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Remembrance



"Name after name: someone's son, someone's father, someone's boyfriend, someone's friend... It was all too big to take in." (From an 18-year-old new recruit on his first visit to Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Belgium, in 2019.)

"Those notes [of the Last Post] – a reminder of the cost of war – to life, to well-being, to family, to generations." (Reflections from the Revd Dawn Colley, Methodist RAF chaplain.)

As we mark Remembrance Sunday this weekend, the responses from those currently serving in the forces are very poignant, reminding us never to forget. Read more of these powerful reflections in a service outline from the Methodist Forces Board.

Download the service outline here

Remembrance prayer

We offer a prayer by the Chaplain General to His Majesty's Land Forces, the Revd Canon Michael Parker KHC.

In this, his final year as Chaplain General before returning to regional Methodist ministry, he invites churches and communities to remember service personnel past and present and all who long for peace.

Read the prayer here

You can also download a video of the Chaplain General reading the prayer.

Download the video here

More Remembrance resources, including hymn suggestions, are available.

Explore Remembrance resources

Prayers for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP31)

The 31st UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) gets underway in Turkey on Monday, running until 20 November. Against a backdrop of record-breaking temperatures, escalating climate impacts and growing energy insecurity, COP31 is a critical opportunity for countries to accelerate climate action and strengthen cooperation.

Join us in praying for COP31 with these prayers from Eco-Congregation Scotland.

Read the prayers here

Prayer for Inter Faith Week

“You made us all, unique in our ways of understanding yet one in our humanity.”
Inter Faith Week 2026 begins on Sunday. Its theme, ‘Lighting the Way for a Shared Future’, is intended to be a symbol of hope. The Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard shares her prayer in celebration of this special week.

Read the prayer here

Charity Sleep Out



“The level of rough sleeping, coupled with real poverty, across the country is heartbreaking, and it is simply not acceptable that so many people have nowhere safe to call home or will go hungry."
The Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald, a Methodist minister in the Torbay Circuit, is undertaking a sponsored 'sleep out' in a tent throughout November.

Read more here

DJing to Faith



"Seeing thousands of other young people moving to the beat and knowing that it's about more than music, it's about faith too, was amazing. People seemed open to hearing about the Church and exploring faith.”
At this year's 3Generate, Woody Jacobs, aged 14, had his dream come true as he DJ'd in front of the huge audience at the NEC Birmingham. Amid the dancing, lights and lasers, he felt that God was at work.

Read more here

European Methodist Council

The European Methodist Council held its autumn meeting in October. Discussions included engaging honestly with the past and confronting injustice in the present.
On the agenda were the Church's involvement with the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people, and the resurgence of racism and its appropriation of Christian identity.

Read more here

Church Eco Garden Celebrations



A Methodist church community garden is celebrating ten years in operation, helping to draw local people to the church and cut down on carbon emissions.
Toddington Methodist Church started the organic garden on an unused piece of ground behind the church.

Read more here

Reparative Justice – Your Voice Matters

What does reparative justice mean for the Methodist Church today?
Join a consultation event in Bristol on Saturday 14 November to explore the Church's historical connections to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people and reflect on its continuing legacy.

Register for your place here

If you are unable to attend this event, you have until 15 November to take part in an online survey. Responses will help to shape recommendations that come to Conference in 2027.

Fill out the survey here

Exploring Faith – New Web Hub



Where do you go when you're exploring questions of faith?
The new Exploring Faith web hub provides support for spiritual seekers on their journey towards knowing Jesus. Share it with the people you are journeying alongside and add a link from your church website as part of your welcome for seekers and new believers.

Explore faith here

Christmas Resources



Resources for intergenerational (all-age) worship are now available. Designed for all settings, including Messy Church, Bubble Church and schools, these resources explore God's love, hope and presence through the Christmas story.

Find these and the rest of our Advent and Christmas resources here

Listen Again

Pause for Thought – the Revd Matt Finch
"What people can do when they step forward."
The Revd Matt Finch, reflects on this week's theme 'Remembrance' with gratitude for those who have served and still serve in the forces, and the belief that we can all make a difference.

Listen here

Pause for Thought – the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling
"Heroic acts of hope."
As we approach Remembrance Sunday, the Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling thinks of the people who have made a difference in times of conflict.

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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