

The Methodist News 11th April 2024

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How to persevere when things are rough



To celebrate the launch of the [new A Methodist Way of Life discipleship toolkit](#), the Evangelism and Growth team is producing a new monthly blog series on leadership and culture change. This month's blog shares some insights on how to persevere when things are rough – a situation every leader faces at some point.

[Read the blog here](#)

A visit to Mozambique



Revd Dr Andrew Ashdown, the Methodist Church in Britain's Partnership Coordinator for Africa, has written about his visit to Mozambique where churches are supporting agricultural development and the provision of clean water in rural areas.

[Read his blog here](#)

Methodist Homelessness and Housing Gathering



"We are gathering in Birmingham on 8 May as Methodists from all across the UK to explore the why, the what and the how in tackling the national homelessness and housing crisis within our local areas. Join us." Revd Ian Rutherford, Methodist Central Hall Manchester.

Find out more about The Methodist Homelessness and Housing Gathering and book your place.

[Find out more and book your place here](#)

The first Wellbeing Officer in Cornwall



Tracy Collins becomes the first appointed Wellbeing Officer in the [Cornwall and the Isle of Scilly Methodist District](#). Since starting her position, she has seen the importance of educating people on caring for themselves and others.

“We see the urgency, with our ministers and the lay staff exhausted. It is difficult for ministers because many don't see what they're doing as work.”

[Read more about her role](#)

Joining the Small Pilgrim Places Network



[Agneash Primitive Methodist Chapel](#), is the only holy space on the Isle of Man recorded with the Small Pilgrim Places Network.

“The congregation was enthusiastic about the idea of listing the chapel. They created a visitor and prayer guide, and they make sure the chapel opens every day.”

[Discover more about the chapel here](#)

Be a part of our 2024 Christmas campaign

We know that all the people working and volunteering for the Methodist Church across the Connexion offer a unique perspective across all domains of evangelism and discipleship and living out our calling. We're bringing together a group representing the Methodist Connexion in its varied and diverse local contexts and roles, both lay and ordained, to create an advisory group for our next Advent and Christmas campaign.

This group will provide valuable advice on developments in concepts, assets, and communication of the campaign to ensure our resources effectively serve and equip our communities and leaders.

[Fill out the survey here](#)

National Garden Day



This Sunday, 14 April, is National Gardening Day. Watch this video of [Sprowston Methodist Church](#) in Norwich who are using their grounds and garden to provide a space for the local community to come together and connect with nature.

[Watch the video here](#)

Tackling loneliness and isolation with a Warm Welcome



Cornerstone Church in Corby, Kettering opens its doors every Wednesday to welcome the community into a warm, inviting space. In response to the rising need to tackle social isolation and the cost of living crisis, the church is helping bring people together.

[Watch the video here](#)

Equipping for equality



A development day for those passionate about Justice, Dignity and Solidarity to help equip people in implementing aspects of the JDS strategy. The events take place on Saturday 8 June in London and Saturday 20 July in Lancaster, 10.30am-4.00pm.

Both can be attended in person or online.

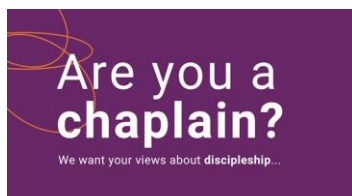
[Book your place here](#)

A Journey with All We Can in Liberia

All We Can are hosting an online event on Thursday 18 April as part of their Giving Day where they are seeking to raise £100,000 for their partners to create positive change. You can join Charity Begins at Home: A Journey with All We Can in Liberia via Zoom where it'll begin at 6.00pm.

[Book your place here](#)

Chaplaincy and Discipleship Research



We are interested in exploring how chaplains' understandings of discipleship relate to their chaplaincy role and work, and what we might learn about discipleship in a range of contexts. As part of the research, we are initially inviting chaplains to respond to this survey, which will help shape our research.

[Complete the survey here](#)

News and events

New monthly Eco Tips

Come and join us as we share monthly Eco Tips on our climate page. For April, we want to emphasise spring with a lifestyle idea, a worship resource and a prayer.

[Check out our climate page here](#)

Sunshine and Showers: the retreat

This refreshing and prayerful retreat is designed for those who play a role in encouraging prayer in their church or circuit. These sessions in the [Sunshine and Showers course](#) are helping you to decide how you might apply these teachings in your community. The retreat is happening at The Heyes Conference Centre in Swanwick on Monday 3 June to Tuesday 4 June 2024.

[Sign up here](#)

Finding Jesus on the streets

Whether you've been a street pastor for a decade, or you've never heard about it before, this webinar is for anyone interested in exploring the most sustainable and impactful ways to do mission. God invites all of us to join in with the work of Kingdom building in our local communities. Come along and hear and share stories and explore how 'love in action' is at the intersection of justice work and evangelism.

The event is happening on Tuesday 11 June.

[Join 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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