

The Methodist News 6th August 2026

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Middle East Justice Appeal Helps Gaza Children



"Within so much devastation, we endeavour to rebuild, restore, and always seek opportunities to renew hope."

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre has thanked the Methodist people for their part in a donation of almost £5,000 from the Middle East Justice Appeal. The money has been put to immediate use during the current crisis in Gaza.

[Read more here](#)

Road Trip to Epworth



"There is something profoundly valuable about visiting the places where our faith story unfolded. Reading about John and Charles Wesley is one thing; standing where they lived, worshipped, preached and served brings their story to life in a completely different way."

The Revd Jenny Pathmarajah visited Epworth Old Rectory in North Lincolnshire, the childhood home of John and Charles Wesley, along with members from her church, Castle Street Methodist, Cambridge.

[Read more here](#)

Music in the Gardens Brings Community Together in North London



"It wasn't designed to be spectacular; it was simply an act of hospitality. Yet look at what God has done. Conversations have begun. Relationships have formed. People who might never enter a church building have experienced genuine welcome."

Throughout July, the gardens of Muswell Hill Methodist Church in North London were transformed into a vibrant community space as hundreds of people gathered each Sunday for the church's annual Music in the Gardens.

[Read more here](#)

Day of Outreach Approaches



There is still time for Methodist churches across the UK to open their arms to local communities to celebrate a rare partial solar eclipse.

On 12 August, the sky will darken across Western Europe during the most significant solar eclipse since 1999, and the last until 2090.

[Read more here](#)

Digital Transformation Programme Discovery Report Released



For three months in the spring of 2026, we set out to listen. We wanted to understand what digital life is really like for people across the Methodist Church – what works, what gets in the way and what people hope for.

This is what we heard, in people's own words, and the early signs point in a few consistent directions.

[Read the report and add your voice here](#)

On The Way – Could you lead others as they explore their faith?

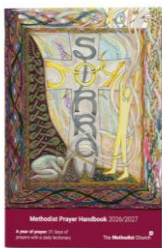


An exciting new course from the Methodist Church, On The Way offers space to pause, reflect and explore life's deeper questions, inviting honest conversation, spiritual practices and personal growth in community.

We've created a range of resources to equip leaders to run the course, whatever your context, to guide both enquirers and Christians seeking a refresher in deepening faith. And now we're looking for leaders to join us On The Way.

[Find out more here](#)

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2026/2027

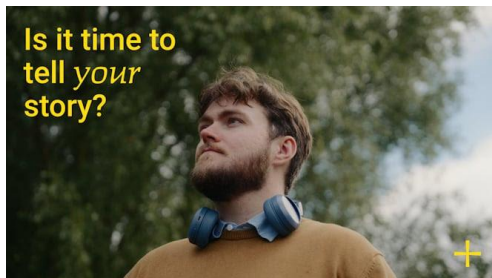


“Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.” John 16:20

The new *Methodist Prayer Handbook* will be available from 7 August. For 2026/2027, the prayers share in our sorrows and joys and those of our churches and communities across this world. An e-pub edition will be published at the beginning of September. Braille and large print formats will be [available from the Torch Trust](#) shortly.

[Order your copy here](#)

Take Part in our Christmas Film



"Last year our Christmas film and content reached over one million people." The middle of a sweltering summer may seem like a strange time to be talking about Christmas but, in fact, we start our planning in January. This year we're producing a short film highlighting the real lives and activities of Methodists living out their way of life in our communities – maybe they are running a warm space, providing for the local community or hosting a Christmas event.

If this is you, or someone you know, we'd love to hear from you. The people we film will need to be active members of a local Methodist church or New Places for New People project, be willing to share their personal testimony on camera and be filmed in various activities and locations for a day in October.

Please email Ben Lawrence, our Digital Content Producer:

[Email Ben here](#)

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Pause for Thought

"God's love for me is not dependent on me doing anything."

In 'God will meet us just where we are', the Revd Michaela Youngson reflects on this week's theme, 'My Pilgrimage Destination', and comes to the realisation that the route to God is unimportant – it's taking the first step that matters.

[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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