



# The Methodist News 17/10/2024

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## Dear Prime Minister Let's End Poverty



With this week being [Challenge Poverty Week – England and Wales](#), Let's End Poverty has started a campaign called 'Dear Prime Minister...' Fifteen open letters, written by those who have experienced and are currently living in poverty, asking when new policies are going to be put in place, were delivered to Sir Keir Starmer. Cat Smith MP, who hosted the event in parliament, asked the Prime Minister about the campaign. You can watch some of this in a video that we have shared [on Facebook](#).

Hannah Freemont-Brown, Anti-Poverty Movement Methodist Coordinator, talked to Salma El-Wardany on [BBC Radio London](#) about the campaign and what it was like to deliver the letters to parliament. (Listen from 1hr 9mins.) Read the letters and discover how you can get involved.

[Read the letters here](#)

## Black leadership in the Church



To  
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mark Black History Month, two Black District Chairs, the Revd Hicks and the Revd Dr Marcus Torchon, share their experiences thoughts on Black leadership in the Church.

[Read their experiences and thoughts here](#)

## A personal perspective



The Revd Novette Headley, a native of Birmingham and of African-Caribbean heritage, grew up in the Methodist Church in Britain. Now serving as Chair of the [Birmingham Methodist District](#), she offers this personal reflection on the meaning of Black History Month.

[Read her reflection here](#)

## We Will Dance Again



The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, was invited by the BBC to attend a preview of the documentary film *We Will Dance Again*, retelling the story of the massacre by Hamas at the Supernova Music Festival which took place on October 7. In this blog, Helen reflects on the film.

[Discover her reflection here](#)

## Prisons Week

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### How prison chaplains build trust with prisoners

As we mark [Prisons Week](#), the Revd Leon, from the Methodist Church, and Deacon Brian, from the Roman Catholic Church, share what it is to work in prisons.

[Find out more here](#)

## Commemorating WW1 torpedo deaths

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A Methodist Church on the west coast of Scotland held a service to remember over 30 French sailors who died when their merchant ship was hit by a German torpedo in 1917. More than 150 people attended the commemoration for the French ship Longwy and its crew, including family members and representatives of the French and Scottish governments.

[Discover more here](#)

## Girls' Brigade celebrates its 90th anniversary

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Hosted by [Drighlington Methodist Church](#), a celebratory service brought together more than 40 people affiliated with Girls' Brigade. The service offered reflections on the past and the future of the organisation including from the Revd Gill Newton, Chair of the [Sheffield Methodist Church](#) and National Chaplain for Girls' Brigade England and Wales, who joined Girls' Brigade when she was twelve.

[Discover more about the service here](#)

## Gathering to grow in Scotland

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The second Scottish Methodist Gathering was held in Stirling from 20 to 22 September, attracting around 170 Methodists who met together to be challenged, inspired and encouraged.

[Find out more here](#)

## BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought

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The Revd Matt Finch, Pioneering and Church Planting Officer, talks about caring for the ones who tend to the land.

[Listen here](#)



The Revd Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary of the Conference, talks about how there's a reason for thanksgiving.

[Listen here](#)

## News and Events

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### Beginning a NPNP in your circuit

If your district has already started its district New Places for New People (NPNP) community, it's time to think about creating an NPNP in your circuit. Join our 60 minute online conversation to learn how to start an NPNP in your circuit.

[Sign up here](#)

### Faith-rooted community organising

Taking place at Cliff College, this weekend event is for those beginning a New Place for New People (NPNP) or Church at the Margins. Faith-rooted organising offers a way to resource and enable people to find out where God is at work in their communities. Book now for January, April and October 2025.

[Book here](#)

### Come and pray with us

Monthly online prayer gathering for the NPNP/Church at the Margins movement. Running from 6.30pm to 6.50pm (a fixed 20-minute duration) on the second Monday of each month. Next month's session is on **11 November**, so come and join us in connecting, supporting, and growing the NPNP movement.

[Sign up here](#)

## Be a part of the Connexional Team

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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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