

# The Methodist News 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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## Holocaust Memorial Day

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*"It was a moving ceremony and the testimony of survivors continues to remind me of the need to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive, not least because the remaining survivors are so few."*

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Richard Andrew, and the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, the Revd Micky Youngson, attended a commemoration on 27 January, Holocaust Remembrance Day, to remember the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered during the

Holocaust, the millions more murdered under Nazi persecution and to remember where persecution led in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The ceremony was hosted by broadcaster and BBC journalist Clive Myrie.

The Chief Executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Olivia Marks-Woldman OBE, commented: "Holocaust Memorial Day brings communities together from across the UK in collective remembrance and reflection. Prejudice still continues today within our communities and around the world, and this national day is an important reminder of where it can lead. As we grow more distant in time from the Holocaust, and we are able to hear first-hand the histories of fewer and fewer survivors, the responsibility to remember becomes more important than ever."

[Read Richard's post on Facebook here](#)

## Creative Play in Sheffield

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A creative play space where imagination comes to life has opened at Broomhill Methodist Centre in Sheffield. Mini Broomhill is a play town designed for children to have little adventures with their grown-ups and is part of the centre's plan to create more space for families to play, and connect with others in a vibrant community hub.

[Read more here](#)

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## Church of Sanctuary

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Evesham Methodist Church has been recognised as a Church of Sanctuary. It is the first church in Worcestershire to receive the national award.

The award was presented to Evesham's new minister, the Revd Patricia Mukorombindo, and South Worcestershire superintendent the Revd Liz Harris at a special ceremony held on 11 January.

[Read more here](#)

## Will Anything Other Than Might be Right? - International relations

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*"Typically, it is the least powerful nations (and people) that bear the brunt of injustice and war, meaning international co-operation and the avoidance of war can have clear advantages. For the powerful, who believe they will win wars and believe they can prosper or even dominate by themselves, co-operation looks less essential and war more acceptable."*

Paul Morrison from the Joint Public Issues Team asks, "Will anything other than might be right?" as he reflects on the recent escalation of international tensions, especially by the United States.

[Read the blog here](#)

## Iona Community and JPIT Partnership

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Christian witness for peace and justice will be strengthened thanks to a newly-announced partnership between the Iona Community and the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) of the Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches. As "resourcing partners", the two groups have committed to "walking together and supporting each other" in their common commitment to "work and witness for peace and justice".

[Read more about the partnership here](#)

## Prayers from the Methodist Church

## LGBTQI+ History Month

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February is LGBTQI+ History Month.

[Read the prayer here](#)

## World Cancer Awareness Day

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World Cancer Awareness Day takes place on Wednesday 4 February.

[Read the prayer here](#)

## Listen Again

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### BBC Sussex

Nigel Campion-Smith, a member of St Mary's in Guildford, chatted with Allison Ferns on BBC Radio Sussex last Sunday to explain how, over three years, the church has welcomed more than 16,000 people to light a candle for peace with its weekly vigils.

[Listen here from 2 hours 36 minutes](#)

## Ivan Weekes

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Ivan Weekes, former Vice-President, will be held on Friday 27 February at 2.00pm at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London.

## Resources

### Bible Month 2026: Explore Philippians Together

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This year, Bible Month invites churches and small groups to dive into one of the most joyful and encouraging letters in the New Testament: Philippians. Written by Paul from prison, this short epistle overflows with warmth, hope and practical wisdom for living a Christ-shaped life.

Order your copies of the Study Guide now from Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT), and book in for the Training Day on 14 March 2026.

[Find out more about Bible Month here](#)

### Positively Rural: Being Present in Schools

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This is an online event on Tuesday 3 February at 1.00pm–2.30pm for rural practitioners wanting to develop presence in rural schools. Hear stories of lived experiences and good practice. The session covers both primary and secondary schools, and provides the opportunity for those attending to share their own stories in smaller break-out groups. The deadline to register is 31 January 2026 at 12 noon.

[Book your place here](#)

## Lent and Easter Resources 2026

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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

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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.

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