

The Methodist News 22nd January 2026

Make sure you're following us on social media to stay up to date with everything going on across the Methodist Church. Remember to share and tag us in your posts so that we can see the amazing things going on in your local area.

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Craftivism



“Our aim is to promote the stopping of wars and urge for peace at a time when war seems to be filling the news headlines. We want to encourage those with power and authority to change things for the better of all.”

The South Bedfordshire Craftivists are a group of Methodists who use their craft skills for social justice, engaging in a gentle form of activism that still intends to create positive change.

For their most recent project they have created four large collages depicting a war zone. Entitled 'From Devastation to Hope', each picture shows the dove of peace ever present as a sign of hope.

[Read more](#)

The Wesley Hotel



“We’re really proud to achieve BREEAM Excellent status – it’s a reflection of all the care and thought our team puts into making The Wesley Camden sustainable, while still ensuring our guests have a fantastic experience.”

[The Wesley Camden](#) in north London has received an ‘Excellent’ assessment for its sustainable design and its environmental practices. The Wesley Camden shares its building with Camden Methodist Church and is part of the Wesley Hotel Group. The group, who also operate The Wesley Euston, are known for their commitment to sustainable practices and social responsibility. They are part of the Methodist family, aligning with the Methodist Church’s net zero by 2030 target.

[Read more](#)

Tell Us Your Story of Faith!

We're looking for fresh new stories of Methodists living out their faith in their everyday lives. Perhaps you are a keen surfer, artist, fitness fanatic or writer – we want to tell the stories of those in Methodist communities whose faith journey goes beyond Sunday mornings, into their day-to-day lives and the impact they have on others. Stories that speak of hope, love, joy, overcoming adversity and living the good life of faith in Jesus.

If this might be you, we're creating a new series of films that focus on individual journeys of faith, that could inspire others to take those same steps. We'd love to hear from you if you think you might have a story to tell.

Watch Darren's story below:



If you'd like to find out more, please send an email to our Digital Content Producer, Ben Lawrence, giving us a brief outline of your story:

[Email Ben here](#)

Could You Volunteer With Us at a Festival This Year?

"Spending time chatting with folk about their lives and having spiritual but not religious conversations helped me reframe my own relationship with God."

Our work connecting with people at major festivals across the country is growing and we'd love you to consider being part of it. It's an amazing opportunity to talk to people about faith and spirituality and meet people in incredible places.

Meet some inspiring volunteers in this new film:



[Find out more about volunteering opportunities here](#)

Church at the Margins

“The Church discovered that it had become disconnected from its community, especially with those experiencing poverty, and wanted to address that. In conversations with people directly they discovered what the real needs were and addressed those.”

[Church at the Margins](#) is a movement grounded in real lives and real stories.

Watch our introduction to Church at the Margins:



Join us to find out more about Church at the Margins – learning to recognise God’s presence in overlooked places and among **communities** too often pushed aside.
Join us in February, March or June:

[Book here](#)

Prayers from the Methodist Church - Prayer for the floods in Southern Africa

Over a hundred people are reported dead after devastating floods hit parts of southern Africa. Many are missing, homes have been washed away, livelihoods destroyed and entire communities displaced.

[Read the prayer here](#)

Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is marked on 27 January each year.

[Read the prayer here](#)

[Find more resources for Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 here](#)

Listen Again - BBC Radio 2's Pause for Thought

"Life is more than a fun run. To keep the faith means to keep the focus and find inspiration."
The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal reflects on the theme 'Ready, Set, Go'.

[Listen here](#)

Resources - Hustings Webinar - Local and devolved elections



“Devolved and local elections in Scotland, Wales and England are just around the corner. This webinar will give you all the information you need make sure members of your church are ready to vote on 7 May 2026.

We'll cover pre-election topics like how to hold hustings for your local candidates, as well as information about what you need to do to be able to vote on the day, and ideas for how your church can

prayerfully support all those taking part in elections across the UK.”

The webinar will take place on Zoom on Thursday Jan 29 2026 at 12:30 pm

[Register for the webinar here](#)

Lent and Easter Resources 2026



This year's Lent and Easter resources for churches and small groups are designed to help you lead gatherings that are rooted in Scripture and alive with hope. Each week focuses on a simple shift: letting go of fear, control, scarcity or appearances, and embracing spirit, abundance, dignity and joy.

Alongside worship outlines you'll find weekly spiritual practices that help people pause, breathe and rediscover what matters most – through simple habits that nurture faith beyond Sunday.

[Read more and get resources 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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