

# The Methodist News 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

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## Walking the Walk

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*“This pilgrimage is an invitation to let Equiano tell you his story as you walk and learn and reflect, and to connect with other remarkable stories held in the route.”*

Keen walkers are being sought to test parts of a new pilgrimage route designed by a Past President of the Methodist Conference and launched in honour of a pioneering abolitionist. The 80-mile Equiano Way is due to open next March and runs from Sheffield to Hull via the Epworth Old Rectory.

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## The Book Room

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Tucked inside Hathersage Methodist Church, a quiet revolution is taking place – one made of pages turning. The Book Room is a second-hand bookshop inspired by John Wesley's publishing house and has quickly become a beloved stop for locals and visitors wandering through this Peak District village.

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## UK Urged to Continue Climate Leadership

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Faith leaders, including the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have called on the UK Government to step up international efforts to encourage the phasing out of fossil fuels. Representatives of the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union and the United Reformed Church have co-signed a letter asking Ed Miliband, as Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, to personally attend the First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels later this month.

The letter argues that the presence of the Secretary of State would convey a clear message of support from the UK for this new multilateral movement, and aid vital work to agree a detailed roadmap for a transition away from fossil fuels that is fast, fair and funded.

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## Past Cases Review 10 Years On – Working With the Media

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*“...when asked where I work and/or what I do, the reply of ‘safeguarding’ will sometimes result in a frown or a cynical remark. I do not take this personally but realise there is still some way to go in enlightening people that safeguarding is about looking after each other...”*

Karen Allen, Regional Safeguarding Manager for the North East, shares this blog regarding the media in the series reflecting on 10 years since the Past Cases Review.

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## Microsoft Publisher

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Microsoft is retiring Publisher in October 2026. If your church or circuit uses it to produce orders of service, newsletters, posters or flyers, you will need something else in place before then. Below you can find some of the best alternatives, free for registered charities.

[See alternatives to Microsoft Publisher](#)

## Young Adults at Cliff Festival: 22–25 May

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Alongside the main Festival programme, Methodist Young Adults have their own venue offering specific sessions aimed at those aged 18 to 30, giving you a chance to connect with others of a similar age. There'll be a late-night Chill Lounge as well as opportunities for Bible study and worship together and workshops to discuss issues and ideas. Book now for special price tickets for young adults – £30 for ticket and camping plot.

[Tickets and more info here](#)

## Suicide Prevention

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The Revd Grace Cauldwell, a presbyter from Cumbria, has been on ITV News speaking about Every Life Matters, a Cumbria suicide prevention and bereavement charity.

[Watch here](#)

## Listen Again

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Pause For Thought – the Revd Tony Miles

*“The Earth is the only planet to support life as we know it.”*

The Revd Tony Miles considered the need to “Treasure our precious planet” as his contribution to this week's theme, 'Against The Odds'.

[Listen here](#)

Pause For Thought – the Revd Michaela Youngson

*“There have been times in my life when I've felt that the odds are stacked against me. Those times when everything seems to go wrong, and I've wondered where I am going, where I am going to get the energy or courage to keep putting one foot in front of another.”*

The Revd Michaela Youngson considered being "Just enough" in her Pause for Thought.

[Listen here](#)

Pause For Thought – the Revd Trey Hall

*“It is solved by journeying, I believe that is how God works.”*

Trey joined Gary Davies for his Pause for Thought on "Shifting our fear with love".

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## 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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