

The Methodist News 16th July 2026

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Methodists at Durham Miners' Gala



"Seeing the Methodist banner this weekend, with its message of dignity, hope and belonging, captures the spirit of the area, of the miners and of Methodism."

More than 200,000 people took part in Britain's biggest celebration of community and solidarity last weekend at the Durham Miners' Gala.

This year, the Methodist Church paraded a new banner through the streets of Durham, while the Evangelism and Growth team, along with a team of volunteers, partnered with the Newcastle and Darlington Districts and Elvet Methodist Church to listen and pray, while recognising the relationship between Methodism and the mining community.

[Read about the Gala here](#)

Scarecrow John Wesley



What do John Wesley, Pavarotti and Taylor Swift have in common? On the surface, very little, but they all appeared together in scarecrow form at the Hunshelf Scarecrow Trail in South Yorkshire.

[Read more about the scarecrow here](#)

Methodist Liaison Office Jerusalem Supports School



"As you enter Hope School, a sign reads 'God is Love' – a message that is lived out daily by staff and governors alike, welcoming pupils, parents and visitors into a community shaped by compassion and care."

The work of the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem has been recognised with a plaque acknowledging their support for the Hope School in Bethlehem.

[Read more here](#)

A Community of Welsh Learners



“I believe that when you start studying and looking at the Bible in another language to your first, it really deepens and strengthens your faith.”
Llanddysgwyr is a Christian community of Welsh language learners in north east Wales and one of the Methodist New Places for New People. It is a small and dispersed community that is growing in both numbers and faith.

[Read here in Welsh and English](#)

Inspirational School Worker



“The children can learn about Jesus in a fun and exciting way. For me, the Gospel is full of exciting stories and adventures and they really respond to that.”
A dedicated Christian schools' worker has told of his decade teaching children and young people about the Gospel, now regularly visiting 21 schools across Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

[Read more here](#)

Karen McBride - Warden of the Diaconal Order



Karen McBride (centre), Warden of the Diaconal Order, is returning to circuit ministry. She celebrated ten years as Warden surrounded by colleagues and friends at Methodist Church House in London on Wednesday afternoon.

[Read about the Diaconal Order here](#)

The Conference Business Digest



The Conference Business Digest for the 2026 Methodist Conference has been published, providing a summary of the key decisions and actions of the Conference.

[Read the Conference Business Digest here](#)

Economic Justice



Can you help to build more economic justice across the Methodist Church? A working group looking at how the distribution of resources for mission and ministry can be fairer, and more in line with our justice-seeking across the Connexion, is hosting online listening sessions to hear your thoughts. Sign up to join the first one on Thursday 23 July, 4.00pm – 5.00pm.

[Sign up here](#)

Listen Again

Roots for Churches Podcast

Evangelism Project Officer, Cameron Lee-Hume chats about evangelism and the Methodist Day of Outreach on Wednesday 12 August, when Methodist churches across the UK will be hosting community events to celebrate the partial solar eclipse and also engaging in gentle faith-sharing.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought

"A note of encouragement makes all the difference in the world."

In 'The classroom heroes', the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling on this week's theme of 'Making a Difference' reflects on the people who helped guide her path.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought

"Making a difference can happen anywhere."

In 'One small action', the Revd Matt Finch recognises the importance of acknowledging and appreciating others.

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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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