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The Methodist Church Communications team

[Find out more about the Communications team](#)



Pray for Israel and Palestine



As the violence in Israel and Palestine continues, we may feel helpless in the face of such death and suffering.

The Methodist Church has published resources, prayers, background information and reflections to help us pray for all those affected and for peace in the region.

[Find the resources here](#)

Revd David Hardman interview on Premier Radio

"It is absolutely horrendous, any loss of life is dreadful. And as Christians, we stand as followers of the Prince of Peace, and we don't believe in violence." – Revd David Hardman

Revd David Hardman, who is the Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem, has been speaking to Premier Radio about the war between Israel and Hamas.

You can read his interview with Premier Radio describing how Christians in his services hold differing viewpoints about the war that is happening but how they have been coming together through these terrible circumstances.

[Read the interview here](#)

Multi faith vigil at Coventry Cathedral

There will be a multi faith vigil in Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday 18th at 8pm. If you live in the Midlands and wish to attend then please contact Coventry Cathedral for more information.

[Find their contact details here](#)

Caring for mental health in Helston



Here are some amazing initiatives that were shared in time for Mental Health Day. *Hard Pressed but not Crushed* and *Stitch in the Ditch* were created by Central Methodist Church in the South of Cornwall. The church has become a beacon of light for those in need. Especially for those struggling with mental health.

Hard Pressed but not Crushed is a discussion group that happens over breakfast on a Saturday where people can have informal and confidential conversations, and get the support they need. And *Stitch in the Ditch* is a women-only group where they can discuss what's on their mind while crafting.

[Read more about the initiatives here](#)

Migration, work, church and faith



Born in St Kitts and Nevis, Margaret Byron migrated to Britain and is currently a lecturer at the University of Leicester. Margaret attends a Methodist Church in Leicester where she serves as a steward.

In this blog post, Margaret talks about the passage of migrants from British colonies in the Caribbean, such as the SS Empire Windrush, and those who were seeking to exercise their right to live and work in the UK.

[Read about their passage here](#)

Meet Tim O'Brien



Tim O'Brien is the net zero officer of the [Yorkshire North & East District](#). The district is committed to climate justice and they're doing this through the [Tea & PV project](#), where they are intending to install photovoltaic panels whenever possible.

Discover more about Tim's job role and how he is helping the district find the best pathway possible in becoming net zero.

[Discover about his job role here](#)

Exploring Digital Lunchtime Learning



Fun was to be had at 3Generate 2023 which took place at the NEC, Birmingham. Up to 1,300 young people between the ages 4-20 all came together in celebration, worship and fellowship along with 400 adults who accompanied them. Not forgetting the 220 amazing volunteers who also helped out.

This impressive event showcased everything from different workshops, to discussion about faith and world perspective, to people showcasing their gifts by getting up on stage to play music and sing. Even a young group from the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas came along to the event to hold conversations about food and climate justice.

[Discover more about 3Gen here](#)

Exploring Digital Lunchtime Learning



Following on from our highly successful Exploring Digital Online Conference, we are offering space to explore the digital world in more detail. This is an opportunity to learn new skills, gain digital confidence, ask questions in a safe space and leave with a digital toolkit of resources and ideas for mission and ministry.

We start the *Exploring Digital lunchtime learning* series on Wednesday 15 November, 12:00-13:00 offering a basic introduction to AI - what is it, how you access it and how you can use it wisely in your ministry in the church?

This event will be recorded and available at a later date for those who sign up and register.

[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](#)

Together - Gathering of People



Joining thousands of others from across Europe, a group of young people from the Methodist Church in Britain travelled to Rome for a weekend of prayer, learning and service. Trish Earlam, who was a part of the group, writes about her experience of navigating Rome, different kinds of worship and how she got caught up in the

togetherness and wonder of it all throughout the weekend.

[Read about her experience here](#)

Together - Gathering of People



To celebrate the launch of [the new A Methodist Way of Life discipleship toolkit](#), there will be a new monthly blog series on leadership and culture change from the Evangelism and Growth team. Whether you're [mission planning](#), [starting New People New Places](#) (NPNP), focusing on one of [the commitments of Methodist Way of Life](#) (MWOL), or re-orienting your [church's focus to discipleship](#), we hope these blogs will provide inspiration,

encouragement and guidance for making your hopes and dreams a reality.

In this blog post you can find five tips on how to get started finding a team to join you in creating change so you don't have feel alone.

[Discover the five tips here](#)

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Church Planting intensive

Book now for the Church planting Intensive that is happening on 3-5 November. It is a fully funded hybrid course for those who are planting New Places for New people, designed for those who actively shaping a vision, about to launch or in an existing project. It mixes teaching and reflection, prayer and deepening our calls.

It begins with a residential at Cliff College from 6pm Friday until Sunday lunchtime. Following from that, there will be a further five sessions between 7pm-8:30pm online. Places are limited, so if you're interested then book your place today.

[Book your place here](#)

Small Churches Gatherings

"Thought provoking. Positive. The whole session was excellent in every way. Very friendly, professional and informative. Thank you!"

Just some of the feedback from the first of our two gatherings for members of smaller churches. There is still time to book onto the final gathering this term on 1 November. Join Emma Nash and Sarah Hulme from the Evangelism and Growth Team to hear stories, share top tips and connect with people and resources.

[Get your tickets here](#)

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