

The Methodist News 10th October 2024

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A statement on the violence in the Middle East

On Monday, the Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, attended the Embassy of Israel in London to sign a book of reflection marking the first anniversary of the 7 October attacks by Hamas. The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have released this statement regarding the ongoing violence in the Middle East.

[Read the statement here.](#)

3Generate 2024



More than 1,600 children and young people aged 4-18 years old, 560 leaders and 340 volunteers from across the Connexion attended 3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly. This year's 3Generate was held at the NEC in Birmingham from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October.

[Read more about the event here](#)

Black History Month



Bevan Powell, Director of Inclusion with the Connexional Team, represented the Methodist Church and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland at the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. He was there at a challenging time, with riots taking place in towns and cities across the UK.

"Our commitment to 'Justice-seeking Church' and 'Justice, Dignity, and Solidarity' is not just a response to these challenges but a core expression of our discipleship, mission and faith."

[Read his blog here](#)

Challenge Poverty Week 2024



Challenge Poverty Week takes place every year, usually around October. It's a time to act together to end poverty, to tell people in power what needs to change and to help enable everyone to thrive.

Together with Church Action on Poverty and as part of the Let's End Poverty movement, we have created a collection of resources to help you and your churches engage with Challenge Poverty Week.

[Find the resources here](#)

Embracing mental wellness



Today is World Mental Health Day and Tracey Collins, Wellbeing Officer for the [South West Peninsula Methodist District](#), shares her thoughts.

[Read her thoughts here](#)

Matt Finch on Pause For Thought



The Revd Matt Finch, Pioneering and Church Planting Officer, considers how to keep a healthy mind on BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought.

[Listen here](#)

Prisons Week



This Sunday, 13 October, marks the start of Prisons Week. This year's campaign is 'How Jesus looked at Him, and loved Him.' The week also offers another opportunity to read about [chaplains work in prisons](#).

[You can find resources for Prisons Week here](#)

A Christian community for the Deaf



Sing the Cross is an initiative started a few years ago to bring the Deaf Christian community of Norfolk together, offering monthly worship and social events in British Sign Language.

[Discover more here](#)

Enhancing agricultural development and self-sustainability in The Gambia



Since the start of the Methodist Mission in The Gambia, agricultural training and provision has gone hand in hand with education to improve the lives of local people.

[Read more here](#)

Methodist Church wins Eco Awards



Eileen Jowitt, Eco Lead for [Silsden Methodist Church](#), shares how the church became an A Rocha Gold church and also won BBC Radio Leeds "Make a Difference" Green Award.

"The Gold Eco Award represents a great deal of hard work by the Eco team at the church, but also reflects the church family's willingness to engage in these matters in many positive ways."

[Read more about their win here](#)

From Birmingham to The Bahamas



Members of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and America's visited last year's 3Generate and were then hosted in the Birmingham District. In return, three young people from the Birmingham District were funded by the World Mission Fund to visit and experience the MCCA Youth Encuentro in 2024, a gathering of Methodist young people from around the Caribbean that happens every five years.

[Read about the experience here](#)

Intermediate Canva

Thursday 7 November 7pm-8.15pm

The intermediate session will delve deeper into the tool's features, navigating the new look layout, helping you create more polished and professional-looking church communications. We'll explore advanced design elements, customisation options, and how to effectively use colours and fonts. This webinar is ideal for those who have a basic understanding of Canva and want to enhance their design capabilities.

Key takeaways:

- Incorporating multimedia elements
- Improving design techniques and customisation
- Using colours and fonts effectively

[Book your place here](#)

News and Events

Rural and Wild – Pilgrimage Learning Community

Gather with others in the pilgrimage community for connection, reflection and action. The pilgrimage takes place on Tuesday 26 November.

[Sign up here](#)

Rural and Rooted – thriving small churches

Join in on a conversation on Tuesday 22 October. You can hear from a rural circuit using Bible journaling with all ages in rural small-group, discipleship settings.

[Sign up here](#)

Dreaming Beyond FX – Love Your Neighbour

Intergenerational discipleship from a small church that is dreaming big! Be inspired to give something a go in your local context. You can join online on Tuesday 12 November.

[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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