# The Methodist News 18th January 2024

#### Details on how to contact the Media team can be found on our website.

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#### Find out more about the Communications team













## **Holocaust Memorial Day**



Saturday 27 January is Holocaust Memorial Day. The Revd Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference, has written this prayer.

Read the prayer here

### Unbounded Love worship guidance



Unbounded Love is the theme of the Lent campaign for the Methodist Church in 2024 – holding together our commitments to be a justice-seeking church, and people who experience and proclaim the good news of God's uncontainable love. Sign up for our daily reflection emails and find a range of

resources that connect the Gospel readings from the Sunday lectionary throughout Lent to weekly themes, each one a line lifted from Charles Wesley's hymn "Love divine, all loves excelling".

- Access a webpage version of the worship resources
- Download a PDF version of the worship resources

Resources for churches include a poster, ideas for either Sunday services or small groups, and a social media campaign pointing people to local churches.

Find out more

## Easter Offerings 2024



This year the Easter Offering 2024 service, Let Justice Roll, tells stories of people standing for justice, persisting in the face of setbacks and taking up the challenge anew as circumstances change. Some stories show how people now have hope because justice has 'rolled' into their lives.

Discover the resources here



The Head of Mission, Jude Levermore, has been appointed Vice-Chair of ChurchWorks Commission.

"ChurchWorks is a hugely valuable initiative and there has never been a more critical time to catalyse collaboration between Churches and government. I'm honoured to be taking on the role of Vice-Chair and look forward to playing my part in leading the Commission's work into its next phase."

Read more about her new role

### Have a listen!



Bridget Down, Learning & Development Officer, was on Radio 4's Beyond Belief, the programme was called Stem Cell Steaks and the Scriptures. Here, you can hear her talking about the Theology of Animals and how God has given us the responsibility of stewardship of both animals and land.

Listen here

### Don't miss!



Trey Hall will be sharing his Pause for Thought with Zoe Ball on her BBC Radio 2 breakfast show on Monday 22 January at 7.15am.

## **Exploring Digital lunchtime learning**



### Tuesday 20 February 12noon - 1pm

Join us over lunch as we enter into the world of online church and online community. What can we learn about being an inclusive church from these experiences? Can we create authentic relationships online?

Sharing their thoughts, insights and experiences are:

- Laura Neale, founder of YouBelong an online community catering for those who are chronically ill and disabled.
- Tori Allen, Digital and Communications Officer for the Manchester and Stockport District, founder of Your Space the district NPNP project. Your Space is a safe space to explore life and faith and is passionate about well-being and reducing isolation.

Bring along your lunch and join us at 12noon for an hour of insight and conversation.

Book your place here

### Volunteering opportunities

Want to make a difference and contribute to The Methodist Church?

Taking part in our volunteer opportunities is an exciting and fulfilling way to live out discipleship, and bring your unique experiences to our committees and groups.

We have a range of opportunities including:

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Apply to volunteer here

### **News & events**

#### **Church at the Margins Practitioner Network**

This learning network provides an online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. It takes place monthly from 4-5pm on Tuesday evenings.

Sign up here

#### Week of Prayer

Here you can find the resources that will be used daily in church during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Discover more

#### ChurchWorks online event

ChurchWorks' Children, Young People and Mental Health Online event is happening on Wednesday 24 January from 9-10.30am. During the event, you can hear more about the government's current work on young people's mental health as well as some opportunities that are on offer from their partner organisations Kick, TLG and Kintsugi Hope.

Find out more

## 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

### Find us on social media











