

The Methodist News 21st March 2024

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New Methodist Church website launched



A new Methodist Church website has been launched, designed for individuals exploring faith and seeking to deepen their spiritual journey. The site features a contemporary, user-friendly design, improved functionality, and easy access to essential resources to assist visitors in their exploration of faith. The website is available at the normal address, methodist.org.uk, and you can read a [short news release about the launch](#)

Whilst the website was launched on Tuesday 19 March, we wanted to take a moment to apologise to people who were not made aware of the change. We understand that this change could have been surprising, confusing and also frustrating for many and want to address that. We are sorry if this negatively affected you and hope that the updates, we are currently making will help your navigation and use of the new website. We want to hear about any issues you may be experiencing, so please use the Share feedback button at the bottom of every page to pass on any problems you encounter. We want the website to be a place that Methodists can use to help share the good news, so we are very happy to hear how we can improve things. Thank you for your patience as we take things forward.

[Visit the new website here](#)

President's visit to Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District



The Revd Gill Newton, President of the Methodist Conference, visited the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District on 13 and 14 March 2024 where she discovered two of the district's treasures: its people and the Englesea Brook Primitive Methodist Chapel & Museum.

[Read about the visit here](#)

Action for Children Criminally Exploited Children

Action for Children have published their powerful report *Criminally Exploited Children - Shattered Lives, Stolen Futures*.

It follows a review they commissioned at the end of last year, chaired by Professor Alexis Jay OBE, focusing on how policy and practice can better prevent and respond to this growing issue, which affects the lives of tens of thousands of young people.

[Read the report here](#)

Warm Welcome



Over the winter, the cost of living crisis continued to bite into stretched household budgets. Methodist churches across the Connexion were on hand to provide a warm, welcoming space for their communities. Over 280 Methodist churches were registered with the Warm Welcome website. [Warm Welcome](#), the new name for the Warm Spaces initiative, emphasised the need to tackle isolation, as well as the cold, by building connections and community.

[Read about Warm Welcome here](#)

Exploring The Explore Programme



With a special taster session of the Explore Programme [taking place 11 April](#), this blog by Alison Ransome, Learning and Development Manager, explores the Explore Programme and how it can help you discern your calling to serve God and the Church.

[Explore exploring here!](#)

