

# The Methodist News 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

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## A Holy Week/Easter Reflection

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*"We cannot help but be acutely aware of the destructive power of militarism in our world today in many places of conflict. Power and its misuse, of course, is not just a political issue: it has social, economic, community and psychological forms."*

The Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, shares his Easter reflection.

[Read the reflection here](#)

This year's resources for Lent and Easter include spiritual practices to help you pause, breathe and rediscover what matters most through simple habits that nurture faith.

[Find the resources here](#)

## Responding to Israel's New Death Penalty

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*"The normalisation of state-sanctioned killing erodes justice, undermines human rights and diminishes the dignity of all."*

The Methodist Church has expressed its deep alarm and profound concern at the passage of Israel's new death penalty law, which will apply to Palestinians tried in military courts.

[Read a statement from the President and Vice-President here](#)

## Sharing the Easter Story on the Big Screen

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*"Churches do a lot of community outreach at Christmas, but Easter is at the centre of our faith. I'm really passionate about children knowing the truth of the Easter story."*

More than 1,000 schoolchildren from Uttoxeter have seen the resurrection story thanks to a Christian schools' worker and the local churches who have been sponsoring a free cinema project.

[Read more](#)

## Vatican Meeting for Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa

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PROCMURA (Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa), a partner of the Methodist Church in Britain, was honoured to have a private audience with His Holiness Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican on Wednesday 25 March, in a moment that reaffirmed the shared commitment to advancing constructive Christian-Muslim relations across Africa.

[Read more here](#)

## Cuba Fuel Crisis

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At a time when many in Cuba are facing increasing hardship, we share this update from Bishop Ricardo Pereira, the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Cuba. In recent months, the country has been experiencing severe fuel shortages. No oil has been imported since early January, resulting in repeated nationwide blackouts. His words offer a moving glimpse into these challenges and into the faithful, compassionate ministry of the Methodist Church in Cuba as it seeks to bring hope where there is despair.

[Read more here](#)

Sandra Lopez, Partnership Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, was interviewed about the situation on TWR's Newsdesk programme.

[Listen here from 8.24am \(requires registration\)](#)

## Understanding the Methodist Church's Digital Landscape

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One of the first things the Digital Transformation Programme set out to do was to understand where we are now. If we are going to improve the Church's digital tools and presence over the next two years, we need to be honest about the starting point – otherwise we have no way of knowing whether we have made a difference.

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Find out about how you can contribute to understanding where we are now, through surveys and podcasts, as we map the digital landscape of the

[Stay up to date with the Digital Transformation Programme](#)

## Recovery Ally Training

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**Thursday 16 April, 10.00am – 3.00pm on Zoom**

This training will provide insights and information about what addiction is, how people seek recovery, an overview of the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (and other 12 Step groups), how to be a good ally and the chance to hear first-hand from people from Recovery Church.

To book a place, please email Deacon Tracey Hume, Recovery Church Lead and Newcastle District Community Engagement Enabler.

[Email Tracey](#)

## At Their Pace: Learning From New Disciples

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**Wednesday 24 June**

Join us in Birmingham for a dynamic day exploring what it's like to journey with new disciples, how we encourage disciple-led faith formation and what fresh perspectives can teach us.

You're invited to share a five-minute lightning presentation, a research idea, a practical experiment, or a tricky discipleship question, or simply join in rich round table conversations about accompanying new believers.

[Find out more and reserve a place](#)

## Young Adults Pilgrimage of Peace: Colombia 2026

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Walk, listen and learn with a cross-cultural group of young adults (18–35) over five days in Colombia from 27 June to 2 July 2026. Applications are open and the Methodist Church in Britain (MCB) are offering a fully funded place. Application deadline extended until 10 April.

**You must be a young adult connected to MCB to be eligible for our funding.**

[Find out more and apply here](#)

## Listen Again

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### The Revd Richard Andrew on BBC Sheffield

*"Reminding yourself of your roots is an important thing. It enables you to re-ask yourself the question about why you are doing something."*

The Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, went back to the place where his ministry began and visited Sheffield last week. He shared reflections of his visit and his year in office so far with Xanthe Palmer on BBC Radio Sheffield.

[Listen here \(At 1hr 13 min 30 sec\)](#)

### Sue Peat on BBC Radio 2 – Pause For Thought

*"I will embrace what some may see as foolishness as I go about my day, putting the needs of others before my own."*

Deacon Sue Peat considers her "back to front way of life".

[Listen here](#)

## Michaela Youngson on BBC Radio 2 – Pause For Thought

*"My strong sense of call, that of the ministers and not necessarily their partners."*

The Revd Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary of the Conference, shares her thoughts on "My strong sense of call".

[Listen here](#)

## Jo Cox Darling on BBC Radio 2 – Pause For Thought

*"Perhaps I too have a mark to make in God's love story through some moment of hope-filled personal sacrifice."*

The Revd Jo Cox Darling on this week's theme 'My Personal Sacrifice'.

[Listen 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.

[Take a look at our job and volunteering opportunities](#)

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