

The Methodist News 5th February 2026

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The Crisis in Venezuela Deepens



The continuing political uncertainty in Venezuela is contributing to a further deterioration of an already devastating economic situation. The collapse of essential services, soaring prices for food and basic goods, and growing insecurity have placed unbearable strain on communities across the country.

The Methodist Church in Britain continues to stand in prayerful solidarity with our Partner Church of over two decades, the Methodist Christian Community of Venezuela.

[Read more here](#)

Love Your Neighbour - Racial Justice Sunday – 8 February



The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday, Love Your Neighbour, looks at how the Bible provides a blueprint for a world where everyone belongs and is loved and valued for who they are, not what they look like.

Racial Justice Sunday was founded by the Methodist Church, following the murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1993, and became an ecumenical event in 1995.

[Read more here](#)

Saints Alive! Puppet Team



For more than twenty years, the Saints Alive! Puppet Team have been sharing Bible stories in this fun and engaging way to audiences around the Methodist District of Sheffield.

[Read more here](#)

Queer Faith and Art



For much of their early life, Grace felt pushed to the margins of Christian spaces. As a queer performance artist, Grace often sensed that their identity and faith were seen as incompatible. Grace now worships regularly at Union Methodist/URC Church in Margate, often accompanied by their beloved pet rats.

[Read more here](#)

Lent and Easter Resources



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](#)

Presbyteral Session at Conference - Reviewing its nature and purpose



The Conference agreed to a review of the Presbyteral Session in the light of the reduced membership and overall length of the Conference. The working party on this are keen to hear from a wide range of people, lay and ordained, to consider the content of the Presbyteral Session, the session's length and whether consideration should be given to making the session hybrid.

The closing date for the survey has been extended to 12 February.

[Fill in the survey here](#)

Reflect Quiet Morning



A morning of Quiet Reflection preparing for Holy Week is being organised by Reflect and led by the Revd Joy Adams. You can join on Zoom on either Friday 27 March or Saturday 28 March 2026.

To attend please [email Lynne Tonge](#).

[Read full details here](#)

Prayers from the Methodist Church - LGBT+ History Month - February is LGBT+ History Month.

[Read the prayer here](#)

Racial Justice Sunday

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) have produced a prayer resource for Racial Justice Sunday on 8 February.

[Read the prayers here](#)

Feeling the Call to Engage with a Festival Near You? - We can help!



From Parklife Festival to the Bishop Monkton Potato Challenge, Methodist communities are getting out of their buildings and into their local communities, sharing the Good News that God loves all!

We have just released three brand new resources to enable and equip Methodist communities across the country to get involved at their local festivals and events. Whether it's a country show, pride march, marathon or carnival, we want to support you in your calling to reach out to those near you.

[Find out more here](#)

Sunshine and Showers: Worship's beautiful mystery



Sunshine and Showers: Worship's beautiful mystery is the third small-group course in the series and is now available at methodist.org.uk/sunshine. It explores the paradoxes at the heart of worship, helping groups reflect on God who feels both beyond and near, and on the creative, communal and everyday dimensions of our worship.

Each six-week course includes booklets, short animation videos and conversation films featuring real people's experiences, all designed to spark honest, thoughtful discussion.

[Read more and get resources here](#)

Church at the Margins Cliff College Course

There are still a few places available on the Church at the Margins course at Cliff College, taking place on 12–14 June.

Every district and circuit can access connexional funding for new Christian communities, with 60% of that funding dedicated specifically for Church at the Margins communities.

[Register 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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