

The Methodist News 7th March 2024

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Responding to the Budget



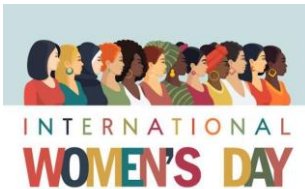
Leaders from across the Methodist Church have responded to the Chancellor's budget on 6 March. They have highlighted the lack of acknowledgement of people struggling against poverty in our communities.

"A 2p cut in National Insurance offers the bottom fifth of households around £350m a year, but the top fifth of households will receive over 10 times more – more than £4Bn. This cut represents a long-term choice to target resources on those with the most rather than those with the least."

Paul Morrison, Policy Advisor for the Joint Public Issues Team

[Read the response](#)

International Women's Day



Friday 8 March is International Women's Day. The Revd Fran Rhys, a presbyter and a member of the Methodist Solidarity Circle for Women, shares this prayer on this year's theme 'Inspire Inclusion'.

[Read the prayer here](#)

Methodist Church Voter Registration Champion



The Methodist Church has been announced as an ambassador to champion voter registration and encourage participation in elections. The Voter Registration Champions scheme, set up by the campaigning group Citizens UK, aims to ensure all those eligible can exercise their right to vote.

[Read more here](#)

Mothering Sunday



This Sunday is Mothering Sunday. Jude Levermore, Head of Mission at the Methodist Church, has written this prayer.

[Read the prayer here](#)

We Have Voices



We Have Voices is a new book of prayers for peace and justice published by Methodist Publishing and suitable for leading public worship, collective or group prayers, services and reflections.

In this blog, the book's editor, the Revd Barbara Glasson, considers how we pray for justice and peace.

[Order *We Have Voices* here](#)

Wellbeing in the Isle of Man



Renew is about wellbeing and bringing people together to chat, play, do jigsaws or just sit quietly and pray at Peel Methodist Church in the Isle of Man.

Sara started *Renew* in 2022. "One summer afternoon, I was walking on Peel promenade when I saw a friend. I shared this idea with her of wellbeing and she immediately said it was the calling she had been waiting for."

[Read more here](#)

Swedenborgian to Methodist



Woodlands Methodist Church, Glasgow was originally built in 1909 as a church for the Swedenborgian Community. By the 1960s its congregation had declined and the landmark building went on to become the Methodist Church it is known as today.

[Discover more here](#)

In My Opinion Podcast



Speaking Hope to the World

Abi Jarvis, the Discipleship and Faith Formation Officer, joins the hosts of the 'In My Opinion' podcast on Trans World Radio to talk about young people's mental health.

[Watch here](#)

World Mission Fund supports United Church in Zambia



After the cholera epidemic, the United Church of Zambia decided to build new sanitation blocks in three health clinics. The World Mission Fund has distributed £10,600 to cover these costs.

[Read more here](#)

Explore Digital Lunchtime Learning - Digital Poverty



Wednesday 17 April 12 noon–1pm.

'A lack of digital skills and access can have a huge negative impact on a person's life, leading to poorer health outcomes and a lower life expectancy, increased loneliness and social isolation, less access to jobs and education.' - Good Things Foundation, 2022.

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](#)

Resourcing Committee

We are delighted that a number of names will be going forward to the Conference for appointment to the new Resourcing Committee. However, we are looking to strengthen the committee with further volunteers. In particular, we are seeking an active Methodist minister and lay professionals with expertise in HR; property; charity governance, and ministry.

[Read more about the role here](#)

News & events

Church Planting Intensive

The next Church Planting Intensive is happening 15-17 March. It starts with a residential at Cliff College and will be followed by five sessions on Thursday evenings between 7-8.30pm.

It is a fully hybrid course designed for those who are actively shaping a new vision, planting New Places for New People or about to launch an existing project. Places are limited but there are still spaces available.

[Sign up here](#)

Revive Us Again for Multiplying Love

Revive Us Again for Multiplying Love is a day seminar on Saturday 27 April hosted by Revd Dr Paul W Chilcote and Revd Leslie Newton.

The seminar explores how the founder of the Methodist movement achieved an extraordinary impact on the world and celebrates the Wesleyan vision of the love of Jesus as central to what we believe and how we live. Tickets cost £5 including lunch.

[Book your tickets here](#)

Get unstuck

When you have a knotty issue to untangle, a difficult decision to make or a dilemma to tackle, what do you do? Consider attending a Leading into Change away day. The away days are planned for [8 June](#) (Newcastle), [22 June](#) (Chester) and [6 July](#) (London) and are designed for people from the same church or circuit to attend as a team, bringing an issue they're wrestling with. Go ahead and book or email nashe@methodistchurch.org.uk for details.

Building Churches on Estates

We are called to belong to Christ, to become one family united in him. Yet millions living on social housing estates don't have a local church to belong to. The Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication have arranged for free places for Methodists at its upcoming Multiply events.

[Multiply Estates Mission](#), on the 12 March, is an opportunity to explore what it takes to build estate churches. [Multiply 2024](#), on the 11, 12 and 13 June, will equip you to grow, plant and lead a Younger Church that reaches new people in a new and renewed way. Use code **MC24** when you book.

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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