

The Methodist News 9th November 2023

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The Methodist Church Communications team

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Remembrance

The Revd David Barrett, Deputy Chaplain General for the British Army, shares this prayer for Remembrance.

God of all, whose commitment to the world knows no end, in this season of remembrance we turn to you our refuge and hope. We acknowledge that you are the source of all justice and peace.

Graciously draw near to us at this time to stir our thinking, deepen our reflections and shape our living.

We remember before you all who have given their lives in the service of others in war. In gratitude we honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. May their example of self-giving love be an inspiration to us all.

We hold in your presence those who continue to suffer because of war. Comfort and sustain all who bear the scars and tears of conflict. May we find the wisdom and grace to support one another in times of need. We commend to your care His Majesty's Armed Forces. Uphold and guide the men and women of the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force as they strive to be a force for good in our world. May they be professional and effective in carrying out the tasks required of them.

We seek your peace for all people. Bless and strengthen those from every area of society who are endeavouring to bring an end to injustice, hostilities and conflict. In our peace-making, together may we find courage, resilience and hope.

These prayers are offered in the Name of Jesus Christ

Amen.

There are videos and resources produced by the Methodist Armed Forces chaplains to help mark Remembrance.

[Find the resources here](#)

Inter Faith Week



The Revd David Butterworth is Lead Chaplain, Interfaith Chaplaincy, at the NEC in Birmingham. Meeting the needs of 7 million visitors each year is a big job and, in this blog to mark Inter Faith Week, 12 - 19 November, David shares some of the joys of his work ensuring all faiths are welcome. You can find resources for Inter Faith Week [here](#).

[Read about his work here](#)

Transgender Awareness Week



In this blog to mark Transgender Awareness Week, 13 to 19 November, Karl Rutledge, a trans man and a Methodist Minister, shares a personal view on how it feels to have your gender become the subject of political debate.

[Read more here](#)

Bringing hope



The Youth Club and the Youth Café at [Bugle Methodist Chapel](#) have been a beacon of hope in a very deprived area of [Cornwall](#). The chapel is currently being renovated and refurbished to ensure the building is safer and more energy efficient, and to offer better amenities to the people using it.

[Find out more here](#)

A district climate emergency

The [Manchester and Stockport Methodist District](#) has recently started a Climate Emergency Fund to help churches in their district on their path to become net zero. Following Action for Hope, the Methodist Church's long-term plan, the district aims to become net zero by 2030.

[Read about their plan here](#)

Forest Church: another way to engage with God



At a recent Artserve conference, Siggie Parratt-Halbert, Regional Learning & Development Officer for Yorkshire Plus, gave workshops on how to facilitate Forest Church.

Forest Church is an idea where you can hold your Church anywhere, mostly surrounded by nature, and have the opportunity to find different ways to engage with God.

[Discover more here](#)

Reflection on ecumenical peace vigil

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton, went to London in October to attend an ecumenical peace vigil. In this reflection, she considers how we may not be able to solve all the problems in a troubled world, but we can make a difference to those around us.

[Read her reflection here](#)

The Cultures and Languages Festival of Music and Food



The Revd Leao Neto, Global Communities Officer, attended the Festival of Music and Food of the Fellowships, Cultures and Languages Congregations that took place at St Mark's Methodist Church, Tottenham, London. Read about the joy of sharing and worship with diverse and inclusive congregations.

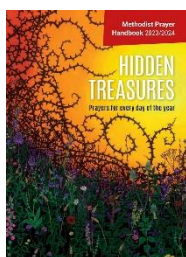
[Discover more here](#)



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](#)

MHA Sunday 2023 - survey



Did you plan, lead, or attend a service for MHA Sunday this year? If so, MHA would love to hear your feedback as they plan for 2024. If you downloaded MHA Sunday resources and opted in to receiving emails then you will have received a survey on 8 November, and if you have already completed it, then thank you!

[Fill out the survey here](#)

News & Events

Revive us again

Would you love to see spiritual and social transformation? 'Revive Us Again' explores how the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, achieved extraordinary impact across the UK. In this blog, the Revd Leslie Newton, Chair of the [Yorkshire North and East District](#), shares thoughts on his new book, *Revive Us Again* and its invitation to be inspired by Wesley's methods and see how, by reclaiming these treasures, Methodism may once again transform society.

[Read the blog here](#)

Half-day ecumenical symposium

The British Roman-Catholic Dialogue Commission have arranged a half-day Symposium on the most recent report '*God in Christ Reconciling: On the Way to Full Communion in Faith, Sacraments and Mission*'. The Symposium will take place on 23 November at Oscott College in Sutton Coldfield.

[Book your tickets here](#)

Faith rooted community organising

This introductory course is for people who want to develop a new Christian community within their circuit or district. It's about offering ways to resource and enable people to find out where God is at work in their communities and how to join in. This free course will be held at Cliff College beginning at 6pm on Friday and ending on Sunday after lunch.

[Book your place here](#)

Last Call: thriving small churches

Come and join the conversation as we explore how the practices of 'serve' and 'learn' from Methodist Way of Life can be used in rural contexts. The conversation will be happening on Thursday 16 November at 7.30pm.

[Join the conversation 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](#)