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Find out more about the Communications team

Statement Released by the Methodist Church After Trial of Past President

The Methodist Church has released a statement in response to the verdicts delivered in the trial of the Past President of the Methodist Church, Steven Wild.

Read the statement here

Reparative Justice Event Held



In 1788, John Wesley spoke in support of abolition at the New Room in Bristol. More than 200 years later, an event held at the New Room considered how the Methodist Church should respond to its history of involvement in and benefit from the transatlantic traffic in enslaved African people.

Findings from a series of consultations held this autumn will feed back to the Methodist Conference next year. The Connexional Team's Director of Social Justice and Social Action, Rachel Lampard, helped facilitate the event and shares her reflections.

Read more here

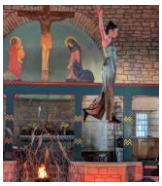
Church Volunteers Receive the King's Award



A team of volunteers at a West Yorkshire Methodist church has been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service – the highest honour for local voluntary groups in the UK. Around 120 people help out at Wesley's Community Hub and Café at Baildon Methodist Church in Shipley.

Read about the award here

When the Circus Comes to Town



Stroud Methodist Church was transformed with colour and activity as it hosted three free circus shows last month. The 'Moment of Wonder' weekend featured circus performers, a light-guided labyrinth and even an angel on stilts, helping the Gloucestershire church to connect with its community in a new way.

Read about the weekend here

Action for Children Thanks Supporters

Action for Children has thanked supporters for their generosity as it was revealed that more than half a million children, young people and families were supported by its services in the year 2025/2026.

Read more here

Women Against Violence Sunday

One in three women worldwide experience physical or sexual violence. This weekend, the Church marks Women Against Violence Sunday. It comes ahead of the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the start of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence on 25 November.

The Methodist Church is hosting a free webinar about domestic violence, also on 25 November.

Sign up for webinar here

The Vice-Chair of Methodist Women in Britain, Philippa Hill, shares her reflections in this blog

Find information and resources for Women Against Violence Sunday here

Living Christianity in the Holy Land Final Places Available for February 2027



Join a unique visit that goes beyond a traditional pilgrimage. This is not just a tour of sacred sites, it is an opportunity to walk alongside the 'living stones' of the Holy Land – the people who call this land home – and to explore what it means to live our Christian faith through complexity, struggle and hope. Visit dates: 13–21 February 2027. Applications close on 30 November.

Read more about the visit here

Being Neighbourly is Being Ready



The Christian Emergency Network has produced advice for churches on how to be prepared should a disaster strike. This follows the government's new Be Ready campaign, which advises people to build up sufficient emergency supplies and equipment to sustain them for 72 hours, should there be a threat from cyberattack, extreme weather or terrorism.

Register for the free downloadable resource here

Churches make a huge contribution in strengthening communities, especially during a crisis. Jude Levermore, the Connexional Team's Head of Mission, provides some practical questions for church leaders to consider in advance about decision-making during disruption.

Find out more here

Listen Again

"If I saw the world as a child..."

The Revd Matt Finch reflects on this week's theme, 'The Wisdom of Children', and the importance of not taking anything for granted.

Listen here

"Childlike courage"

The Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling reflects that we don't have to conform in order to be loved by God.

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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