

The Methodist News 2nd May 2024

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Vocations Sunday



This year for Vocations Sunday, which is happening on 5 May, we are marking the work of our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, those lay members whose hard work and dedication enable worship to take place in thousands of Methodist Churches each week.

[Read their stories here](#)

African World Heritage Day



This Sunday is African World Heritage Day. The Revd Andrew Ashdown, the Methodist Church in Britain's Partnership Coordinator for Africa, has written this blog which celebrates Africa's rich cultural, religious and human heritage.

[Read his blog here](#)

The Revd Canon Helen Cameron receives King's Coronation Medal



The Revd Helen Cameron has received the King's Coronation Medal for her contribution and participation in the Coronation of their Majesties, the King and Queen in May 2023.

[Read her reflection here](#)

Youth President attends United Methodist Church General Conference



The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is taking place in North Carolina. Representatives from the Methodist Church in Britain are taking part, including the Youth President, Tom Hart. He has met the Revd Yulia Starodubets (top left), who is a Methodist Minister in Ukraine and the Bishops of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Dakotas/Minnesota at an ecumenical lunch.

(Tom pictured here with the Revd Yulia, the Bishops and Connexional Secretary Doug Godfrey-Swanney)

Exploring spirituality and community through pilgrimage



The Peak Wesley Way is a new pilgrimage devised by the [Peak Methodist Circuit](#) to reconnect its chapels to the community and explore spirituality differently.

"Church is not always about going to regular Sunday services. Church is about connecting with people differently."

[Read more about the pilgrimage there](#)

Dying Matters Awareness Week

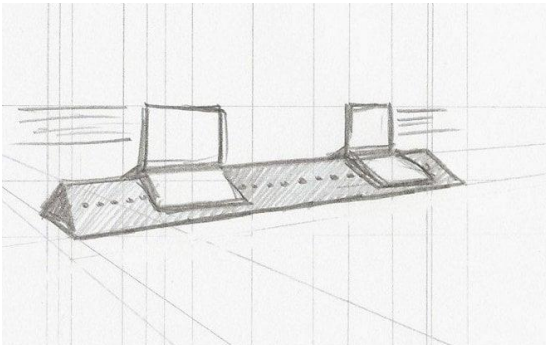
[Dying Matters Awareness Week](#) will take place next week from 6-12 May 2024. This year's theme, 'The Way we talk about Dying Matters' explores the language we use and the conversations that we have.

The Revd Michaela Youngson, has written this prayer for the week.

Creator God,
We praise you for all you have made.
Life and death are part of the complex weaving of creation,
and as, in this Easter Season, we focus on the resurrection of Christ,
help us to be willing to talk about dying in confident and open ways.
We thank you for all who support people at the end of life
and we pray for and with all who mourn loved ones at this time.
Help us to create caring spaces where we and others feel supported to talk about dying,
our hope and fears, our plans and needs.
All with the hope of eternal life in Christ,
Amen.

[Learn more about this year's theme here](#)

The power of prototypes



To celebrate the launch of the new [A Methodist Way of Life \(MWOL\) discipleship toolkit](#), the Evangelism and Growth team is producing a new monthly blog series on leadership and culture change. Whether you're [mission planning](#), [starting an New People New Places](#), focusing on one of [the commitments of MWOL](#), or re-orienting [your church's focus to discipleship](#), we hope these blogs will provide inspiration, encouragement and guidance for making your hopes and dreams a reality.

[Read the blog here](#)

Community café sees huge success

BBC News went along to visit the Wesley's Community Café and Larder. The café, based at [Church Road Methodist Church](#) at St Anne's in the [Lancashire District](#), started eight years ago and has been going strong ever since.

"Everybody eats free, everybody eats together. The social atmosphere is tremendous."

[Read more here](#)

A community-driven movement for sustainable living



On Saturday 27 April 2024, the first [Greening Mortimer](#) happened within the [Southampton Methodist District](#). The event is aimed at bringing together local people concerned about climate change and to share with the local community steps they can take to be greener.

“Our approach is to break it down into accessible steps and focus on the little changes we can make locally in our community – whether it's conserving energy, reducing waste, or nurturing our local environment.”

[Discover more here](#)

News and events

MHA Sunday Service

Resources to plan your MHA Sunday service are now available. These resources include orders of service (in English and Welsh), sermon notes, an activity and a new hymn. MHA Sunday is 9 June but can be marked on any convenient day.

[Get your resources here](#)

Multiply 2024

Free places for Methodists at Multiply 2024 on 11, 12 and 13 June at Leeds, Birmingham and London, use code **MC24** when you book. These events will equip you to grow, plant and lead a Younger Church that reaches new people, in new and renewed ways.

[Book your place here](#)

The Methodist City Centre network gathering

This event will be starting on Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 10.00am to Thursday 10 October 3.00pm based at Hinde Street Methodist Church and Kings Cross Church, London. It will be an inspiring couple of days of learning, sharing and being together. It is known that it can be beneficial for a whole team or a few members of a City/Town Centre team to come together at the gatherings, a chance to get away and be inspired together.

[Sign up 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](#)

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