

The Methodist News 25th June 2026

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Prayer for the Venezuelan Earthquake Victims



A rescue operation is underway after two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela on Wednesday evening killing over 160 people and leaving hundreds more injured.

Our partner church in Venezuela, the Methodist Christian Community, has been unaffected by the earthquakes given their location towards the east of the country.

They are communicating with other churches to gather information. They thank the Methodist Church in Britain for our love and prayers.

[Prayer for the people of Venezuela](#)

The Methodist Conference



The Methodist Conference is being held in Telford from 25 June to 1 July. This is the governing body of the Methodist Church. Meeting once a year, it provides a forum for prayerful reflection and decision-making on issues that shape the life of the Church, as well as matters that impact the wider community, the nation and the world.

You can find the full agenda for the Methodist Conference and the reports that are being discussed here:

[Read full details of the Conference](#)

Follow the Conference live

All public sessions of this year's Conference will be live-streamed as usual. [See the live-streaming schedule here.](#)

For churches wanting to take part in Sunday's Reception into Full Connexion and Conference Worship, [the Order of Service is now available here.](#)

Churches Demand Action to End Occupation of Palestine



"I have been in the West Bank with Palestinian Christians and heard their longing desire for a just peace. Time To Act offers Church leaders and partners an opportunity to share and respond to this desire in active solidarity and in strong united prayer and protest."

The Revd Mark Slaney (Chair of the Scotland District and Shetland District) President Designate of the Methodist Conference

Across Palestine and Israel, communities are living through violence, loss and injustice. Palestinian Christians have called on the global Church to respond with courage, compassion and action.

The Methodist Church is part of the Just Peace Coalition which brings together churches and Christian organisations from across the UK to respond to that call.

Add your name and join churches and individuals across the UK in taking a faithful stand for justice, dignity and peace.

[Find out more here](#)

Methodist Officer in Jerusalem welcomes Archbishop of Canterbury



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, visited the Holy Land last weekend, where she met with Church leaders, local communities and a range of inspiring projects across the region.

The Revd David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem, was pleased to meet the Archbishop at a reception held in her honour at St George's Cathedral.

During her visit, Archbishop Dame Sarah preached at St Peter's Anglican Church in Birzeit, Palestine. In her sermon, she offered words of hope and commitment, telling the congregation and Palestinians that she would use her role to seek "the peace you deserve and the freedom you deserve".

Stolen Torah Scrolls Found Outside Church



"We never lost hope – because a Jew never gives up hope in God, what we did give up was the struggle of searching, trusting in God to bring our scrolls home. And that is exactly what happened."

Two sacred Torah scrolls stolen during a burglary at a synagogue in Salford, Manchester, have been returned after being left outside a Methodist church.

[Read more here](#)

Long Running Dedication



"Winning the award means a great deal to me, it is a very real privilege."

A dedicated 71-year-old Methodist has been honoured for his commitment to raising funds for Action for Children, taking part in an amazing 41 Great North Runs in aid of the charity.

David Stabler, from Newcastle, thinks he must have raised almost £80,000 and huge awareness for Action for Children in the many years he has been taking part in the half-marathon challenges.

[Read more](#)

Armed Forces Day



Ahead of Armed Forces Day on 27 June, the Methodist Forces Board shares this video from the Revd John Swanston, chaplain at the Defence Academy, Shrivenham, on the "cycle of deployment" and how churches can take care of service personnel and their families.

[Watch the video here](#)

Apply to be Methodist Youth President for 2027/2028

This varied and challenging job will give you the opportunity to represent and speak on behalf of children and young people within the Methodist Church. There will be opportunities to travel, attend and plan events, develop new creative ideas, and meet and talk with children and young people. Alongside this, you will speak at the Methodist Conference and other appropriate committees, as well as influence decision-making. It will be a busy, exciting and rewarding year! Elections for this role take place at 3Generate in October 2026. The role starts in August 2027. The closing date for applications is 21 August.

[More details here](#)

LoveRural National Conference



You're invited to the LoveRural National Conference, 19–20 October at Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire. Gather as rural leaders and practitioners share encouragement and inspiration to support your local rural mission. There is a 25% ticket discount available for any rural Methodist. Please contact Sarah Hulme (Methodist Rural Officer) via hulmes@methodistchurch.org.uk and ensure the subject title is 'LRC ticket discount code request'. Book before 10 July to secure this early bird rate, whilst stocks last!

[More details here](#)

How Can We Live as Peacemakers in a Disordered World?

There are still a few remaining places at the 'Practising Peace' five-day residential event at the beautiful Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford, taking place 12–17 July and organised by the Community for Spiritual Formation. The theme will be unpacked by Barbara Glasson and Steve Radley, with opportunities to respond in weaving facilitated by Ruth Sprague.

[Find more information and register here](#)

Listen Again

BBC Radio 4 Thought for the Day – the Revd Canon Dr Jennifer Smith

"We run with perseverance the race that is before us"

Following the resignation of the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, the Revd Canon Dr Jennifer Smith reassures us that despite life's challenges there is always hope and "we will face whatever comes faithfully".

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 – the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling

"The world is a stunningly beautiful place, full of light, life, love."

In 'Best-case Scenario' the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling on this week's theme of making the most of the light.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 – the Revd Trey Hall *"God is proud of you."*

In 'The human journey towards being honest and true' the Revd Trey Hall celebrates the reality that we are all loved and accepted by God.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 – the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal

"Each day holds evening and morning, sunrise, sunset."

In 'The beauty in endings' the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal considers this week's theme of making the most of the light, as he reflects on loss and the certainty of new dawns.

[Listen 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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