

The Methodist News 5th September 2024

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New Connexional Year

Holy God,
We thank you that as we begin our journey through this next Connexional year we know you are present with us and will bless us generously and graciously.
We seek to learn to do what is right, to seek justice and challenge oppression.
May we listen carefully before we speak, be courageous in our loving, and faithful in living holy lives worthy of our calling.
God of our past, our present and our future hope may we be your good news.
Amen.

The **Methodist** Church 

The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, has written this prayer for the New Connexional Year.

You can also read her blog "The urgency of now and the need to speak and be loved" using the link below.

[Read the blog here](#)

Channel tragedy



Following the loss of migrant lives in the English Channel earlier this week, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference offer this statement and prayer.

"A deadly disaster has taken place in the Channel and our hearts ache at the tragic loss of life. We believe that same ache also takes place deep within the heart of God."

[Read the prayer and statement here](#)

Visit to the Methodist Conference in Sri Lanka



The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, writes about her recent visit to the Methodist Conference in Sri Lanka.

[Read about the visit here](#)

Open Days for Heritage



Is your church taking part in this month's Heritage Open Days or Open Doors in England, Open Doors in Wales, or Doors Open Days in Scotland? If your church is getting involved, we would love to hear what you have planned. Or perhaps let us know how it went and what the benefits were to your congregation and wider community?

[Read more here](#)

Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History



The Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History (OCMCH), a cornerstone of Methodist research since 2007, closed its doors on 31 July 2024. The closure of the centre marks a significant shift in the landscape of Methodist scholarship in Oxford. A new reading room in the city centre marks a new beginning for researchers and heritage enthusiasts.

[Read more here](#)

Homelessness and Housing Gathering

The next online Methodist Homelessness and Housing Gathering takes place on 4 October at 10am. With a new government prioritising new housing, promising renters' reform and establishing an Ending Homelessness Unit, the event will consider how we, as Methodists, can contribute to each of these policy developments and updates from across the Connexion.

[Register here](#)

Pause For Thought

"For me, singing and dancing with others makes the hope for a better, fairer and more peaceful world seem more possible..."

Listen to Revd Matt Finch on Pause for Thought discussing the theme "the joy of live music", reflecting on the spirituality of singing together.

[Listen here](#)

3Generate

3Gen is getting closer and closer! If you still haven't booked don't worry. Here's some more info about booking tickets and volunteering at the event!

Tickets

Tickets are still available for this year's 3Generate! Join us for an action-packed weekend of workshops, talks, arts and crafts, sports and so much more! If you would still like to book tickets, please contact 3Generate@methodistchurch.org.uk to find out more about ticket booking. Take a look at our video for a sneak peak of what's on offer this year!

[Watch the video here](#)

Volunteers

3Generate is in need of more volunteers! We are especially in need of Village Hosts, Youth Support and Set-Up team (who operate on Friday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 1pm – 5pm only).

Watch [this short video](#) for more info on volunteering and the roles available.

[Volunteer for the team here](#)

4-7s

Our 4-7s area is back – and it's even bigger and better this year! The ticket deadline may have passed but we don't want anyone to miss out! We'll have LEGO pits, beautiful nature, a soft play party bus, as well as a whole range of interactive workshops and fun activities. If you would like to find out more about bringing your child to 3Generate – email below!

[Email for ticket details](#)

National Retreat Week

Join in National Retreat Week, 21-28 September. Set time aside to use the free resources for contemplation, prayer and retreat at home, at church or at a retreat centre.

[Learn more here](#)

News and Events

Weekend tickets for Wholehearted 2025 now available

'Wholehearted' is a fantastic opportunity to gather with other Methodists, to seek God, share stories and inspire one another into Spirit-led transformation. Taking place on Friday 28 February to Sunday 2 March, speakers include Revd Kate Bottley (*Gogglebox* and presenter of Good Morning Sunday on BBC Radio 2), and Revd Angi Barker (URC minister with 35 years' experience in leading community-based work). Special two-for-one and offers on selected tickets.

[Book your place](#)

Thriving as a small church

Join this 60-minute Zoom gathering to hear stories of small churches that have made big steps in discerning God's call and making changes for mission. You'll also have an opportunity to network with others and to receive help to support your church community. All members of small churches are welcome, both lay and ordained.

[Sign up here](#)

Church at the Margins

The Church at the Margins (CAM) Practitioners Network is an online space that encourages people who are supporting and nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. Monthly from 4pm to 5pm on Tuesdays, you can book for the next session that's on [10 September](#).

[Find out more 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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