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A Ministry of Presence



"Presence asks first, watches first, and joins in with what's already happening."

Community Pioneer Chaplain, Mel Brown, works ecumenically with the Anglican Church and supports new communities on the outskirts of Northampton. What's remarkable is that there is no community centre, church building or physical space to invite people to, but that hasn't stopped her.

[Read more here](#)

Blessed are the Peacemakers



Bishop Samuel Kayinamura, of the Free Methodist Church in Rwanda, shares his testimony of how, after the trauma of genocide in his country during the 1990s, God's love led him to be a peacemaker in his Church and nation. It's a story of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, which churches may wish to include, along with Bishop Samuel's prayer, when marking Peace Sunday on 20 September.

[Read more here](#)

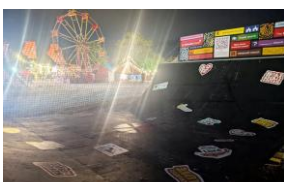
Living Out Peacebuilding Through Everyday Discipleship

Would you be interested in joining a group to explore how best to support peacebuilding as part of ordinary Christian discipleship?

We are currently recruiting volunteers to be part of a collaboration group on Peace, where we will share experiences, help shape future work and discern next steps together. Contact Rachel Lampard, Director of Social Justice and Social Action:

[Contact Rachel Lampard](#)

The Methodist Church in the Festival Fields



Last weekend, the Methodist Church had the privilege of being present at both Greenbelt and Big Church Festival, inviting people into conversations about what it means to build 'church everywhere'.

[Read more here](#)

Mission and Basketball



"God is at work in these young people who are inviting their friends into their space. And God is at work through the Methodist Church and the 3Generate team, empowering young people to live out their faith all year round."

As we get ready for 3Generate 2026, we look back at a project from 3Generate 2024. That year, a group from Grangewood Methodist Church in Nottingham attended a 'Dragons' Den' session and pitched an idea that has helped bring church and unchurched young people together on a basketball court.

[Read more here](#)

The New Connexional Year



Just in case you missed it last week, the President of the Conference, the Revd Mark Slaney, has marked the beginning of the Connexional Year with a special address.

"I invite you to contemplate deeply what solidarity you and the church to which you belong both practise, and might be called to practise, in local contexts and in relation to the cries for justice and mercy worldwide."

[Read more here](#)

A Wounded Community – Reflections from Teesside and Middlesbrough



"We pray for healing in our communities and for people to be brought together."

Communities in Teesside and Middlesbrough have featured in the news recently. As people seek to make sense of a series of tragedies, the Past Vice-President and Regional Officer for Safeguarding – North East, Carolyn Godfrey, shares her reflections and a prayer for healing in all communities.

[Read more here](#)

Outreach at Halloween and Remembrance Webinar

Autumn has arrived and, along with it, a couple of excellent opportunities for outreach and evangelism. The Evangelism and Growth Team have teamed up with Roots to deliver this webinar, on **7 September at 7.00pm**, exploring fresh ways for churches to meaningfully engage with people during Halloween and Remembrance.

[Register here](#)

Don't be Afraid! Christmas Resources are Coming Soon



This year's Advent and Christmas resources from the Methodist Church help us share with our churches and communities the angel's words: "Don't be afraid". Together we recognise the presence of God amid frightening times. Yes, the world is a scary place. Yes, life is hard. We are not alone.

Sign up for one of the Christmas webinars – choose **8 September** or **15 October**.

[Sign up for the webinars here](#)

[Get a sneak peek of the Christmas resources here](#)

Methodist Housing and Homelessness Online Gathering

Registration is now open. Hear how the Church of England is overcoming the barriers to using church land for affordable housing. Learn about a new Church Housing Association, Church Development Agency, and a Housing team to support local churches. And find out how to get involved with the Housing Memorial Working Group, ahead of its report to the Conference in 2027.

[Register here](#)

Listen Again

Pause for Thought

"Honour your mother and your father."

In "Thanks for Mum and Dad", the Revd Tony Miles reflects on this week's theme 'My First Day' and remembers the love and support he received from his parents as he was growing up.

[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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