

# The Methodist News 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## Wesley Day

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The President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Gill Newton, and Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, were in the London District on Friday 24 May for the 286th Wesley Day.

Members of the public, ministers and members of the Susanna Wesley Mission Auxiliary joined the President and Vice-President at Wesley's Chapel near Old Street for public worship.

[Read more here](#)

## Have a listen!

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The [Hope & Anchor](#) podcast is back for another season. To kick things off, they are joined by William Hanson to talk about why manners matter. You can join Trey Hall and Jaz Ampaw-Farr each Thursday during the coming weeks.

[Have a listen here](#)

## A tribute to Sister Eluned Williams

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Earlier this month the death was announced of [Sister Eluned Williams](#), MBE. Sister Eluned worked at Action for Children for an incredible 44 years and described it as her calling. She was Vice-President of the Methodist Conference between 2000 and 2001. Action for Children have published this blog in tribute.

[Read her tribute here](#)

## Drawing memories of bombed historical buildings

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Trying to keep Palestinian culture alive, children sheltering in Rafah have created stunning pictures of historic buildings that have been destroyed in the Israel-Palestine war. These art sessions are funded by Christian Aid and run by their Palestinian partner, the Culture and Free Thought Association.

[Find out more here](#)

## Kairos Movement

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The Kairos movement is a network of people meeting together to explore a creative, balanced way of living. Inspired by Jesus, it is open to those wanting to live differently and aching for a transformed world.

[Discover more here](#)

## Fun and kindness at Girls' Brigade

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Girls aged 4-17 come regularly to the Monday meetings which take place at the 8th Portsmouth Girls' Brigade group within the Southampton Methodist District. Fun, kindness and learning new skills are at the core of every meeting.

Amy, 12 years old, says, "It's a nice and enjoyable community. We can share our feelings safely, play games and also talk about religion. Girls' Brigade helped me with my social skills, I was struggling to communicate and reach out to people."

[Read more here](#)

## Exploring Digital Lunchtime Learning

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Wednesday 10 July  
12.00pm-1.00pm

With faith podcasts making up 16% of the entire market making this genre more popular than political, self-help or pop culture podcasts. In the upcoming Lunchtime Learning session, we dive deep into the world of podcasting with two incredible hosts: Trey Hall of the Hope & Anchor podcast and

Sam Roberts of Faith, Hope and The Journey podcast, as they explore the why, what and how of podcasting.

**Hope & Anchor** are now in their fourth season. Trey Hall and Jaz Ampaw-Farr bring you weekly news stories and dive into deep spiritual conversations. Trey shares, "We're searching for honesty, grit, and hopefully loads of laughter along the way. We're about inclusive conversations that change things – conversations with people who may see the world differently but are all looking for the spirituality running through life."

**Faith, Hope and The Journey** brings inspiring stories from the Sheffield Methodist District. In its first series, you'll hear unique faith journeys from South Yorkshire, North Nottinghamshire and Northeast Derbyshire. Discover how people are using their gifts and talents to do God's work.

Don't miss out on these transformative conversations! Whether you're a seasoned podcast listener or new to the scene, these shows offer something special.

[Book your place here](#)

## New touring exhibition

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The Methodist Peace Fellowship has launched a new touring exhibition exploring the strands of peace within the Methodist story. Key ideas included in this exhibition are Revd John Wesley's comments on the inhumanity of war, Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal's work for Sanctuary and Sybil Phoenix's pioneering anti-racism work. It will be displayed at the 2024 Methodist Conference before being available for local churches and circuits to book.

[Find out more here](#)

## Call for stories

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2 July 2024 is the 50th anniversary of the first ordinations of women as presbyters in the Methodist Church in Britain. To celebrate this milestone we would like to hear your stories to share on our website.

If you'd be interested in contributing, please email [mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk) and we'll get back in touch with the detail of what we're looking for.

## News and events

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### **New four-week MWOL service outlines**

A four-week version of the Methodist Way of Life service outlines launched in January is now available. For anyone seeking to introduce, embed or deepen engagement with the practices of A Methodist Way of Life in your church or pioneer community.

[Find the service outlines here](#)

### **Bible Month Resources**

Bible Month is our annual call to feast on a particular book of the Bible. This year it is Genesis. You can find a whole range of resources and supporting videos to help you and your church community engage with Genesis.

[Find the resources here](#)

### **Flourish Uniform Groups - Ideas exchange**

Flourish Uniform Groups explore two questions: How can churches better support the uniform groups that meet in their buildings or their communities? How can uniform groups develop positive relationships with local churches? By exploring these questions, we hope that we can all flourish as young people, leaders, groups and communities.

[Join here](#)

### Flourish Uniform Groups - Prayer event

Uniform organisations provide vital children's and youth work across our country. On Monday 8 July from 7.30pm-8.00pm please join us for half an hour of prayer for their leaders and the young people who attend the groups each week.

[Sign up 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.

[Take a look at our job and volunteering opportunities](#)

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