

# The Methodist News 16<sup>th</sup> November 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**

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## The Rwanda Plan

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The Supreme Court has declared the government's Rwanda plan illegal. As Rishi Sunak explores emergency legislation to get round the ruling, JPIT's [Steve Tinning](#) says safe routes and community support – including from the Christian community – offer a more compassionate response.

[Read here](#)

## A response to the King's Speech

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Steve Hucklesby, a Policy Adviser with the Methodist Church, offers this short comment on [the King's Speech](#) and climate change.

*"The Prime Minister stated that he would like to encourage further applications for licencing of oil and gas extraction but our government must do more to show how we will urgently phase out oil and gas production and define the timescale. We must ensure that this is consistent with the UK's contribution to tackle the climate crisis."*

[Read his comment here](#)

## Muswell Hill welcomes

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'Muswell Hill Welcomes' is an interfaith collaboration between the local Synagogue, Mosque and Methodist Church to welcome refugees and asylum seekers who are staying in a local hotel. The organisation is growing and the refugees and asylum seekers, alongside the church congregation, have created a warm vibrant atmosphere.

[Read more here](#)

## Graduations at Cliff College

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In this blog, the Revd Jonathan Hustler talks about the privilege it was to give the address at the graduation ceremony for Cliff College and to speak at the Cliff Dinner. He also reflects on how not only hard work pays off, but how Methodist values shine through the graduates.

[Read his reflection here](#)

## White Ribbon

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It's White Ribbon Day on 25 November, which is also the day of Elimination of Violence Against Women. The crime survey for England and Wales reveals that 1.7 million women reported domestic abuse crimes in a six-month period. A year's data would put this figure close to 3 million.

Gauri Taylor-Nayar, a local Preacher and an Independent Domestic Violence Advocate, shares how we can help those who have been affected.

[Find out more here](#)

## A digital Local Preacher or Worship Leader?

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Our highly successful course exploring the digital world for local preachers and worship leaders is back for 2024 bookings.

This short three 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.

**A series of 3 sessions running on consecutive weeks starting Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 2pm.**

Week 1: What's digital got to do with me? (why should LPs bother with the digital world at all?)

Week 2: Going digital in worship (including videos in PPT, recorded music etc)

Week 3: Developing online prayer and worship in social media

[Register and book your place here](#)

## Sign up for our daily Advent reflections

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During Advent, we're sharing a daily reflection connecting with the *Out of the Ordinary*. Each reflection gives you a chance to pause as you begin your day.

You can [sign up to these emails for free on our website](#).

## The Plum

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As membership numbers reached an all-time low, Uniting Church on Garden Lane just outside Chester, almost closed.

Building on relationships that have developed over the years, The Plum has become a hub for local people and has resulted in art, theatre, festivals and events.

[Discover more here](#)

## Safeguarding Sunday

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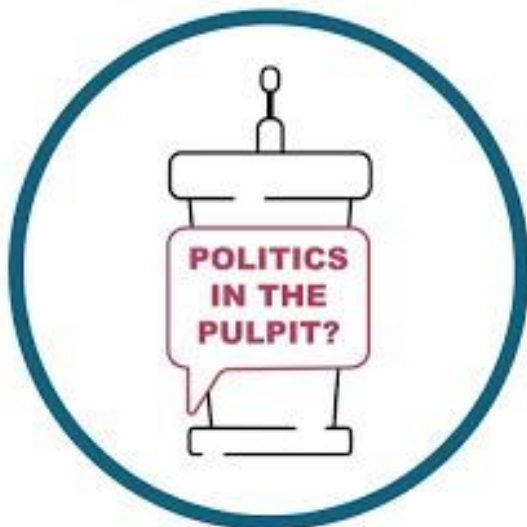
Carolyn Godfrey, Vice-President designate of the Conference 2024-2025, writes this blog post about [the resources](#) you can discover about Safeguarding Sunday which is happening this Sunday 19 November. She writes that it is an opportunity to bring reflections into the heart of worship and how we can help create safe spaces.

[Discover more here](#)

## Have a listen!

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**Lectionary readings for  
Sunday 19th November**



This week's episode of Politics in the Pulpit features Revd Simon Ruth de Voil, an interfaith/interspiritual minister.

This week is Transgender Awareness Week and Simon reflects on Transgender Day of Remembrance.

[Listen and watch here](#)

## News & Events

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### Community Engagement and Inclusion Award

Congratulations to Yorkshire North & East Methodist District who have been shortlisted for the Community Engagement and Inclusion Award 2023. This is due to their work as they move along the pathway towards becoming Net Zero through their [Tea & PV project](#).

### Social Justice and Schools

Schools are a key part of communities and find themselves at the frontline of support for children, young people and families at the margins of society. Those schools in areas of deprivation find themselves wildly affected.

Claire Procter, a Head Teacher of Trinity & St Michael's Church of England and Methodist Primary School, will be sharing some of the ways schools and churches can partner in serving those at the margins. You can join in this free webinar on Tuesday 28 November at 7pm.

[Join the webinar here](#)

[Join the sessions 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](#)

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