

# The Methodist News 8<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.

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## A statement of support for King Charles III

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The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton, and the Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, share their support for King Charles after the announcement of his cancer diagnosis.

[Read their statement here](#)

## World Cancer Day

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To mark World Cancer Day on 4 February, Karen Murphy, a hospice chaplain for the past 18 years, shared her thoughts about her role.

“As they face a life-limiting illness, the majority of people tell me they are not religious but they have questions of a spiritual nature, such as ‘Who am I? What do I believe in? What gives me hope? Where do I find peace?’ My role is to provide them with the spiritual care that helps them to answer these

questions.”

[Read more about her role](#)

## LGBT+ History Month

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As we continue to mark LGBT+ History Month, Revd Mandy Briggs shares the story of Pride at The New Room, Bristol.

[Read the story here](#)

## Racial Justice Sunday

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Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, Past President of the Methodist Conference and Founder of City and Church of Sanctuary, shares this prayer to mark Racial Justice Sunday that takes place on the 11 February.

This year, the [resources for Racial Justice Sunday](#) from CTBI explore the movement of people from their homelands to the places they now call home.

[Discover the prayer here](#)

## Children's Mental Health Week

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Methodist Youth President, Thomas Hart, shares this prayer for Children's Mental Health Week.

[Read his prayer here](#)

## Have a listen!

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Trey Hall has been on BBC Radio 2 Pause For Thought. He talks about his joy of running, how he became competitive and then how he discovered that it's OK to slow down.

[Listen here](#)

## Stirling Methodist Church wins gold

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With their dedication and commitment to social and climate justice, Stirling Methodist Church has received its Gold Award from Eco-Congregation Scotland. This makes them the 10<sup>th</sup> Scottish church to receive the award.

[Read more about their award](#)

## Responding to floods in Rwanda

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"We could observe happiness in their eyes...and testimonies with thanks to God who gave helping hearts to his servants (donors) who provide the support," Bishop Samuel Kayinamura of the Free Methodist Church in Rwanda.

Part of the Methodist Way of Life is caring. The World Mission Fund Solidarity grants are one way in which we do that with our partners around the globe. Last year, our partner, the Free Methodist Church in Rwanda, received a Solidarity Grant from the World Mission Fund to help them respond to the flooding across the nation.

[Read more about their work](#)

## Volunteering at festivals and events

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We are looking for volunteers who can help us be present at music festivals, sports events, book festivals, Comic Con and more! This is a brilliant opportunity to develop your outreach skills in a safe, fun, creative and playful environment. You will receive training and support throughout.

*"Volunteering (at the Hope and Anchor) was truly an incredible experience. The sense of community and camaraderie among the people involved was truly inspiring"* – Brett, Hope and Anchor team in Liverpool for Eurovision 2023

[Sign up to volunteer here](#)

## News & events

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### Let's End Poverty

Join with the [Let's End Poverty online movement](#) on Tuesday 27 February 7pm-8pm to hear from those who are leading the way and reflect on how you can help to build momentum for change.

[Join here](#)

### Rural & Rooted - thriving small churches

Hear how one village church engages with the wider community through its monthly film club and another uses its café space to live out their faith. This webinar explores how to be an engaging church and a Christian presence without a church building. The webinar takes place Tuesday 27 February at 7.30pm.

[Get your tickets here](#)

### Exploring Vocations Opportunities

On Saturday 2 March, 10am–12.30pm, the Ministries Team are holding an online meeting to help people explore their call to serve the Church as a Presbyter or Deacon.

[Sign up here](#)

### Diaconal Ministry

Join us online on Saturday 16 March from 10am-12.30pm for *Inhabiting Diaconal Ministry*, an opportunity to discover what is distinctive about being a Deacon in the Methodist Church.

[Join here](#)

### Building a picture of ministry with families and young people

The Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team are looking to capture every activity that is connecting with children, young adults and families, along with household and intergenerational work, across the Connexion. If you run any relevant activities, events or groups that take place on Sundays or during the week, then please share them to help inform future resourcing and support.

[Fill out the form 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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