

# The Methodist News 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## Joint statement following the General Election

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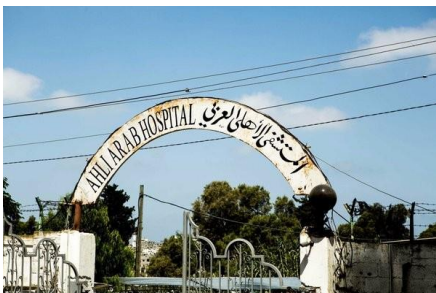
“We urge the new government to put the needs of those who are most vulnerable and marginalised at the forefront as it wrestles to respond to these problems. We also encourage it to work in partnership with local communities to tackle them, in recognition that we all have a part to play in these endeavours, and welcome the commitment made by the new Prime Minister to build strong partnerships with faith groups.”

The Methodist Church have been joined by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the United Reform Church in releasing this statement following the General Election.

[Read the statement here](#)

## Statement of the closure on Al Ahli hospital in Gaza

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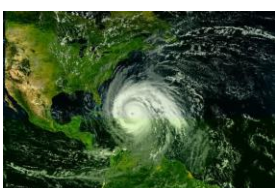


The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, and Carolyn Godfrey, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have released this statement following the news of the closure of the Al Ahli hospital in Gaza.

[Read the statement here](#)

## Response to Hurricane Beryl

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During the month of June, Hurricane Beryl caused billions of dollars' worth of damage across the Caribbean which resulted in 28 reported fatalities. During the Methodist Conference, a letter of solidarity was sent to its partners, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas.

[Read the letter here](#)

## Women of the Year Award

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Chair of Liverpool District, the Revd Dr Sheryl Anderson, received The Josephine Butler Woman of the Year Award last month for her campaigning work on behalf of the charity 'Church Action on Sexual Abuse Issues'.

[Discover more about the award here](#)

## Inclusive environmental hustings in Stirling Church

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Stirling Methodist Church's congregation and Friends of the Earth Scotland organised an Environmental Hustings before the election. They focused on environmental issues, reaching out to people unable to join traditional hustings.

[Read more here](#)

## Testimonies from Deacons

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Recently ordained deacons share their stories.



### **Deacon Marie Poole**

*"As I approach Ordination, it is a time of reflection of the journey I and others being ordained with me have been on together."*

[Read her testimony here](#)



### **Deacon Vicky Walsh**

*"It was overwhelming to hear the congregation shout 'They are worthy!' at the Ordination Service, especially as many of those people had known me since childhood."*

[Read her testimony here](#)



### Deacon Clare Purfit

*"To have each other and our families and friends with us as we heard them shout 'they are worthy' was emotional and a real blessing."*

[Read her testimony here](#)

## Congratualtions to all!

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***"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, Brighouse Methodist Church, Bradford Cathedral and Wesley Chapel House in Harrogate. Deacons were ordained at Morley Central Methodist Church.

## Listen here!

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Tom Hart, Methodist Youth President, was interviewed on BBC local radio about the 3Generate report he presented at the Methodist Conference and his year in office so far.

[Listen here](#)



Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism & Growth, was interviewed on UCB Radio regarding the God For All report he had presented to the Methodist Conference and the impact this work is having across the Church.

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## European Pioneer Gathering

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*"We all care about the Church, but sometimes have very different ideas about the way forward. There is a challenge for leaders in how we manage these moments."*

Leadership and culture change are the subjects of a monthly blog series. This month, the Revd Matt Finch, Connexional Pioneering and Church Planting Officer, brings his reflections from Kappel am Albis, overlooking Zurich.

[Read the blog here](#)

## Volunteers still needed for 3Generate

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We are still recruiting for volunteers to help run the event; from supporting children with special needs, to helping in venues around the 3Gen village. All volunteers also get free travel, accommodation and meals. [Watch this video](#) explaining on why you should volunteer.

[Apply to volunteer here](#)

## This year's 3Generate

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You can see the wide range of talks, activities, workshops that are on offer by watching this video as it showcases what is new at 3Generate this year.

[Watch the video here](#)

## Methodist Diaconal Order Support and Advisory Committee

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The Methodist Diaconal Order Support and Advisory Committee is looking for a new member who will bring their skills and experience to join with others, lay and ordained, in supporting and advising the Warden and Deputy Warden of the Order. The group meets six times a year, mostly online but also occasionally in person.

[Find out more and apply here](#)

## News and events

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### Leadership Year

The Leadership Year is a great opportunity for those who are aged 18-30 who are wanting to develop their leadership abilities and focus on what it means to be a Christian leader. This will help you find out more about yourself, gain a greater depth of understanding about leadership and discover what the next steps are you to grow into a leading role.

[Apply 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.