

The Methodist News 8th August 2024

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We give thanks to the people who have challenged violence and hate, and share these prayers and reflections for all communities in these uncertain times.



In this time of uncertainty, the Methodist Church encourages us to continue to see the love. We've all witnessed what happens when hate comes before love. That's why we're encouraging everyone to #SeeTheLove with this video that can be downloaded for use in services.

[Watch and download the video here](#)

A response to violent disorder

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Helen Cameron, and Vice-President, Carolyn Godfrey, released the following prayer and statement as a response to the recent unrest.

God of love,

We pray for your Spirit of peace to move in our communities,
that those who are targets of hate might be safe
and that people of good will might work together in love and respect.

We pray for your Spirit of healing,
that those who grieve, might be comforted
and those who are injured might be made well.

We pray for your Spirit of hope,
that those who despair might see a way ahead
and those who live in fear might find sanctuary and freedom.
Soften the hearts of those motivated by hate
and help us all to love our neighbours as those made in your image.
In Christ's name.
Amen.

Churches Together

CTE Presidents' joint statement on the recent violent disorder

We are grateful for the immediate response from Churches Together Merseyside Region, committing to support the grieving people of Southport in the wake of the killing of three children and serious injury of others, some of whom remain in a critical condition. We are grateful for the ongoing support local churches and other organisations offer those directly affected by these life-changing events. We continue to hold all concerned in our prayers.

In the wake of the terrible events in Southport, we acknowledge the anger felt by many at these senseless killings. We also acknowledge deep and troubling anxiety about immigration. Regrettably, we have witnessed violent, racist attacks and intimidation on our streets. Mosques have been attacked, hotels housing people seeking asylum set on fire and individuals set upon simply because of the colour of their skin. Racism has no place on our streets or in society and should not be stirred up in communities or online. The police have faced unacceptable levels of violent disorder and rioting in their quest to keep the peace on the streets. We are grateful for the work of the emergency services who put themselves in danger to protect the public. We are grateful for communities who have come together to help with the clear up, demonstrating a determination to serve the good of all.

We are also grateful to the many local churches across the country who provide a place of worship and sanctuary for people and who help build stronger communities through action at the grassroots level, including initiatives like Street Pastors and Response Pastors. Let us all work together to put an end to this violent disorder, restore peace and heal our nation.

- Archbishop Justin Welby, The Archbishop of Canterbury
- Cardinal Vincent Nichols, The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster
- Rev Canon Helen Cameron, Moderator of the Free Churches Group
- Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman, President for the Fourth Presidency Group
- Bishop Tedroy Powell, Pentecostal and Charismatic President
- His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas, President for the Orthodox Churches



Churches Together in England have issued a statement calling on churches and communities to work together to end racism, division and disorder.

[Read the statement here](#)

A prayer for exams

Youth President, Tom Hart, has written and shared this prayer for those who are receiving their exam results.

Loving God,
You are with us. We know you are with us through the good times and the tough times.
As we approach results days for Scottish Standards and Highers, A-Levels and GCSEs this month, we pray that you will reveal yourself to those of us waiting in anticipation.
Grant us all the knowledge and peace, that whatever results we've got in exams or assessments, you are with us through it all.
We may be curious, excited, worried or confused about what the future holds but we know you are there. And we pray that you will help those around us discern God's plan as we move forward in our lives.
In Jesus name we pray,
Amen.

Recruitment for the 2025/2026 Youth President

We are now recruiting for our Youth President for the connexional year 2025/2026. Applications are welcome from any member of the Methodist Church aged 18-23.

To find out about the Youth President role, see their [webpage](#). Young people wishing to apply can find out more on the [Recruitment and Election Process](#). If you would like more information please contact [Ian Belcher](#), Mission Projects Officer.

The closing date is 18 August 2024.

[Apply here](#)

Hush the noise:Join the love song this Christmas

The Methodist Church's 2024 Advent and Christmas campaign is **Hush the Noise: Join the love song this Christmas**. You can find out more about the plans for this year [on our website](#).

Join us on Thursday 5 September, at 7pm, for a short exploration on how to use the resources and ideas to get involved, as well as Q&A.

[Sign up for the webinar](#)

Looking for a singer to take part in our Christmas campaign

Could you be the next singer of our Christmas single as part of our **Hush the Noise** campaign?

After the success of our Christmas single release last year, 'Be Born', we are once again looking for a talented singer to be the voice of our Christmas song.

We are looking for a young adult male voice who is able to sing in the style of indie, folk and pop. If that you could be you, please send in a recording of you singing your favourite indie, folk or pop track to Ben Lawrence, our Digital Content Producer.

Audition recordings must in by noon, 20 August.

[Email your auditions here](#)

National Allotment Week



The 9-15 August is National Allotment Week. To celebrate this, you can read this blog on 'Net Zero Outdoors' to discover how you can make any outdoor space sustainable.

[Discover more here](#)

Green Tourism Award renewed



The Wesley Hotel in Camden, London has successfully renewed its prestigious Green Tourism certification. This recognition underscores the hotel's commitment to sustainable hospitality and community engagement.

[Read more here](#)

Community garden life in Haxby



In Haxby, a new community garden has been taking shape next to a GP surgery. Its mission is to provide the residents with a community garden that promotes the physical, psychological, social and spiritual wellbeing of all.

[Read more here](#)

Prayers for Bangladesh



The political unrest in Bangladesh is worsening by the day. We have received greetings from the Synod Office of our partner, the Church of Bangladesh, asking for our prayers for the peace and stability of the nation. [A letter from the Moderator, Bishop Samuel S. Mankhin](#), details the key points for which we are asked to pray.

[Read the letter here](#)

An exhibition of peace and advocacy within Methodist tradition



[The Methodist Peace Fellowship](#) (MPF) has launched a new touring exhibition called Peace Together. This exhibition offers viewers a journey through three centuries of Methodist responses to Jesus' gospel of peace, highlighting key figures and ideas that have shaped the Church's commitment to nonviolence and social justice.

[Discover more about the exhibition here](#)

The World Methodist Conference



The World Methodist Conference is a global gathering of the Methodist-Wesleyan family held every five years in a different parts of the world. The 22nd World Methodist Conference will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden 13-18 August 2024.

[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.

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