

The Methodist News 7th May 2026

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After the Collieries Close



“The church has stuck around when everything else has moved away. That is witness in itself; God hasn’t given up on this community.”

When the mines closed, it took more than the jobs. It stripped the village of its identity and its security, and tore through the fabric of the close-knit community. The Methodist Church at Willington has adapted to the challenge.

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Alderney’s Pilgrimage



“We’ve developed Alderney’s Pilgrim Trail as a gift to everyone who lives on or visits Alderney, and hope that, through walking it, they’ll discover something of how God is present in their lives.”

The Alderney Pilgrim Trail is the first of a series of activities planned across Sark, Alderney, Guernsey and Jersey – all exploring the spiritual dimension of life with a view to beginning new Christian communities.

[Read more here](#)

Land’s End to John O’Groats for Englesea Brook



An inspirational Methodist preacher is getting on his bike this weekend for a charity cycle ride across the length of Britain to mark his 75th birthday.

Geoff Dickinson, a local preacher and a senior circuit steward in the Cheshire South Circuit, will bike from Land’s End to John O’Groats to raise funds for Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism in Cheshire. Geoff sets off from the tip of Cornwall on Sunday 10 May.

[Read more as Geoff prepares for his adventure](#)



It is with sadness that we have learnt of the death of the eminent Methodist Tongan theologian, the Revd Dr Jione Havea.

“Jione Havea will be remembered as an exacting scholar whose contextual biblical interpretation drew on Pacific theologies shaped by story, metaphor and the sea.”

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Drown out Division with A Million Acts of Hope



At a time when the voices of those who spread hate and seek to divide communities can feel loud, the Methodist Church has joined an initiative to celebrate the acts of kindness, care and connection that happen every day.

From 13–20 May, A Million Acts of Hope will bring together these everyday acts and shine a light on the people and communities making them happen.

Congregations, community groups and projects are invited to focus on hope, sharing photos or videos capturing some of the many acts they are involved with during the week.

[Read more](#)

Middle East Justice Appeal

As the Middle East Justice Appeal is relaunched, the Revd David Hardman, from the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem, [shares this prayer](#) for those living through unimaginable suffering and terror in the region.

The appeal is supported by the Methodist Church in Britain, All We Can and the United Reformed Church, and aims to raise money for partners who are delivering life-transforming, essential work.

[Read more and donate to the appeal](#)

3Generate Tickets on Sale



Tickets for 3Generate 2026 are now on sale! The event will take place at the NEC in Birmingham from 2–4 October.

[Find out more](#)

[Ready to book? Book now](#)

Listen Again

Pause For Thought – the Revd Tony Miles

“Avoiding my history doesn't make me stronger, it makes me weaker.”

The Revd Tony Miles considered how “The past can hurt...” as part of this week’s theme, Movie Lines to Live By.

[Listen here](#)

Pause For Thought – the Revd Matt Finch

“All of us carry something a bit unusual.”

The Revd Matt Finch says, “You’re weird... but I like you,” in his movie-based Pause For Thought.

[Listen here](#)

At Their Pace: Learning From New Disciples

Join us in Birmingham on Wednesday 24 June 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, a tricky discipleship question, or simply join in rich table conversations about accompanying new believers.

[Book your free place here](#)

Church at the Margins Training

“Being a CAM (Church at the Margins) pioneer has transformed my ministry by seeking the ways of God with the street community of Birmingham.”

Watch this video to find out more about Church at the Margins:



CAM training equips pioneers to listen, discern, experiment and reflect on the practices that spark real transformation. Come and explore this journey with us.

[Sign up for the 12–14 June course 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.

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