

# The Methodist News 26<sup>th</sup> October 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](#)



## Pray for Israel and Palestine

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The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have [released a statement](#) on the situation in Israel and Palestine. They have written to the UK Government to ask them to work for peace in the region and are asking you to join them in praying for those affected by the attacks. The Methodist Church has published resources, prayers, background and reflections.

Merciful God

We cry out to you, in anguish and horror, at the situation in Israel - Palestine

The images we are seeing, the stories we are hearing, of homes, hospitals, places of sanctuary, healing and care, destroyed.

We know that there are so many more stories which have not yet been told, and perhaps never will be. Of precious lives lost, of grief and trauma beyond that which most of us can imagine.

Compassionate God, you came and dwelt among us; you know and understand the suffering of this world. There is no place beyond your reach; you are everywhere, even in places where we fear there is no hope left.

Where we are tempted to despair, your spirit brings mercy, and justice, and healing.

You call us, again and again, in times of conflict and destruction, to be attentive to those who are most vulnerable.

Give us the compassion to weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn.

The discernment to recognize the limits of our own wisdom, and to avoid those actions and words which may cause further harm.

Inspire in us a renewed commitment to walk humbly with you, seeking the peace and flourishing which you desire for all of your beloved children,

**Amen**

[Find the resources here](#)

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Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem

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Due to the escalation of violence Revd David Hardman travelled back from Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (IOPT) and is currently fulfilling his role from the UK. He is still in touch with local people who are living in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza and organisations who continue to work for Human Rights in the region. David is available to speak, lead sessions and preach in Districts, Circuits and local Churches. Please [contact David](#) if you would be interested in arranging opportunities for Methodist people to have a chance to think and pray more deeply about the situation in IOPT.

## Reflecting on the heritage of Methodism and the Windrush Generation

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This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Windrush at Tilbury. As we come to the end of Black History Month, watch this video with Norman Mullings as he shares his reflections having arrived in Britain from Jamaica when he was 18 years old.

[Watch here](#)

## Rural church becomes a national awards finalist

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The [National Church Awards](#) are just around the corner. And one of its finalists is the Providence Methodist Chapel at Throwleigh, in the Plymouth & Exeter District.

*“Providence is the creation of a very successful model. We needed to put energy and passion into it. We started with four people but it has now grown into so many more,”* says the Revd Chris Jackson, superintendent for the [West Devon Methodist Circuit](#). Find out how this church, in the middle of Dartmoor, grew to achieve its success.

[Find out more here](#)

## A new relationship has formed

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The Chaplain General to His Majesty's Land Forces, the Revd Canon Michael Park KHC CF, a Methodist chaplain, has met her Majesty The Queen after her appointment as Patron of the Royal Army Chaplain's Department. They met at Buckingham Palace for their first introductory meeting in August.

[Read more here](#)

## Talking about poverty at 3Gen

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"I attended this event because I thought poverty is an issue I want to understand and see tackled."

Can we make poverty history? That was the title of the workshop that was hosted at 3Generate this year. This workshop started off with a quiz, to get the young people engaged and understand how poverty is becoming a big issue.

[Read more about the workshop here](#)

## An introduction to AI - what is it all about?

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Following on from our highly successful Exploring Digital Online Conference, we are offering space to explore the digital world in more detail in our *Exploring Digital Lunchtime Learning* series. 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.

You can register and sign up for other digital training events offered through [our Eventbrite Page](#).

[Book your place here](#)

## The Queen Victoria's Seaman's Rest

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The [Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest](#) (QVSR) is celebrating its 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Started at the Wesleyan Seaman's Mission in 1843, it provides short and long-term accommodation along with support for seafarers in need.

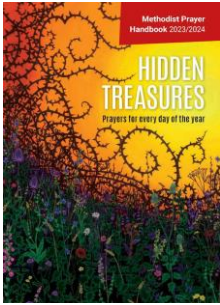
[Read more here](#)



### Methodist Worship Book

Publishing Services would like to know if you would appreciate having liturgies from the Methodist Worship Book (MWB) as slim-line booklets. Please could you take 10 minutes to complete this short survey of four questions. **Submission deadline is Thursday 30 November.**

[Fill out survey here](#)



### Methodist Prayer Handbook

How do you currently use the Prayer Handbook? How would you like to use the Prayer Handbook in future? Please take 10 minutes to complete this short survey of six questions. Submission deadline is **Thursday 30 November 2023.**

[Fill out survey here](#)

## Have a listen!

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The Northampton District is twinned with the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon. Rt Revd Fonki Forba and Revd Miki Hans Abia from the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon recently visited Northampton. You can hear about their visit in the Northampton District's One Voice podcast (from approx 26mins).

[Listen here](#)

## News & Events

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### Have your vote for Church Times Green Church Awards

The 2024 Church Times Green Church Awards are organised jointly with the Church of England's environment programme, the Methodist Church, the Salvation Army and Eco Congregation Scotland. The panel of judges will be looking for projects that have made a positive change in the past two years in buildings, outdoors and in the community.

If you would like to nominate a project, then you can do so [here](#). Deadline for entries is 30 June 2024.

[Find out more information here](#)

## Rural Ministry course

*"A well put together and worthwhile course. Just what I needed at this point in my ministry. Thank you."*

The Rural Ministry Course is designed for lay and ordained leaders new to a rural context, entering a rural appointment for the first time or in need of a 'rural refresher'. All Methodists receive a fifty percent bursary but be quick as spaces are limited. If you require further information then please [contact Sarah Hulme](#), Rural Mission and Ministry Officer.

[Book your place here](#)

## Come and pray with us

A monthly online prayer gathering from New People New Places (NPNP) and Church at the Margins. It will be running from 18.30-18.50 on the first Monday of each month. The next block of sessions will begin on 6 November.

[Sign up here](#)

## Church at the Margins

The Church at the Margins Practitioners Network aims to provide an online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. It takes place monthly from 4pm-5pm on Tuesday evenings with the next session starting on 7 November.

[Book your place here](#)

## Be a part of The Connexional Team

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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](#)

## Find us on social media

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