic glimpse of a Methodist congregation.

[Find out more here](#)

Digital training for local preachers and worship leaders



This short 3-week course is an introduction to how Local Preachers and Worship Leaders can develop their digital skills and become more confident about their role in a digital world.

Week 1: What's digital got to do with me?

Week 2: Going digital in worship (including using images and videos in

PowerPoint, inclusive designs and recorded music etc.)

Week 3: Developing online prayer and worship on social media.

Sign up for either the morning, afternoon or evening sessions:

Wednesday afternoons 2pm – 3.30pm Nov 1, 8, 15

Tuesday evenings 7pm- 8.30pm Nov 14, 21, 28

Friday mornings 10.30am – 12 noon Nov 10, 17, 24

[Book your place here](#)

God Welcomes All: How faith informs Safeguarding



The *God Welcomes All* is an amazing resource to explore why and how safeguarding matters to everyone.

This guide encourages all church members 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

The Methodist Church is committed to supporting survivors of abuse of any kind, especially abuse that occurred within a church context. You can see what others think of *God Welcomes All* by watching this [short video](#).

[You can order the resources 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.

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

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Team Leader

Are you a collaborative leader, clear thinker and compelling communicator who is passionately committed to enabling churches to engage with justice and peace? The Methodist Church is looking for a new Team Leader to join the Joint Public Team. The role involves to developing work in supporting churches in praying, speaking and acting for justice.

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