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The Methodist Church wins big at RHS Flower Show



The first garden to be sponsored by the Methodist Church at the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park, has won a gold medal, the Environmental Innovation Award and Best In Show. 'This Garden Isn't Finished Without You', was designed by Ollie Pike from Pike Studio and the Methodist Church. It largely focuses on sustainability and climate resilience to match the Methodist Church's ambitious aims.

"It is a great privilege to get a gold medal. And the collaboration between the Methodist Church and everyone involved has paid off. To create a beautiful and sustainable garden that has involved the local Methodist community has been amazing. The RHS is recognising that we have pushed the boundaries of sustainability in show gardens and gardens as a whole, in aiming to achieve Net Zero by 2030."

[Read more about it here](#)

Have a listen!



United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)

Holly Adams, Evangelism and Contemporary Culture Officer, and Ollie Pike, the designer of the winning garden, chat to Helen Lea about their time so far at the RHS Flower Show.

[Listen here](#)



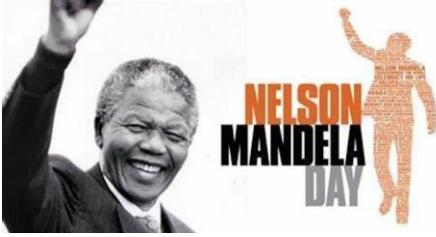
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Superintendent Minister of the Alderly Edge and Knutsford Methodist Circuit, Revd Alan Bradley, talks with BBC Radio Manchester's Phil Trow about how the winning garden was created.

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Nelson Mandela Day



Today, 18 July, is Nelson Mandela Day. The Revd Dr Jongi Zihle has written this prayer to commemorate.

[Read the prayer here](#)

Barbara Glasson walks into retirement

Past President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Barbara Glasson, celebrated her retirement with a walk along the canals from Birmingham to the Derbyshire Dales.

“Walking has always been a significant part of my life. I find the daily routine of walking helpful to give space and time in the day.”



[Read her blog here](#)

Reflections on singleness

Revd Miriam Moul, Superintendent Minister of the Oxford Methodist Circuit and member of the working party which drafted a report on singleness in the life of the Church for the 2024 Conference, offers her thoughts on the report and what it means.

[Read her reflection here](#)

Waterways Chaplaincy



Rosie Bryant is a [Waterways Chaplain](#) who works in the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Methodist District. In this blog, she shares how she supports those who use and live on the canals locally, offering companionship and a listening ear to individuals and businesses, on and alongside the water.

[Read her blog here](#)

Reviving Southfield Chapel



[Southfield Chapel](#) has reinvented itself to overcome financial struggles and dwindling attendance. This semi-rural chapel, with a rich history, has adapted to changing times by shifting its services and embracing community engagement.

[Discover more here](#)

3Generate 2024



The deadline for getting your 3Generate 2024 tickets is fast approaching! Make sure you reserve your tickets by Sunday 31 July and let us know who is coming once your group is confirmed.

[Book your tickets here](#)

News and events

Summer holidays help!

If you are looking after children this summer and seeking new and creative ways to entertain them, try our prayer cards. People tell us that the 52 'prayer prompts' "prompted some good discussion" and children and teens "love the fun designs." You [can buy a pack for £4.99](#) or [download free digital copies](#).

[Get the cards here](#)

The mystery and paradox of prayer

Sunshine and Showers: Prayer's beautiful messiness provides six interactive sessions focusing on an "open and honest approach to prayer". The sessions, which make an ideal short course this summer or autumn, encourage those taking part to find peace in the mystery of prayer.

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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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