

The Methodist News 4th January

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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.

[Happy New Year](#)

Happy New Year to you from the Communications Team. We hope you have a brilliant year!

[Find out more about the Communications team](#)



Covenant Sunday

This Sunday, 7 January, is Covenant Sunday. The Covenant Service is available to download [here](#) and the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton, has written an additional prayer.

[Find the prayer here](#)

New Years Honours List 2024



The New Year's Honours List, which was announced last week, included Michael Eavis, a Methodist and the founder of the Glastonbury Festival, who was awarded a knighthood for his services to music and charity. Revd Roy Watson, a Methodist Chaplain for the Hospice of the Valleys charity, has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for his services to the community in Barry and Blaenau Gwent in Wales. If you know of any fellow Methodists who were honoured this year, please get in touch as we would love to know.

The Inclusive Language Guide



The Inclusive Language Guide helps the Church hold conversations without making assumptions or inadvertently causing upset. The Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Michaela Youngson, explains why words are important and how the guide affirms traditional terms such as husband and wife while allowing people to express themselves using the language that is right for them.

[Read more here](#)

Happy New Year! - Have a watch

Bishop Juan Simpson of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas and Julie Chang Tosulu of the Pacific Conference of Churches have both shared these wonderful two minute prayer reflections with us. Both of them serve on our Global Grants committee. They outline their hopes for the year ahead in their region, so that we could join in prayer and feel part of the worldwide Methodist Connexion.

[Watch the videos here](#)

Have a Listen



The Revd David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer for Jerusalem, reflects on the Israeli–Palestinian conflict and how we should be praying as we enter the New Year.

[Listen here](#)



Andy Fishburne, Discipleship and Faith Formation Officer, leads the Radio 4 daily service. The theme is all about new beginnings.

[Listen here](#)

3Gen 2023 – the after movie



After an incredible weekend of tuning in to God, speaking out on the issues that matter to them and having a whole lot of fun, here's a compilation of everything that took place at 3Generate 2023!

Vote for our Christmas film!



Our Christmas film *Out of the Ordinary* has been entered into the Smiley Charity Film Awards and we need your help to see it reach the finals. If you enjoyed our film then please vote and share the link with your friends and family. Voting is open until 12 January 2024,

[Vote here!](#)

News & events

New Programme at Cliff College

The MA in Theology and Mission is a new course at Cliff College. The programme can be taken to postgraduate certificate, diploma or degree level. It can also be studied full-time or part-time, on campus or online.

[Find out more about the course](#)

How to be on top in the depths of winter

In the latest edition of *Roof 'n' Roots*, the Methodist Ministers Housing Society (MMHS) newsletter, you can find out how to make the most out of winter. You can also read stories from the MMHS Board Chair, Revd Alan Taylor, about his trek across the northern hemisphere.

[Read the newsletter here](#)

Reflect on the Journey webinar

Join a webinar to explore the 12 practices of a Methodist Way of Life It's taking place on Tuesday 9 January at 10.00am and 7.00pm and is created to explore a MWoL and reflect on these experiences.

[Sign up here](#)

World Methodist Online Conference monthly prayer

Meeting every second Tuesday from January to July, a brief reflection will be shared by a participant of the Global Consultation. There will be time to pray and share after the reflection. 6.00pm GMT on 9 January, 12 March, 8 May, and 9 July and 7.00am GMT on 13 February, 9 April and 11 June.

[Sign up 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.

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