

# The Methodist News 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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## Showing support in the aftermath of the Southport stabbings

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Methodists have joined others in expressing their horror at the tragic events that took place in Southport earlier in the week. The Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Mrs Carolyn Godfrey, has written a prayer in light of the tragic events on Monday.

We pray for all the victims of the horrifying incident in Southport.  
We pray for the families of those who have been killed – we pray that they will feel God close to them in their grief  
We pray for the injured and their families, for all those who witnessed the incident and the aftermath.  
We pray for those who are caring for the injured and bereaved and all those caught up in the events of the day.  
God meet our fears and distress with your peace.

## A statement from Church leaders in Merseyside

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Churches Together in the Merseyside Region have issued this statement.

[Read the statement here.](#)

## Methodist Minister talks about how the Southport community is supporting each other

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Revd Marie-Anne Kent, of St. Phillip and St Paul with Wesley Methodist Church, talks to Jeremy Vine on BBC Radio 2 about the vigil, how the community has been supporting each other and about the riots that took place.

[Listen here](#)

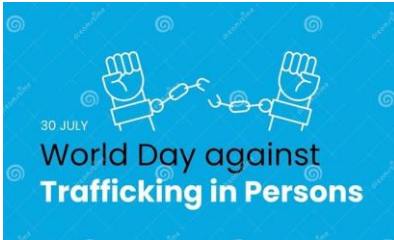


Revd Marie-Anne Kent talks to Nuala McGovern on BBC's Women's Hour podcast on how the community is coming together to support each other.

[Listen here](#)

## World Day against Trafficking in Persons

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Liisa Wiseman, the Director of [Adavu Project](#), shares this prayer for World Day against Trafficking in Persons which was marked earlier this week.

Our Father in Heaven,  
Thank you that every one of us has a value and dignity that comes directly from Your creation, in Your own image and likeness. We acknowledge that modern slavery and all forms of exploitation are an affront to Your will, and rob those experiencing exploitation of so much.

We pray that you bring an end to modern slavery: our greed and selfishness for cheaper products and services will stop fuelling the demand for more and more exploitation; those perpetrating modern slavery will cease; and those experiencing exploitation will be set free, know true healing and rebuild flourishing lives of freedom, independence and fulfilment.

Help us to all play our part with You to declare freedom for the captives and walk alongside those who have been exploited to heal and thrive.

Amen

### The Inclusive Church which wants to give more to its community

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[Truro Methodist Church](#), part of the [Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Methodist District](#), is the only church within its area that is a member of the [Inclusive Church](#) network. It aims to cater for the physical, mental and financial needs of the community and hopes to be a flagship for inclusivity.

[Read more here](#)

### Addressing food poverty one meal at a time

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Kensal Rise Methodist Church has implemented an innovative food-sharing programme that provides nutritious meals to those in need, while fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Margaret, a church member, says: *“Since we started the project, many have told me that they have not needed to find the money for food shopping. And some have large families. So I can see how much impact the project has.”*

[Discover more here](#)

### Join the race to beat the climate crisis

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With the Olympic Games taking place in Paris at the moment, Christian Aid are calling for world leaders to urgently step up their efforts to tackle the climate crisis. Sign up to get involved and show your support.

[Sign up here](#)

## Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History

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The Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History has closed. A portion of the Centre's collections, particularly the reference library materials of the Wesley Historical Society, will be made available at a new reading room at Wesley Memorial Church in Oxford later this year. The other materials will go into storage – for inquiries about access to the collections you can contact [Dr Clive Norris](#).

[Find out more here](#)

## Statement following the Employment Tribunal judgement

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Cliff College has released this statement following the result of an Employment Tribunal brought by one of its former lecturers.

[Read the statement here](#)

## News and events

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### Church Planting Intensive

This fully funded course will be taking place from 11 to 13 October and is for those who are planning to plant New Places for New People (NPNPs). Bookings are open but be quick as there are only 30 spaces available.

[Sign up here](#)

### New Places for New People & New MPs

Join this webinar to be part of a conversation with Paul Morrison as he talks about how you can connect with your local political leaders. The webinar will be taking place on 24 September 1.30pm-3.00pm.

[Register 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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