

# The Methodist News 4<sup>th</sup> July

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## New President and Vice-President 2024/2025

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The Methodist Conference, meeting in Leeds, elected the Revd Helen Cameron to serve as President and Carolyn Godfrey to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office on Saturday 29 June 2024.

You can read the Revd Helen Cameron's [address here](#) and you can read Carolyn Godfrey's [address here](#).

[Learn more about the new President and Vice-President here](#)

## Get to know the new President and Vice-President

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Get to know the new President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference by watching this video.

[Watch the video here](#)

## President and Vice-President Designate

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Starting their year in office at the Representative Session of the Methodist Conference in Telford in June 2025, the Methodist Conference elected the Revd Richard Andrew as President Designate and Matthew Forsyth as Vice-President Designate.

[Find out more about them here](#)

## Have a listen!

BBC RADIO  
Leeds

The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, was on BBC Radio Leeds and BBC Radio Derby on Sunday morning.

Talking with [Kat Cowan on BBC Radio Leeds](#), Helen chatted about her induction and the celebration of 50 years since the ordination of women as ministers (presbyters).

[Listen here](#)

BBC RADIO  
Derby

On [BBC Radio Derby](#) Helen talks with [Kelly Hinch](#) about the ordination of women and the reports to the Methodist Conference on singleness and online church.

[Listen here](#)

## Ordinations 2024

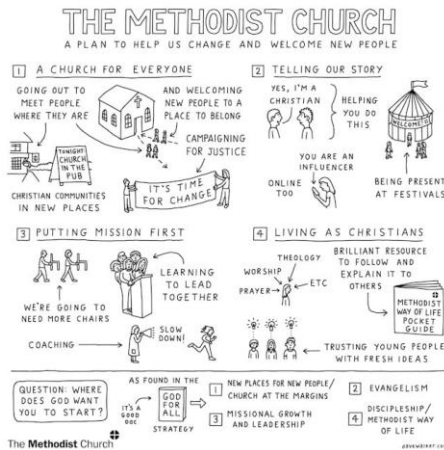


***"They are worthy!"***

Congratulations to all our Presbyters and Deacons who were ordained on Sunday 30 June 2024.

Presbyters were ordained at Batley Central Methodist Church, Bradford Cathedral, and Wesley Chapel House in Harrogate. Deacons were ordained at Morely Central Methodist Church – both part of the Methodist Conference 2024.

# God for All Conference Report



The report received by the Conference detailed the work undertaken since the *God For All* strategy was agreed in 2020 and how this has been shaping the mission and ministry of the Methodist Church while supporting its people in evangelism, discipleship, missional growth and leadership. The Conference voted to re-affirm the strategy, renewing its objectives until 2032.

[Read the report here](#)

## 50th anniversary of women's ordination



This year marks the 50th anniversary of women being ordained as Presbyters in The Methodist Church. We are celebrating some of their stories.

[Read their stories here](#)



You can also watch videos of women sharing their testimonies as part of the 50th anniversary celebration.

[Watch the video here](#)

## Global Relationships Pre-conference Consultation



Fourteen Partner Churches were welcomed to this year's Methodist Conference. Prior to the Conference, the Global Relationships team of the Methodist Church in Britain welcomed many of the representatives to a Pre-Conference consultation that took place in London at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine's retreat and at Wesley's Chapel, City Road. At the Pre-Conference they explored issues of common concern.

[Read more here](#)

## Christian Aid

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The Methodist Church in Britain and Christian Aid have re-committed their joint work to overcome global injustice and poverty.

[Read more here](#)

## A prayer on Election Day

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On Election Day, help us Lord, as we resolve to love, to pray and vote.  
Bless those who are standing,  
and those who will work to ensure a free and fair election.  
Be with those of us who will mark our X on the ballot paper.  
Remind us that the cross we make should be an echo of your Cross,  
a sign of love and reconciliation.  
Help us to vote, to pray and to love, on Election Day and then beyond.  
Amen

## Voting

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ELECTIONS  
& VOTING



Alex Day is one of the 2023/2024 Methodist Church Youth Reps and will be voting for the first time in the General Election. In this blog, they share their thoughts on being a first-time voter and why it is important to share their voice.

[Read their blog here](#)

## JPIT Election Resources

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The Joint Public Issues Team has made post-election resources available featuring prayers, a guide to congratulate your MP and an "Invite your MP to Church" guide.

[Find the resources here](#)

## Recruitment for Youth President 2025/2026

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We are now recruiting for our Youth President for the connexional year 2025/2026 and applications are welcome from any member of the Methodist Church aged 18-23. The closing date is 18 August 2024. Find out what the Youth President does and what the role entails, [here](#).

Young people who are wishing to apply for the role can find out more on the Recruitment and Election Process page. If you would like more information then please contact [Ian Belcher, Mission Projects Officer](#).

[Learn more here](#)

## Exploring Digital Lunchtime Learning

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Have you heard the latest episode of the Hope & Anchor podcast? It's time to tune in because podcasts are becoming more popular - they are free, easily accessible, have a global reach and are a great tool for mission and evangelism.

In our upcoming Lunchtime Learning session, on **Wednesday 10 July 12.00pm-1.00pm**, we dive deep into the world of podcasting with Trey Hall of the Hope & Anchor podcast and Sam Roberts from Faith, Hope and The Journey podcast.

They'll explore the why, what, and how of podcasting. Don't miss out on these transformative conversations! Whether you're a seasoned podcast listener or new to the scene, these shows offer something truly special. Tune in, be inspired, and join the conversation!

[Book your place here](#)

## Help us develop the Resource Hub

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Members of the Digital Team and the developers of the Methodist website are running a focus group with users of the [Resource Hub](#).

The purpose is to get the views of users, and make sure that after the next stage of development the Resource Hub will meet their needs in the best way possible.

The focus group will be held on Zoom on **Tuesday 16 July 10.00-11.30 am**.

If you are interested in attending the Resource Hub focus group, please email [digital@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:digital@methodistchurch.org.uk). Please note that places are limited.

## 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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