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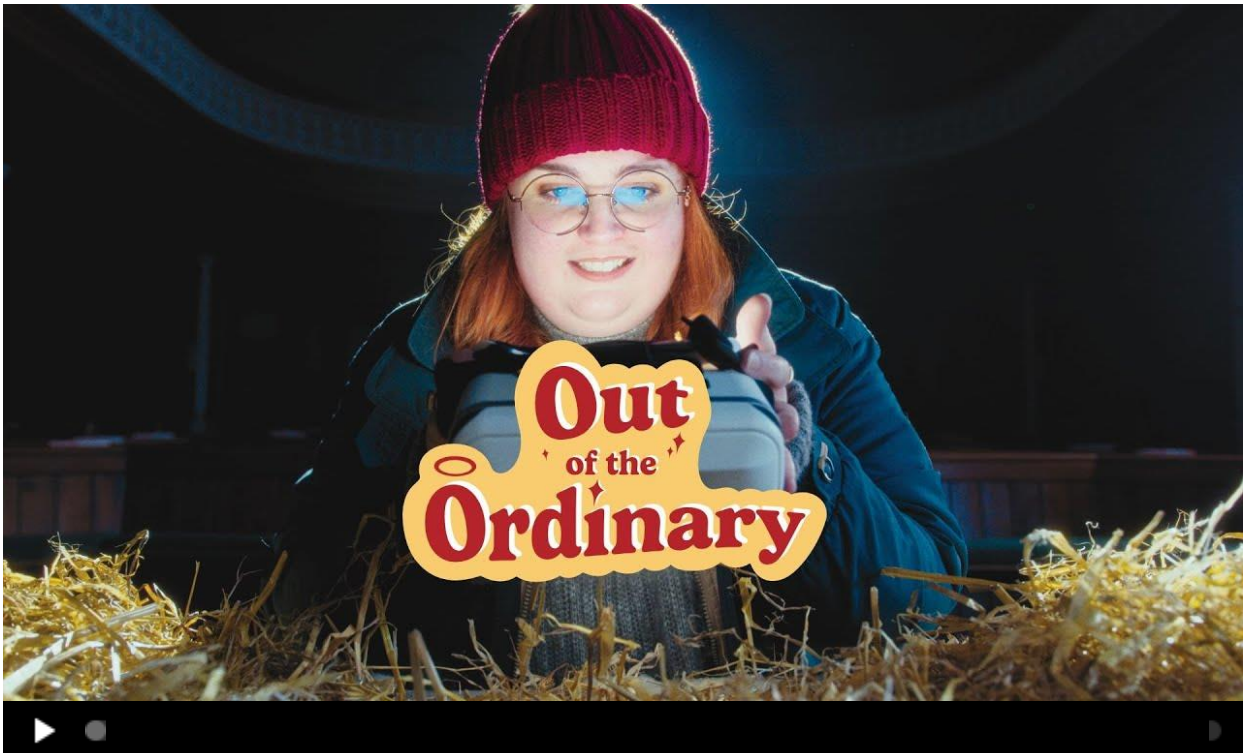
Make sure you're following us on social media to stay up to date with everything going on across the Methodist Church. Remember to share and tag us in your posts so that we can see the amazing things going on in your local area too.

The Methodist Church Communications team

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The *Out of the Ordinary* Christmas film has been released!



Have an *Out of the Ordinary* Christmas



The *Out of the Ordinary* Christmas film was released today and is available to view across our social media platforms and [on our website](#). This year's film focuses on a mother-to-be struggling with the cost of living crisis who stumbles upon a glowing manger in a Methodist Church. Watch the film and share it on social media, as we seek to connect with people who are open to a message of faith during Advent and Christmas.

[Find out more about the film here](#)

Sign up for our daily Advent reflections

During Advent, we're sharing a daily reflection connecting with *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](#).

Share the Christmas film and resources with others



Use this QR code to share the film. The link also takes you to the resources for *Out of the Ordinary*.

Second Sunday of Advent BSL-led carol service

Christians BSL, an organisation promoting Christian resources using British Sign Language (BSL), have produced a BSL-led Christmas carol service which will be live-streamed on social media channels on the Second Sunday of Advent, 10 December.

We will be streaming the service on our [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#) at 9am on Sunday 10 December. Join in an ecumenical celebration with the Deaf community as we mark the run up to Christmas Day.

Prayer for International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women



This Sunday is International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women. The Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, has written this prayer to mark the day.

Loving God

In Jesus, we see you recognise and affirm the value and dignity of women and girls
Challenging those who sought to diminish or harm our flourishing

We pray for women and girls
who have experienced gender based violence.

We give thanks for those in government, in our communities, in our own churches,
who challenge the cultures and systems through which misogyny and violence thrive.

We ask forgiveness for the times when we have not listened, have not learned,
have not stood in solidarity with women experiencing violence and discrimination.

Give us the courage and strength to listen, to learn,
So that all may flourish, knowing we are precious in your sight
Amen.

Warm Coats



A church in the Black Country Methodist Circuit has introduced 'Warm Coats', an initiative where the church welcomed people of all ages and backgrounds to get their winter coats.

"Asking what the community wanted and organising this event was a blessing for the people we helped, but also for us, as it made us more visible in the community and encouraged us to carry on. We want to offer complementary initiatives to what is already available in the area."

[Read more about the initiative here](#)

New edition of the *connexion* magazine



The new edition of the connexion magazine, *Out of the Ordinary* is out now. Stories include a church's new brunch meeting for people who wouldn't normally go, a long-established church that's moving to a local pub, and young people who are working towards a greener future. You can read the online version or [order copies](#) to share with others.

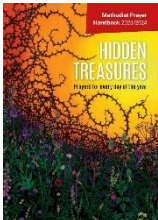
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Methodist Worship Book

Our colleagues in the publishing team would love to hear your thoughts on the format of liturgies in the Methodist Worship Book (MWB). This short survey will help them plan the resource. **Submission deadline is Thursday 30 November.**

[Fill out survey here](#)



Methodist Prayer Handbook

How do you currently use the Prayer Handbook and how would you like to use it in the 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!

**BBC RADIO
York**

District Chair of Yorkshire North & East, Revd Leslie Newton, talks to BBC Presenter Kat Cowan on 'My Journey to Faith' about his book *Revive Us Again*. His book explores how the founder of the Methodist Movement, John Wesley, achieved extraordinary impact across the UK and beyond.

[Listen here](#)

News & Events

[Join the webinar here](#)

Church Planting Initiate

The next Church Planting Intensive is happening on 15 to 17 March 2024. It begins with a residential at Cliff's College from 6pm Friday evening until Sunday lunchtime. It is essential that anyone who books 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 People New Places or about to launch into an existing project. Places are limited to 30, and there are still spaces available.

[Sign up to the course 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](#)

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