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Death of Sister Eluned Williams

The death has been announced of Sister Eluned Williams, Past Vice President of the Methodist Conference from 2000 to 2001. Sister Eluned worked for National Children's Homes for 44 years, managing Ardwyn Home for 25 years. After her retirement in 1990, she continued as an Action for Children Ambassador.

[Read her obituary here](#)

Building communities in Cumbria



The Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, recently visited the Cumbria Methodist District. She opened the re:new community space in Barrow in Furness and visited the inspiring *Shackles Off* youth work project – a project which began rooted in prayer and with a willingness from those involved to be brave enough to follow God's prompting.

[Read about her visit here](#)

Care, comfort and companionship



Read more about how the Carecent project, set up over 50 years ago by the York Methodist Circuit to support vulnerable people in York, has adapted to the needs of those who use it. It offers breakfast for those who are homeless and vulnerable along with showers, clothes and food for any visiting pets.

[Read more here](#)

How vegetable oil heated a Cornish village



A Methodist Church in a Cornish village has been part of a trial using vegetable oil as fuel. The church converted its relatively new boiler at minimal cost and now has a much more responsive and cost-effective heating system.

The district's environment advocate Andrew Geake says: "This renewable fuel can do the same job as existing heating oil whilst saving nearly 90 per cent CO2 emissions. So in one easy step, this brings this Church very close to achieving the Net Zero target."

[Discover more here](#)

A Methodist Church teams up with the Royal Academy of Engineering



Find out how *HeatHack*, a Royal Academy of Engineering-funded project, has helped a Methodist Church reduce its energy use and save money. An engineer helped the group document the building and what changes might work for them.

Revd Laurent Vernet, a minister in the Strathclyde circuit says: "When we can show what we are doing to save money, more churches will join. Hopefully, it won't be too late."

[Find out more here](#)

Display a Let's End Poverty Banner



Could you host a Let's End Poverty banner outside your church or public building, to show that you want to see an end to poverty?

The Methodist Church, Church Action on Poverty, The Joint Public Issues Team, Christian Aid and CAFOD have teamed up to encourage churches and local groups to host banners displaying their support for action on poverty, wherever it exists.

[Get your banners and show your support here](#)

Sign up to our safeguarding webinars and events

Survivor awareness webinar

How can we speak out from the pulpit, giving the good news of God to survivors of abuse? How can we respond well to survivors of abuse and offer them support? How can we let them know “God loves you” and “it wasn’t your fault”? The webinar ‘Survivor Awareness: How to speak about and to survivors of abuse’ takes place on Tuesday 14 May from 11am–12.30pm via Zoom. This webinar is being organised and led by the Methodist Survivors Advisory Group with support from the Connexional Safeguarding Team.

[Sign up here](#)

FGM Webinar

FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) is one of the most harmful traditional practices that comes under the gender-based violence umbrella, with over 200 million women and girls affected across the world. It is important to raise awareness of FGM in order to help safeguard all those in our church communities. The webinar, held on 23 May, will be led by a midwife with over 30 years of experience who works with women who are survivors of FGM and other forms of abuse and will provide an ideal opportunity to learn more.

[Sign up here](#)

Methodist Modern Art Collection - New Vision



An exhibition of works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection is to take place at [Emmanuel Church](#) in Eastbourne. The art exhibition on the theme of ‘New Vision’ will be running from Sunday 19 May to Thursday 13 June.

The Curator of the exhibition says: “This will be a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages, art enthusiasts, casual observers, schools and groups, to come and see some impressive pieces.”

[Find out more here](#)

Cliff College is hiring!

Cliff College is looking to hire a Teaching Fellow in A Methodist Way of Life and Cliff Year Community Lead. This three-year fixed-term post provides an exciting opportunity to contribute focused teaching and learning that supports the formation of young adult and intergenerational discipleship, and to embody this formation in the practical leadership of our gap year community.

More information and the job pack is available on the Cliff College [website](#). The closing date for applications is midday on Monday 3 June.

[Discover more about the role and apply here](#)

News and events

See the woods for trees

These action learning away days are a great opportunity to help those with any dilemmas your church or circuit may face. They use questions in a group setting to help you untangle yourselves and teach you techniques you can take away with you. The away days are held in three different locations for your convenience and are free to attend with the promotional code **METHODISTNEWS**. Book for [8 June in Newcastle](#), [22 June in Chester](#) or [6 July in London](#).

Challenging Hope conference

The Susanna Wesley Foundation annual conference takes place on Tuesday 18 June at the University of Roehampton. The theme of this year's conference is 'Challenging Hope', which will explore the challenging concept of hope. Spaces are limited so register your place now.

[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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