

The Methodist News 8th October 2026

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3Generate – The Methodist Church in Britain's Annual Youth Assembly



Last weekend 1,800 young people, alongside 500 group leaders and 350 volunteers, gathered at the NEC Birmingham for faith, fun and worship at 3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly.

[Watch and download the highlights video here](#)

[Read more about 3Generate 2026 here](#)

Churches Pilot New Carbon Footprint Tool



A groundbreaking new Methodist Church pilot scheme will allow churches to track their carbon emissions as the Church moves towards a net zero future.

[Read more here](#)



This week is the inaugural National Cadets Week. To mark the event, two Methodist Cadet Force chaplains highlight the importance of their work and invite others to join them.

[Watch the video](#)

[Read more about Cadet chaplaincy in the Methodist Church](#)

If you are involved in supporting cadets, contact Phil Maltby, Forces Development Officer, to help build a bigger picture of work with cadets across the Connexion:

[Email Phil Maltby](#)

Black History Month



"We are all children of God."

'Honouring our Communities' is the theme of Black History Month. It celebrates the contributions of Black people in Britain and reflects on past injustices. The post-World War Two workforce shortage led to people from the Caribbean being invited to fill the gaps. Norman Mullings, a member of Harlesden Methodist Church, shares his experience of arriving from Jamaica in 1958.

[Watch the video here](#)

Reparative Justice – First Online Discussion



Attend the first online discussion about the Methodist Church and reparative justice for enslavement. Join this interactive event, on 13 October, to explore the Church's history with the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people, consider how its legacy continues to shape our Church and world, and discuss what meaningful action might look like now.

[Sign up here](#)

Baby Loss Awareness Week



The Baby Loss Alliance begins its annual campaign on 9 October to raise awareness of the impact of pregnancy and baby loss, the importance of bereavement support and of the vital work that is needed to improve pregnancy outcomes.

We share a prayer from Anna Malnutt, Community Development Coordinator at Thrum Hall Methodist Church, Rochdale, and Deputy Chair of the Methodist Church's Connexional Council.

[Read the prayer here](#)

[Find more information on the Baby Loss Awareness Week website](#)

Mental Health Awareness

World Mental Health Day takes place on 10 October. To mark this, we share a prayer from the Revd Stephen Normanton, a Methodist minister and founder of the mental health support charity [PeerTalk](#).

[Read the prayer here](#)

European Methodist Lecture Programme

'Blessed are the Peacemakers? Struggling for Peace in Uncertain Times' is the theme for the European Methodist Lecture Programme which starts on 13 October. The lectures explore a variety of themes including reconciliation, democracy and frameworks for peace.

You will need to create an account and then register for the lectures.

[More information and instructions here](#)

Following Jesus in an Age of 'Us versus Them'

What does it mean to love our neighbours in a time of division?

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT), Christian Aid and the Fellowship of Reconciliation are working with Better Story to host 'Love Thy Neighbour', an event on 24 October in London, to reflect on polarisation and the growth in xenophobic nationalism.

[Find out more and book tickets](#)

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Pause for Thought – David Waters

"My music comes from a higher place."

In 'Small acts of faithfulness,' local preacher David Waters reflects on the theme 'Someone who inspires me' and remembers the singer Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who truly used the gift God had given her.

[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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