

# The Methodist News 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

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**The Methodist Church Communications team**

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## Israel - Palestine

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The Revd David Hardman, the Methodist Liaison Officer for Jerusalem, has been talking to JPIT's *Politics in the Pulpit* podcast. The podcast considers the political dimensions in the Bible readings that are to be explored in churches the following Sunday.

David talks about history, propaganda and peace in the context of his recent experience of living in Palestine and what it is to be a Christian activist and disciple.

[Listen to the podcast here](#)

## Call for ceasefire

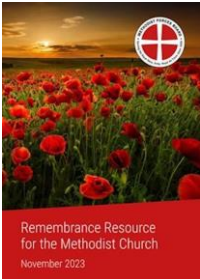
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Church leaders, including the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have signed a statement coordinated by Christian Aid. The statement calls for a ceasefire and for all governments with influence to bring an immediate end to the violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.

[Read the statement here](#)

## Remembrance

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Resources along with videos that have been produced by the Methodist Armed Forces Chaplains [are available to download](#). These resources are designed to assist worship leaders to mark Remembrance well through services and events at this time of year. There is also a prayer from Revd David Barrett, Deputy Chaplain General for the British Army.

[Find the resources here](#)

## Report of the October Methodist Council

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The Methodist Council met online on 19 and 20 October. There were prayers for those who have been affected by the situation in Israel and Palestine and The Connexional Secretary updated the Council on the work being undertaken by the Connexional Team.

In this report, you can read updates from the Medical Committee, districts within the West Midlands and the review of the Complaints and Discipline Process.

[Read the report here](#)

## Bloomin' Church!

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Holly Adams, Evangelism and Contemporary Culture Officer, attended Bloomin' Church!, a play by Anne Middleton, the Performing Arts Mission Enabler for the [Plymouth and Devonport Methodist Circuit](#), and performed at Devonport Playhouse.

[Here you can read Holly's review of the play.](#)

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## Lent 2024 campaign *Unbounded Love*

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*God's love doesn't stay in the lines.*

Charles Wesley's famous hymn "[Love divine, all loves excelling](#)" talks about Jesus as "unbounded love" – a kind of love that cannot be contained, that works in our lives and in our world to free us and heal us. *Unbounded Love* is the theme of the Lent campaign of the Methodist Church in 2024 – holding together our commitments to be a justice-seeking church, and the people who experience and proclaim the good news of God's uncontainable love.

[Find out more](#)

## 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](#)

## A visit to Africa

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The Revd Dr Andrew Ashdown, Partnership Coordinator for Africa, travelled to Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Equatorial Guinea earlier this year to visit churches and meet current partners. He also met up with the [religious leaders in Cameroon](#) to discuss strategies for progress and peace in the country.

[Find out how his visit went here](#)

## News & Events

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### Evangelism for leaders - new course dates

This course is for all the leaders in the Methodist Church, lay and ordained, who want to reach new people and help them grow their confidence. Starting on Thursday's from 10am on 22 February, these first four sessions will run over a six week period and the last session will be happening three months later all via Zoom. If you have any questions, then you can contact [Holly Adams](#), the Evangelism and Contemporary Culture Officer.

[Register here](#)

### Let's End Poverty

Join in with the [Let's End Poverty online movement](#) on Tuesday 27 February 7pm-8pm. You will be hearing from builders and church members who are leading the way and reflect on how you can help to build momentum for change. The Methodist Church are passionate about understanding these causes and how we can help in order to solve it and then you, too, can be part of the movement.

[Book your place here](#)

### Walk in the songwriter's steps

In a specially recorded interview for MMHS, composer Paul Field shares the story behind the housing charity's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary hymn, *Christ Is The Cornerstone*.

[Discover more 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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