

The Methodist News 29th October 2026

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Walter Tull, the First Black British Army Officer



As part of Black History Month, we are looking at the incredible life of Walter Tull – the first ever Black British Army officer and footballer for Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town – who grew up in one of Action for Children's former homes.

[Read more here](#)

The World is my Parish

Chaplain aboard Aircraft Carrier HMS Prince of Wales



"As we remembered the fallen, a Japanese naval vessel joined us. The sight of two nations, once enemies, sailing together in friendship and remembrance offered a powerful testimony to reconciliation, peace, and hope."

The Revd Mark Mander shares this blog of his life as a Royal Navy chaplain.

[Read more here](#)

Israeli Settlement at Beit Sahour



"They have taken the land where we planned a hospital and children's play area. Already there is friction with the settlers, it has made taking children to school unpredictable, we fear leaving the house."

The Revd David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem, shares this blog on the impact of the Israeli settlement at Beit Sahour in the West Bank.

[Read more here](#)

Assistant Secretary of the Conference Nominated



The Revd Dr Dan Haylett has been nominated as the next Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference. Subject to Conference agreement, he will take up the role from 1 September 2027.

[Read more here](#)

Repair Café



An award-winning repair café at a Methodist church in Yorkshire has welcomed thousands of people through its doors since opening in 2023.

Volunteers at Silsden Repair Café, including electricians, mechanics and sewists, breathe new life into a whole range of items, saving people money, reducing landfill waste and boosting the church's eco credentials.

[Read more here](#)

Methodist Churches Receive Government Funding



It has been announced that Methodist churches are among those buildings to receive support from the Government's Places of Worship Renewal Fund and the Heritage at Risk Capital Fund as part of a scheme that has secured £41 million for essential repairs to 74 heritage and faith buildings in the UK.

[Read more here](#)

Taizé



Young people from the Darlington Methodist District travelled to Taizé, France, during the summer to worship and forge new friendships. Taizé is an ecumenical Christian community attracting people from around the world wanting to explore their faith.

Esther captured the experience of her group's visit in this video. If your district needs support to take a group of young people to Taizé next year, email Steven Cooper, Connexional Ecumenical Officer:

[Email Steven: eo@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:eo@methodistchurch.org.uk)

[Watch the video here](#)

International Day of the Persecuted Church – 1 November

Christians around the world risk persecution and face suffering because of their faith. As we mark International Day of the Persecuted Church on Sunday, we offer a prayer for those who don't have the freedom to worship openly.

[Read the prayer here](#)

Reparative Justice – Young People's Online Consultation – 3 November 7.00pm–8.30pm

How should the Methodist Church respond to its links to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people, and address the ongoing impacts today?

This event is for people aged 16 to 25 who want to be part of a conversation about how the Church's past might shape our future. No previous knowledge is needed. **Under 18s need a parent/carer to register on their behalf and to be available to supervise during the Zoom call.**

[Register here](#)

Out of the Ordinary Christmas

Is your church reaching out to the community in an unusual way this Christmas?

We want to hear from you! We are looking for Methodist Churches across the Connexion who are hosting out-of-the-ordinary evangelism events at Advent. Perhaps you are hosting classic cars with your carols, or putting on a nativity scene with real animals?

[Get in touch: Email mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk)

Listen Again

Pause for Thought – the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling *"Rest, refresh and refuel."*

The Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling reflects on the theme 'How I Hibernate' and allows herself breathing space, when necessary, realising that pauses in life are just as important as action.

[Listen here](#)

Pause for Thought – the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal *"Finding rest and fulfilment."*

The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal contemplates this week's theme 'How I Hibernate' and draws on the example of Jesus, believing "rest is the deep inner experience" which strives for "the survival of all", not just the fittest.

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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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