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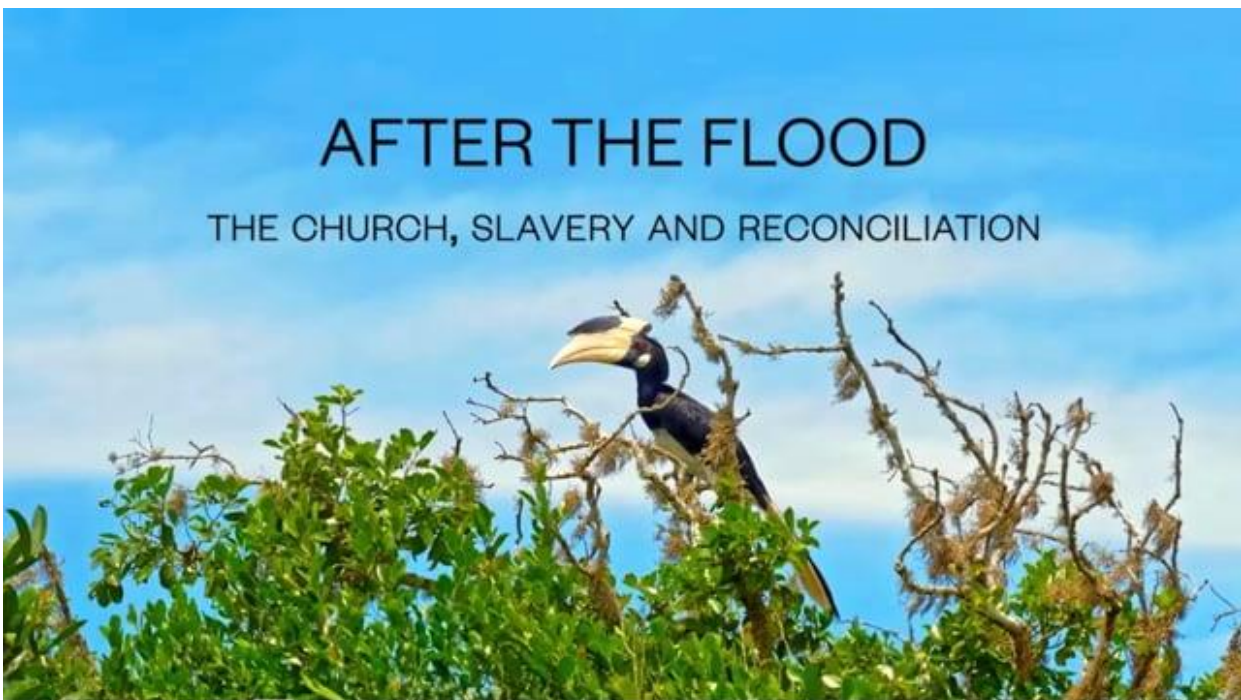
A prayer for Black History Month



October is Black History Month and to mark the start, the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, former President of the Methodist Conference, shares this prayer.

[Read the prayer here](#)

After the Flood



During Black History Month in October, Methodist churches are invited to show the film *After the Flood: the Church, Slavery and Reconciliation* and begin a conversation about responding to the lasting damage caused by the transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans.

“While this topic is not an easy one, it is vital that we engage with it. This material should help to resource our conversations, our reflections and our commitment to action.” The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference

[Register to watch the film](#)

A calling for adequate incomes



The Methodist Church joins Christians Against Poverty (CAP), along with other denominations, in supporting a joint letter calling on the Government to address inadequate incomes. In the light of recent research, it has been discovered that 22 per cent of adults in the UK are struggling to cover their essential living costs.

[Read the letter here.](#)

Resources for worship on the Holy Land



As we approach the one year anniversary of the escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land, we are sharing these links to help those who are leading worship over the next couple of weeks.

Please find them here:

[World Council of Churches](#)

[Church of Scotland](#)

Christian Aid:

[7 October Vigil - Christian Aid](#)

[Learn - Just Peace - Christian Aid](#)

[Prayers for Peace in the Middle East - Christian Aid](#)

Warm Welcome wins award



The Warm Welcome initiative, of which the Methodist Church is a partner, has won a 2024 Third Sector Award for Breakthrough of the Year. This amazing award is testament to the hard work of churches and groups who bring a safe space to local communities across the UK. *"It has been an absolute privilege to be involved in it all, and today is a huge boost as we seek to make sure that everyone in this country has access to a local Space made by and for the community!"*

[Discover more about the award here](#)

A Warm Welcome in Cornwall



In May, [Roche Methodist Church](#), located in the [Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly District](#), launched [Warm Welcome Spaces Initiative](#) which has quickly become a vital part of the local community. It offers a warm meal, friendly faces but most importantly companionship.

"Over 40 people in the last year have started attending Methodist chapels as a direct result of going to Warm Welcome Spaces."

[Read more here](#)

Chaplaincy and prisons



Prisons Week takes place 13-19 October. Gary Hopkins, Ministry Development Officer for Lay Ministries and Chaplaincy, shares this blog about chaplaincy work in prisons.

[Discover more here](#)

BBC Radio Two Pause For Thought



Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism & Growth, was on BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought with Zoe Ball this week. He talked about how he had once been told he had an amazing aura and what that meant to him.

[Listen here](#)

Another gold win for Yorkshire



[Baidon Methodist Church's](#) congregation in the [Yorkshire West Methodist District](#) has worked relentlessly to make its building better for the environment and its community since 2006. In June 2024, the church received its Eco Church Gold Award for [A Rocha UK](#).

[Read more about the award here](#)

News and Events

Housing and Homelessness Gathering

The Methodist Housing and Homelessness Gathering takes place online on 4 October. It's a chance to get together to talk about how to help tackle the housing homelessness crisis. Topics include: letting unused properties to refugees, an update on national policy developments and using church land to provide temporary accommodation for homeless people.

[Register 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.

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