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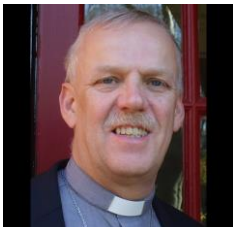
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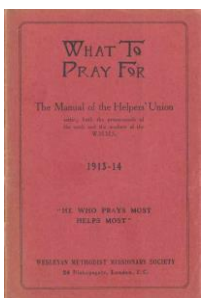
Reflecting on the life of Revd Canon Leo Osborn



It is with sadness we share the news that the Revd Canon Leo Osborn, Past President of the Methodist Conference, has died. Friend and colleague of Leo, the Revd Martin Turner, has written this reflection on Leo and his life.

[Read the reflection here](#)

From manuals to handbooks – praying for Methodist mission



The Methodist Prayer Handbook is crucial for helping all Methodist people pray for what God is doing with, and through, fellow Methodists across the world and in Great Britain.

This is the story of the Handbook: how it developed, and how it continues to develop.

As an annual publication, it changes according to the changes across the Church and as new situations require new prayers.

[Read here](#)

MHA 80



MHA (Methodist Housing) is celebrating its 80th anniversary with a service at Wesley Chapel, Harrogate this Saturday. This prayer acknowledges how MHA, with the support of the Methodist Church, has enabled older people to live later life well.

Generous God,

We thank you for the vision of Revd Walter Hall in founding MHA 80 years ago, for the commitment of the Methodist Conference to supporting this endeavour, for the work carried out across the decades since by countless staff and volunteers, and for the care that has been shown to so many people.

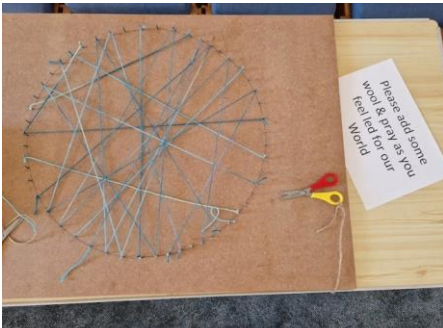
We give thanks for the partnership between MHA and the Methodist Church, and for the dedication of MHA church and circuit representatives.

Lord, continue to bless MHA, its staff, supporters and beneficiaries, and guide us all to grow in respect of and care for those in later life.

(Abigail Ogier, Acting Head of Chaplaincy South, MHA – September 2023)

[Read more here](#)

Creating a community through art



Last year, Phoebe, an art graduate, felt called to start an art initiative at Radyr Methodist Church near Cardiff. The Revd Judith Holliman was thrilled by the idea and received a Methodist Insurance grant to make the space suitable for budding artists.

[Read about the project here](#)

Youth Mental Health Day



Youth Mental Health Day took place on 19 September.

Methodist Youth President, Thomas Hart, shared this prayer to mark the day.

[Watch the prayer here](#)

Black History Month



October is Black History Month. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush to the UK.

A prayer marking the start of the month has been written by Norman Mullings MBE, part of Harlesden Methodist Church in North London. Norman arrived in Britain from Jamaica in 1958. Recorded at the Windrush monument on London Waterloo Station, you can watch and download a video of the prayer.

[Watch and download the prayer here](#)

National Inclusion Week

Stories of people and places will be shared across our social media to mark National Inclusion Week, 25 September to 1 October, illustrating the ongoing work to become inclusive and accessible for those with disabilities.

Read how Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church made the radical decision to redesign its building, and transform itself into a space to welcome the whole community, with an emphasis on accessibility and those who are marginalised.

[Read 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](#)

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

Homelessness & Housing Gathering

A free, online event on 5 October for those dealing with poverty, housing and services for the homeless. There will be updates on recent lobbying and current developments in social housing and discussions on increasing The Methodist Church's involvement in affordable housing schemes.

[Join the gathering here](#)

Methodist Way of Life online sessions

Methodist Way of Life has created a collection of events based around discipleship. You can join one of their 45 minute online sessions where they will guide you through their discipleship resources and share some tips on how to get started as a community. A Q & A will follow after each session.

The first session will be on 2 October.

[Sign up here](#)

Let's End Poverty

Let's End Poverty is a diverse and growing movement of people who unite behind a vision for a UK without poverty. Communities and individuals stand for a future where everyone has enough to eat, a good quality of life and receive support during hard times. If you're someone who doesn't accept a society where poverty exists then sign the petition to get the conversation going.

[Sign the petition here](#)

Coaching Taster

Coaching enables Methodist lay and ordained leaders to be the best in themselves for the sake of God's mission. If you love to help others grow and develop, this online coaching taster session will help identify if you have the potential to become a coach. You can attend either the daytime session on 26 September or the evening session on 28 September.

[Sign up for a taster session here](#)

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