

# The Methodist News 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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Make sure you're following us on social media to stay up to date with everything going on across the Methodist Church. Remember to share and tag us in your posts so that we can see the amazing things going on in your local area too.

[Find out more about the Communications team](#)



## RHS Tatton garden talk

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After the excitement of ['winning big' at the RHS Flower Show](#) Tatton Park last week, Ollie Pike, creator and designer of the Methodist sponsored garden *'This Garden Isn't Finished Without You'*, chatted with Holly Adams, Evangelism and Contemporary Culture Officer. In this video, the pair discuss the garden's concept and how gardens can be spiritual and inclusive community spaces.

[Watch here](#)

## Conference Business Digest

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The report for local churches about the business of the 2024 Methodist Conference has been published.

[Read the Conference Business Digest here](#)

## Action for Children: money worries for school holidays

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Action for Children have released a report revealing that many UK parents fear not being able to provide three meals a day for their children this summer.

*"More than a third (36%) of parents are concerned their child could experience an 'unhealthy holiday' in terms of nutrition and physical health due to a lack of money, with this figure rising to nearly half (47%) for those on Universal Credit."*

[Read the report here](#)

## Pride weekend in Worksop

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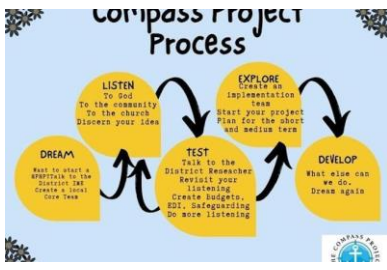


On Saturday 13 July 2024, members of the [Crossing Methodist Church](#), part of the [Sheffield District](#), had a stall at Worksop's Pride weekend and rejoiced in the positive engagement with people inside and outside of the Church.

[Read more here](#)

## listening and empowering the local community

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In the [Southampton Methodist District](#), the New Places for New People Compass project is an innovative new approach to church outreach and community engagement through listening, training and encouragement.

[Discover more here](#)

## Combating rural poverty



rural poverty is a problem for one in five people living in the countryside. Tom Clayton, a community lay worker in North Yorkshire, works with local congregations to bring solace, warmth and companionship to people.

[Read more here](#)

## Magazine for Advent visitors

The editor of *the connexion*, Rachel Dalby, is reminding churches to increase their bulk orders of the magazine so they have plenty of copies to give to Advent and Christmas visitors.

Rachel says *"We've been working hard to make the publication more accessible to a wider audience, so the winter issue will be ideal for visitors to festive outreach events. Some churches put copies, along with their Christmas service information and small treats, into goody bags and hand them out at craft sessions, coffee mornings and carol services."*

Individual and bulk subscriptions, which are free of charge, can be set up and amended using the link below.

[Read about the connexion magazine](#)

## 3Generate 2024



Even though the deadline has passed, we don't want anyone to miss out on what is going to be an amazing 3Generate! Join in an action-packed weekend of workshops, talks, arts and crafts, sports and so much more. Please contact the [3Gen Team](#) if you would still like tickets or information.

[Get in touch here](#)

## Volunteer

We are still recruiting for volunteers to help run 3Generate; from supporting children with special needs, to helping in venues around the 3Gen village. We are especially in need of Village Hosts and Youth Support. All volunteers get free travel, accommodation and meals. [Watch this video](#) showcasing all the different volunteer roles.

[Apply to volunteer here](#)

## 4-7s

The 4-7s are back and bigger than ever. There will be LEGO, play areas, soft play party bus as well as a whole range of interactive workshops and fun activities. Email the 3Generate team to find out more.

[Email the team here](#)

The Methodist Conference 2025 is looking for a Methodist Youth Rep. This role involves representing children and young people, as well as being part of the wider Youth Rep Team throughout the year, you will also be involved in shaping future 3Generates. Applicants are put forward for election which will take place at 3Generate.

Applications close on 5 August.

[Apply here](#)

## Hosting and co-hosting on Zoom



If you host on Zoom and want to know how to use it well then come and join us for an opportunity to brush up your skills in co-hosting Zoom/webinar meetings.

This webinar, happening on 13 August at 10.30am-12.30pm or 9 September 1.00pm-3.00pm, gives you an opportunity to try the tools out in a safe and non-threatening environment, Numbers are limited.

[Book your place here](#)

## News and events

### **Celebrate Harvest with All We Can**

To celebrate Harvest this year, All We Can are exploring the theme 'Charity Begins at Home – Your Home. Their Home. God's Home'. You can find a range of resources through stories from All We Can's local partner in Liberia, including a service outline, videos and all-age activities.

[Find the resources here](#)

### **Heavy metal, skiffle and lockdown blues**

#### ***Roof 'n' Roots***

Heavy metal church, playing in a skiffle band and beating the lockdown blues are just some of the experiences that are shared by MMHS residents. These retired ministers – who've made their home with MMHS – tell their stories in a special summer edition of the charity's newsletter *Roof 'n' Roots*.

[Read the newsletter 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](#)