Violence in Haiti

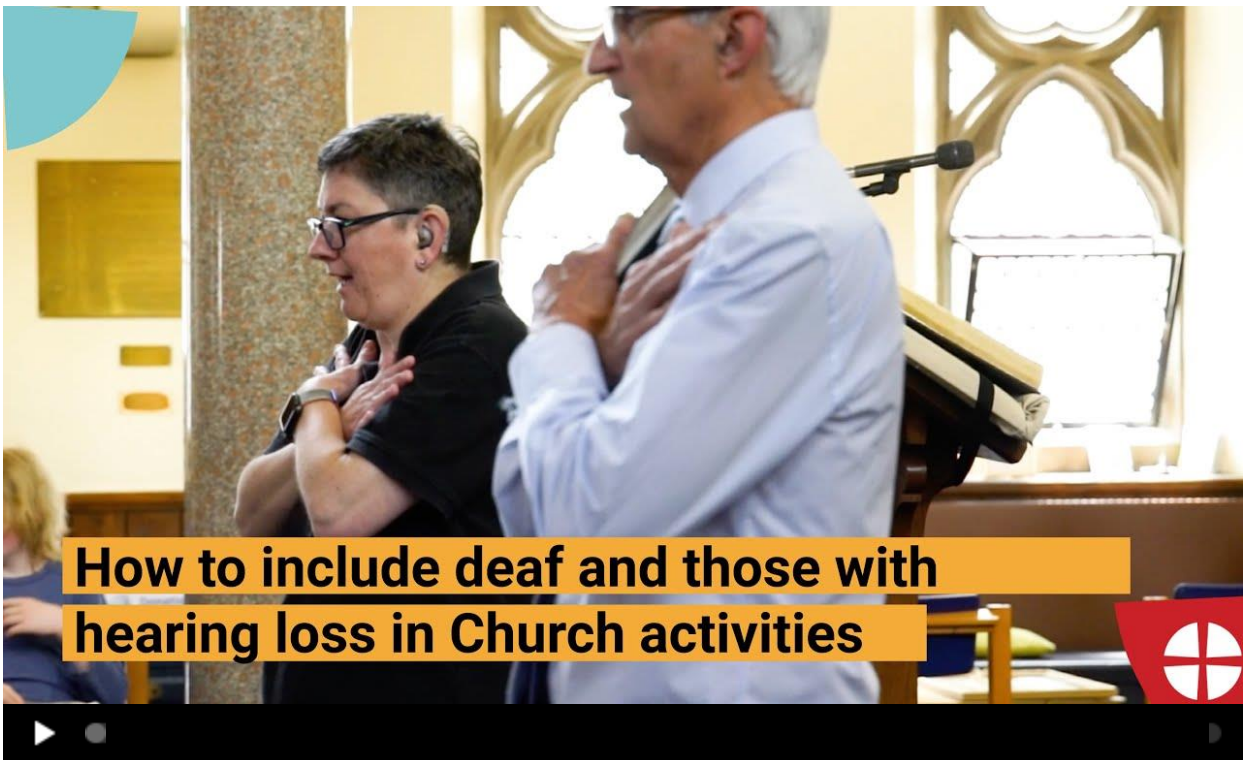


The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have sent a letter of support to Bishop Jean-Lesly Dorcelly of Eglise Methodists d'Haiti as the violence and unrest continue in Haiti.

[Read the letter here](#)

Hearing loss

Anna Herriman is a local preacher at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Oxford where she plays the guitar in the worship band. She is deaf and a BSL (British Sign Language) user. Anna shares how Wesley Memorial has made itself accessible so that she can fully participate in the life of the church.



How to include deaf and those with hearing loss in Church activities

[Watch here](#)

Lent and Easter



You can download resources for Lent and Easter from our website. [The Unbounded Love Lent campaign](#) holds together our commitments to be a justice-seeking Church and a people who experience and proclaim the good news of God's uncontainable love.

[Methodist Women in Britain](#), as a justice-seeking charity, has chosen the theme *Let Justice Roll* for this year's [Easter Offering Service](#).

[Find Unbounded Love and other resources here](#)

Exploring Digital Lunchtime Learning - Digital Poverty



Wednesday 17 April, 12 noon -1 pm.

Join us for a mind-blowing exploration into the world of Digital Poverty. Did you know that lacking digital skills and access can seriously impact someone's life? From health outcomes to job opportunities, the effects are real. We are not just spotlighting the issues but seeking solutions together.

Join Deacon Eunice Attwood, Church on the Margins Officer and Deacon Kerry Scarlett, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference who are leading the session and sharing with us how we can make a positive impact together. Don't miss out on this great event. Spread the word, mark your calendars, and get ready to be part of the solution.

Let's create a world where everyone has equal access to the digital.

[Book your place here](#)

News and events

Fund for Human Need

The Fund for Human Need is a small Methodist-affiliated charity established in 1960 to relieve poverty and hunger. Relief payments (once only, up to a maximum of £120) are made irrespective of faith, ethnic origin or social group to individuals in the UK.

[Learn more](#)

Podcast

In this podcast from the Susanna Wesley Foundation, Emma Pavey is joined by Clare Watkins and the Revd Simon Sutcliffe, Learning and Development Officer for the Methodist Church. They consider faith learning in church communities and its relation to formation, discipleship and power dynamics.

[Listen here](#)

Church at the margins

Church at the Margins Practitioners Network, is an online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people.

Monthly from 4 pm to 5 pm on Tuesdays. Book for the next session on 9 April 2024 and other dates

[Book your tickets here](#)

Sunshine and Showers

Do you desire a revitalised sense of prayer in your church, but you're not sure where to start? Designed for those who play a role in encouraging prayer in their church or circuit this refreshing, prayerful event at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick is built around the sessions in the Sunshine and Showers course.

[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.

[Take a look at our job and volunteering opportunities](#)

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