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President Designate Hears Palestinian Christians' Fears Over Greater Israeli Control of the West Bank



The President Designate of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Mark Slaney, has been visiting Israel and Palestine. During the visit it was announced that measures would be brought in to make it easier for Jewish settlers to take over Palestinian land.

[Watch Mark's response](#)

Gibraltar Welcomes New Superintendent Minister



"I am delighted to be in Gibraltar. It's a privilege to be appointed to serve in this place and I look forward in faith to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead."

A welcome service has been held for the new Superintendent Minister of Gibraltar, the Revd David Barrett, attended by ecumenical colleagues in Gibraltar.

[Read more here](#)

Methodists Supporting Farmers in Cumbria



"We have nine auction marts... it is here that our chaplains operate, sometimes with a short hello and a friendly chat, but also with a much deeper confidential conversation where someone can open up in a safe space and share something that is worrying them."

Find out how the Methodist chaplaincy in Cumbria is supporting farmers' mental wellbeing.

[Read more here](#)

25th Anniversary of the Foot and Mouth Outbreak



Next week marks the 25th anniversary of the Foot and Mouth outbreak in the UK. Methodists from around the country remember the devastating impact it had on farmers, families and communities.

[Read more here](#)

Lou's Story – LGBT+ History Month



“Homosexuality is not a choice. You just are. I still struggle to understand how the message of Jesus can get so lost that we forget to love and forgive one another on numerous occasions.”

This month we are sharing stories of welcome within the LGBT+ community, stories of those who have found their spiritual home and those churches who are offering the invitation that all are welcome. This week, Lou shares her story.

[Read more here](#)

Celebrating the Fund for Mission in Europe



The Methodist Church in Britain contributes £30,000 annually from the World Mission Fund to the Fund for Mission in Europe. The money is used for many projects, including supporting ministries that serve communities who are often pushed to the margins.

Last year it enabled work in fifteen countries, including literacy programmes in Ukraine, care for isolated older people in North Macedonia and disability support centres in Albania.

[Find out more here](#)

Listen Again

The President of the Conference in the Isle of Man

The President of the Conference, the Revd Richard Andrew, was interviewed on Manx Radio on a recent visit to the Isle of Man.

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Trey Hall – BBC Radio 2 Pause for Thought

“Jesus doesn’t just wear his heart on his sleeve – he hands it over to us... he’s offering himself to the world.”

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Prayers from the Methodist Church

A prayer for the 25th Anniversary of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth on 19 February.

Creator God,
you ordained that we care
for all creatures and creation.

We lament the devastation
caused by the 2001 Foot and Mouth epidemic –
the loss of livestock and livelihood.

Forgive our inaction, when policy
causes us to live lightly with our responsibility.

When our practice means that we show
little reverence to your laws
and the possible consequences.

Help us to live as you ordained,
To care deeply and live well together
with all your created order,
today and every day. Amen.

Young Adults at Cliff Festival



Come and join the Methodist Young Adults' venue at Cliff Festival (22–25 May). Designed for those aged 18–30, you'll find worship, Bible study, workshops and fun! Book now for a limited time deal for young adults.

[Read more and book here](#)

Methodist Young Adults Explore Israel/Palestine

Join us for two thought-provoking online sessions where you'll gain a greater understanding of the Holy Land – the region, the history and current realities and the chance to meet young adults who live in Palestine. Session times: 12 March and 23 March 7.00–8.00pm. Open to 18–30 year olds.

[Register here](#)

Wholehearted – March Keynote Speaker Confirmed

We are thrilled to welcome award-winning activist and author Sarah Corbett as the keynote speaker for March's Wholehearted Monthly event. Sarah founded the global Craftivist Collective engaging people in slow, quiet and kind activism.

Wholehearted is a monthly online gathering of Christians, hosted by the Methodist Church, free and open to all. When you register, you'll receive a link that will work for every Wholehearted event.

[Register for Wholehearted here](#)

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