

The Methodist News 25th March 2024

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Methodist Church signs letter to Prime Minister over Rwanda Bill

The Methodist Church, along with 250 other organisations from across the UK, have signed an open letter to the Prime Minister following the passage of the Government's Act.

The organisations have come together to make a stand against the Rwanda Plan, which they say beaks international law and "abandons our duty to share in the global responsibility towards those forced to seek safety."

[The letter with the full list of signatories can be found here](#)

Statement from Church leaders

Senior leaders from the Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist and United Reformed Churches have expressed their gratitude for those who work alongside refugees and asylum seekers.

Their statement follows the passing of the Safety of Rwanda Bill through parliament and news of further lives lost in the English Channel overnight.

[Read the statement here](#)

Stress Awareness Month



This month of April is Stress Awareness Month. Tracey Collins, the Wellbeing Officer in the [Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Methodist District](#), shares her thoughts.

[Read more here](#)

75 years of Leaders of Worship and Preachers Homes



This year, the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Homes (LWPHomes), formerly LPMA Homes, will celebrate 75 years since the opening of the first home at Westcliff-on-Sea in 1949.

"I'm very happy here, everyone is very kind to me. If I want to go out I can and there's no restrictions."

[Read about their celebration here](#)

Warm Welcome spaces are blessings



Jude Levermore, Head of Mission in the Connexional team, preached at the Evensong service for supporters of the 'Warm Welcome' campaign on 17 April at St Paul's Cathedral.

[Discover more here](#)

Caring for a coastal community



The [Haven Project](#) at St John's Church was opened by Churches Together in 2016. Based in Whitstable, the project came about when street pastors saw increasing numbers of people rough sleeping along the beach.

"We offered showers, support and companionship. Now we give a much wider range of services including hot meals, washing machines and emergency food to see people through a couple of days."

[Read more here](#)

Celebrating 50 years

On 2 July 2024 we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first ordinations of women as presbyters in the Methodist Church in Britain. To celebrate and honour women presbyters we would like to hear your stories as a minister or about women presbyters. We will collate stories and pictures and share them on a page of our website.

Share your thoughts and highlights and pictures by [emailing us](#) with your story. If sending photos, please let us know your district and the date/year the photo was taken.

[Send your stories here](#)

Join the Connexional Team



An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Connexional Team of the Methodist Church in Britain. We are looking to appoint an Internal Communications Officer who will play a critical role in developing and shaping the organisation's internal communications for the staff of the Connexional Team.

[Find out more and apply here](#)

Be a part of our 2024 Christmas campaign

Due to a technical error on our behalf, we are asking those who have previously agreed to be a part of our 2024 Advent and Christmas campaign to fill out this form. We would like to apologise for the inconvenience this may bring and we will look forward to having you on board.

[Fill out the survey here](#)

News and events

World Methodist Conference Consultation on Migration

The World Methodist Council and Conference takes place between 13-18 August 2024 in Gothenburg, Sweden, and we continue to pray for and with migrants. There will be an online meeting on 14 May 2024 at 6.00pm, as Revd Yulia Starodubets from Ukraine shares details of the work of Methodist congregations with internally displaced people in Ukraine.

[Join the webinar here](#)

New Place for New People prayer gathering

Join in the monthly online prayer gathering for the New Places for New People/Church at the Margins movement in the Methodist Church. They happen every second Monday of the month at 6.30pm. This is a great chance to connect, support and help grow the New Place for New People community through prayer.

[Join the online gathering 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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