

# The Methodist News 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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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.

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



## Unbounded Love

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This Lent we are holding together our commitments to be a justice-seeking church, and those people who experience and proclaim the good news of God's uncontainable love.

Sign up for daily reflection emails and find resources that connect Gospel readings from the Sunday lectionary throughout Lent to weekly themes, each one a line 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 include a poster, ideas for either Sunday services or small groups, and a social media campaign directing people to local churches.

[Find out more](#)

## No Faith in Fossil Fuels Lent Vigil for Climate Justice

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As the climate crisis causes havoc, Christians are praying for transformation. On Ash Wednesday, Vice-President Kerry Scarlett attended the start of a 10-day, 24/7 vigil for climate justice taking place in Westminster, London. You can also vigil [from home](#).

[Participate here](#)

## Support after the Chilean wildfires

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In the aftermath of devastating wildfires, the Methodist Church in Chile is continuing to support local communities with grants received from the World Mission Fund.

We ask you to join us in praying for Chile and for the Methodist Church in Chile's relief and recovery programme.

[Read more here](#)

## The Wednesday Club

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Located at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London, The Club provides warmth, companionship and great food. "Many people who come here are homeless, some have places to live, but they still come because they are in unsuitable accommodation, in places they don't like or they need some company."

[Read more here](#)

## LGBT+ History Month A pilgrimage of faith

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Revd Jason McMahon-Riley offers a personal reflection on the journey of the Methodist Church and same-sex marriage.

[Read more on his reflection](#)

## Civil Legal Aid - Call for Action

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A government review is taking place into access to civil legal aid. Churches and organisations actively involved in supporting those seeking asylum and refugees are asked for their experiences. The closing date for submissions is 21 February.

[Discover more here](#)

## A digital Local preacher or Worship Leader?

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In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, the intersection of faith and technology presents boundless opportunities for growth and connection within our church communities. As the digital realm continues to expand, we must adapt and embrace the possibilities it offers.

Starting Friday 1 March 10.30am – 12 noon, join our 3-week course for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders exploring the intersection of faith and the rapidly evolving digital world.

This course is designed to equip you with the digital skills and confidence needed to thrive. Explore the benefits and challenges of online church communities; learn practical skills like using PowerPoint effectively and harnessing social media and apps for prayer and worship.

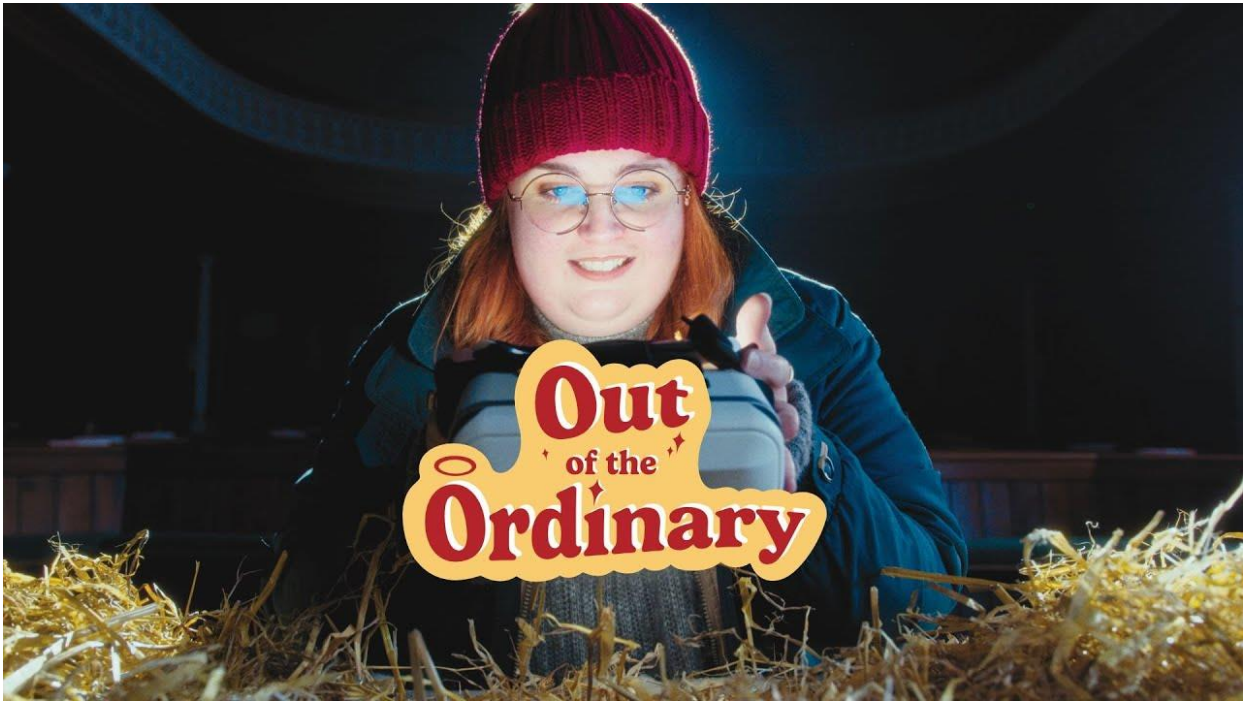
Past participants have praised this course as "a delightfully practical series" that "inspired them to approach preaching and worship in a fresh way."

Course repeats in April on Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8.30pm starting April 10.

[Book your place here](#)

## Our film has been nominated!

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Our Christmas film 'Out of the Ordinary' is a finalist in this year's Smiley Charity Film Awards. A public vote is now open to pick the 'People's Choice' award and we'd love your help!

[Vote here](#)

## Explore programme

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An opportunity for members of the Methodist Church in Britain to consider how they respond to God's invitation to church leadership. You can register any time with the next course starting 9 May 2024 and a taster course on 11 April 2024.

[Register here](#)

## News & events

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### **Train as a coach**

This training course is for those who have always considered coaching and have felt called to help others. You have the option of [joining a residential at Cliff's College](#), 4-8 March, or online training 18-19 June. Contact the Evangelism and Growth Team to register your interest.

[Register here](#)

### **Bible resources**

How are you preparing for this year's Bible Month feast on the book of Genesis? This training day promises to be an inspiring time exploring this fascinating text and will equip you to help your church discover its many treasures.

[Book onto the course here](#)

### **Housing and Homelessness Gathering**

The Housing and Homelessness Gathering is an opportunity to learn how affordable and supported housing is delivered, and how you can work in partnership with housing organisations. It will also give you the chance to meet other Methodists and churches who are playing their part in tackling the housing and homelessness crisis. The gathering is happening on Wednesday 8 May in Birmingham.

[Book here](#)

### **Beginning a Church at the Margins**

Join Eunice Attwood and Sarah Hulme on the evening of Tuesday, 12 March for an online session exploring how to start a Church at the Margins and gather and lead a small group using the resources provided. This session is great for those who are interested in helping their local community and want to tackle concerns about increasing hardships and financial struggles.

[Join the online session](#)

## **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](#)

## **Find us on social media**

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