

# The Methodist News 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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## Inter Faith Network

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“The Methodist Church has long valued and supported the work of the Interfaith Network. At a time when there is an increase of incidents of discrimination, particularly in terms of antisemitism and Islamophobia, it is more important than ever that those committed to working across and within faith communities are supported and resourced.”

Sing the petition calling on Michael Gove to honour his promise to fund the Inter Faith Network.

[Sign the petition here](#)

## Gaza appeal

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The Methodist Church in Britain has launched an appeal to support the emergency work being carried out in Gaza by the Methodist Liaison Office's partners. The partner's work focuses on helping civilians in Gaza with medical, dental and mental healing issues and offering them financial support.

Please share this appeal with your churches as we continue to help and support those in need.

[Share and show your support](#)

## President and Vice President's Statement on Gaza

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*“The scale of the destruction and tragic loss of life in so short a space of time is incomparable to any other conflict in recent times. We grieve for all lives lost on October 7 and in the subsequent fighting. There is no justification for such widespread killing of tens of thousands of innocent people and we are gravely concerned for the entire population of the Gaza strip.”*

[Read and share the statement here](#)

## LGBT+ History Month

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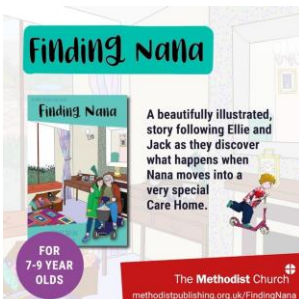
As LGBT+ History Month comes to an end, we consider the history of the relationship between LGBT+ theology and inclusiveness in the Church. The Methodist Church's call for LGBT+ inclusion can be traced back to the days of John and Charles Wesley. Read more in [this blog](#) from Dr. Peter Forsaith, Research Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University.

Dave Shaw, a Pioneer Missioner at Bridgeway Hall, The Meadows, Nottingham considers the changes around LGBTQI+ theology and the Methodist Church [in this blog](#).

[Read all our LGBT+ history content here](#)

## Finding Nana

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*Finding Nana* is a fictional story following Ellie and Jack as they discover what happens when Nana moves into a very special Care Home.

The book, which comes out today, hopes to help reassure children of the feelings they go through during an elderly relative's move into care.

"The best of care and support shines through this story" - Anna Dixon MBE, Chair of the Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care and author of *The Age of Ageing Better*

[Purchase the book here](#)

## Created to serve

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A 'pod' has been created as a welcoming space that provides information, charity links, donations and items for sale in Sherborne, West Dorset. It's a way for people to connect and allows them to share stories.

"It has put the church more in touch with what is going on in the town. It is amazing to see God at work."

[Read more here](#)

## Caring for older people in Cornwall

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Tracy Haslam is the first Third Age Worker with the [Lizard and Mounts Bay Circuit](#). She aims to bring peace and companionship to elderly people living within the area with hopes that they no longer feel neglected. "My vision is to bring the good news of our Lord into care homes and to come alongside all the people who want to participate in taking our word, vision and services to the residential care homes in this."

[Read more about her work here](#)

# Homelessness and Housing Gathering

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Register for the Methodist Housing and Homelessness Gathering

*A gathering for Methodists to get together to help tackle the housing and homelessness crisis.*

When: Wednesday 8 May 10:30am-4pm

Where: The Church at Carrs Lane, Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7SX Cost: Free

The gathering is an opportunity to learn about how affordable and supported housing is delivered and how you can work in partnership with housing organisations.

There will be a range of speakers from within the church and from the housing world who will provide you with inspiration and the know how on using church property for affordable and supported housing. Meeting in person will also give you the chance to meet Methodists from other parts of the country who also wish to play their part in tackling the housing and homelessness crisis.

[Register here](#)

## Have a listen!

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### Revd David Hardman on BBC Radio Oxford

Revd David Hardman talked to Katie Tyler on BBC Radio Oxford about how there should cease fire in Gaza and how the war has gone on too long.

[Listen here](#)



### Pause For Thought

Hear Matt Finch's Pause For Thought on BBC Radio 2 where he examined this week's theme 'Pursuing Justice.'

[Listen here](#)

## Exploring Digital Lunchtime Learning

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Wednesday 17 April 12noon – 1pm

As a justice-seeking, inclusive church, how can the Methodist Church respond to digital poverty?

In our continuing conversations around Exploring Digital join Deacon Eunice Attwood, Church on the Margins Officer and Deacon Kerry Scarlett, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, as they explore the issues around digital poverty and how the church can respond positively.

[Book your place here](#)

# God saw that it was good

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A series of four short films on environmental issues, the films weave together stunning visual imagery with a narrative entwining science and faith. Enabling viewers to encounter the wonder, playfulness, and connections in creation that science reveals, and through which, perhaps, God may be encountered. And inspiring action to respond to the growing environmental and climate crises.

[Watch the videos here](#)

## News & events

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### Get unstuck

This coaching training course is for those who would love to help people think, in tackling dilemmas or considered attending an action learning away day. There are three away days planned that is happening on [8 June in Newcastle](#), [22 June in Chester](#) and [6 July in London](#). There will be an online training for individuals on 18-19 June.

[Sign up here](#)

### Prayer Cards

The new Methodist prayer cards offer 52 different prompts for creative prayer; different ways that we can fulfil the Methodist Way of Life commitment to 'pray daily' as far as we are able, with God's help. These cards can be used around your congregation, as individuals, in groups or at events both onsite or online.

[Purchase the cards here](#)

### MMHS mark their celebration year

In this podcast, Clive Price and George Luke reflect on MMH's birthday which saw the charity release its first single. It also feature some of the remarkable stories from MMH's residents.

[Listen to the podcast 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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