

The Methodist News 14th December

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The Methodist Church Communications team

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President & Vice-President Christmas message



In their Christmas message, the President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Gill Newton, and the Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, talk about finding 'hidden treasures' within ourselves and how to discover our talents.

[Download the video here](#)

Out of the Ordinary behind the scene



Ben Lawrence, the Methodist Church's Digital Content Producer who created our beautiful Christmas film, [Out of the Ordinary](#), writes this behind the scenes blog post on how he crafted the film and brought its soundtrack, *Be Born*, to life.

[Read more about behind the scenes here](#)

Have a listen!

BBC RADIO
Cornwall

The talented Izzy Wellings performed *Be Born*, the song played on the Methodist film *Out of the Ordinary*, which has been released as a single. She talks to David White on BBC Radio Cornwall about what it meant to her to take part.

[Listen here](#)

Responses to COP28



COP28, the annual United Nations meeting where governments discuss how to limit climate change, has taken place in Dubai. The Methodist Youth President, Thomas Hart, and Dr Hamish Leese, the Action for Hope Implementation Officer, offer these responses on the outcome of the conference.

[Read their responses here](#)

Giving Stars



Members of [Radyr Methodist Church](#) have been making and giving out stars to those who live on a new housing estate nearby. The idea was thought up by minister Revd Judith Holliman. So far, more than 1,400 stars have been delivered. "I shared the idea with the evangelism group that grew out of the [Everyone an Evangelist](#) pilot project in Radyr. They started talking about it in church and the stars started coming in."

[Read more about their initiative here](#)

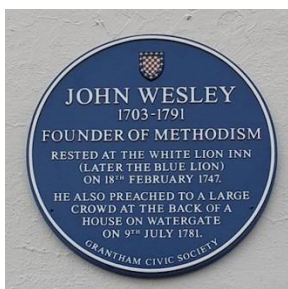
Pakistani Christians in Wales



A Christmas celebration took place in Cardiff to recognise the contribution of Pakistani Christians to Welsh society. The Senedd Cymru – the Welsh Parliament, has also recognised this contribution. It is the result of long-term ministry by the Methodist Church in Wales.

[Find out more here](#)

Grantham plaque celebrates John Wesley



A blue plaque in honour of John Wesley has been unveiled in Grantham, Lincolnshire. The plaque was unveiled by Revd Andy Fyall chair of [Nottingham and Derby Methodist District](#). It marks the occasion when, in 1747, John Wesley visited the town and his return to Grantham to preach in 1781. "It was my privilege and pleasure to be asked to unveil the plaque. Like Wesley before me, it offered the opportunity to follow in our founder's footsteps and 'submit to become 'more vile' by speaking in the open air at Grantham Market Place."

[Read more about the unveiling here](#)

Talking Newspaper



Bridlington Talking Newspaper's team operate from [Sewerby Methodist Church](#). They collate, read and record articles from local newspapers to share with people suffering from visual impairments and other print disabilities.

[Read about their work here](#)

News & Events

Come and pray with us

A monthly online prayer gathering for the New Places for New People Church at the Margins movement. It will be running from 6.30 to 6.50 on the second Monday of each month. The next session will be on 8 January.

[Sign up here](#)

Faith-Rooted community organising

This course is for those who want to develop, or are already nurturing, a new Christian community within their circuit or district. The course will be at Cliff College and is offered on both February 23 to 25 and April 5 to 7.

[Apply on to the course here](#)

Church Planting Intensive

The next Church Planting Intensive is happening 15 to 17 March 2024. It begins with a residential at Cliff College from 6pm Friday evening until Sunday lunchtime. It is essential those booking onto the course can attend the whole thing. Following the residential, there will be five sessions that will be happening on Thursday evenings between 7-8.30pm. It is a fully hybrid course designed for those who are actively shaping a new vision, planting New Places for New People or about to launch into an existing project. Places are limited to 30, and there are still spaces available.

[Register 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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