

The Methodist News 13th August 2026

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Eclipse Parties Draw Huge Crowds



Methodist churches across the UK and Ireland opened their arms to local communities to wonder at the marvel of a rare solar eclipse.

Eclipse parties were held across the country inviting people to watch the phenomenon on the evening of Wednesday 12 August as part of the Methodist Church's Day of Outreach.

[Read more here](#)

Did you attend or organise an eclipse party?

We'd love to hear how it went so we can improve planning for similar outreach events.

[Send us your feedback here](#)

Pride Against Prejudice – Holding the Line in 2026



"Our presence says to those who have been hurt by the Church that they are seen, valued and welcomed, while also challenging prejudice wherever it is found."

Pride is a street party that grew out of a protest. It is a welcome extended to everyone; it is out, integrated in community and can be barrier-breaking. This year, Pride has often felt like it is, at best, holding the line for rights and acceptance rather than advancing them.

[Read more here](#)

A Prayer for Colombia



British Methodists are encouraged to hold the people of Colombia in prayer after a powerful 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck the west of the country on 10 August, with at least 132 people killed.

The Colombian Methodist Church has reported that one of their congregations in Cali has been affected and that it is working with local pastors to respond with support for these communities.

[Read more here](#)

LEGO Fun for all the Family



St John's Methodist Church in Llandudno is hosting its free annual LEGO Exhibition from 7 to 31 August. With a newly built two-metre fir tree as its centrepiece, the theme this year is 'Care for Creation'.

[Read more here](#)

Afternoon Tea at the Cemetery



"The more openly we can speak about loss, the better equipped we can become to care for one another through it."

Cups of tea and slices of cake are helping one community to open gentle conversations about grief and bereavement, and encouraging the sharing of memories.

[Read more here](#)

Apply to be Methodist Youth President for 2027/2028



This varied and challenging job gives you the opportunity to represent and speak on behalf of children and young people within the Methodist Church. There will be opportunities to travel, and plan and attend events. You will speak at the Methodist Conference and other committees, influencing decision-making by sharing the opinions and priorities of children and young people.

The closing date for applications is 21 August.

[Find out more and apply here](#)

Our ex-Youth President Genesis (above) tells of their time in the role here:

[Read about Genesis' year](#)

Exam Results Prayer

We are holding all young people in our prayers as exam results come in across the UK.

[Read the prayer here](#)

Community of Evangelists

The Community of Evangelists is welcoming new members – could you be one of them?

The next Community of Evangelists retreat is at Cliff College from 12 to 15 November. Come and experience being part of the community and discern if it's right for you.

Head to the [Community of Evangelists webpage](#) to find out more and apply, or [email Cameron Lee-Hume](#) if you're interested in attending the retreat.

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Sunshine and Showers



This has been a summer full of sunshine and not a lot of showers, but that's no reason not to take a look at our Sunshine and Showers courses in your small groups this autumn.

Spend six weeks exploring the contradictory nature of prayer, the Bible or worship.

[Read more here](#)

Listen Again

Pause for Thought – Deacon Sue Peat

"For me as a Christian, I look to God's help and guidance."

In 'The right path' Deacon Sue Peat reflects on how we can feel lost on the path of life but trust in God knowing the right way and leading us to where we need to be.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought – the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling

"I'll muster my small resources to take audacious action."

In 'Audacious action', the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling reflects on the story of David and how God can choose the humblest instruments to achieve great things.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought – the Revd Michaela Youngson

"Young people have something to offer right now."

In 'Don't look down on someone simply because they're young', the Revd Michaela Youngson reflects on how young people can teach older people about passion and sense of possibility.

[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.

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

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