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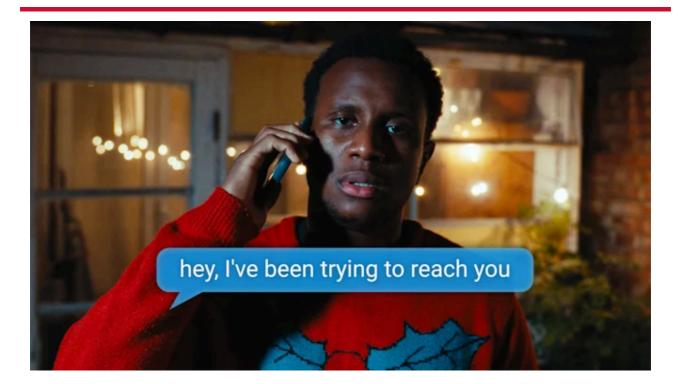








Hush the Noise with our Christmas film



This time of year can be a lot, can't it? The noise of all those expectations can be so loud! This Advent and Christmas, you are invited to #HushTheNoise.

Watch our Christmas film, released today! Remember to <u>download your resources for church</u> <u>services and events on our website</u> to help you communicate the wonderful message of Christmas.



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing is one of Methodism's earliest carols. Originally written by Charles Wesley, it felt fitting for us to produce a new version of this wonderful song in time for Christmas. Hark! is out now and can be streamed or downloaded from wherever you usually get your music. There is a lyric performance video which can be viewed on our Youtube channel and can be downloaded for use in your upcoming church services via our Vimeo channel.

Hark! features vocals from two Methodist singers, Thomas Simm, District Safeguarding Officer in Chester & Stoke-on-Trent and Iona Cameron, from the Solihull Methodist District.

Stream the song here

Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order welcomed



"I take on this role believing that I will be given all that I need to carry out my duties to the best of my ability, and in ways which enable the Order to continue to grow and to walk into all that God has for us."

Michelle Legumi was welcomed as the new Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order in a service held at Methodist Church House on Wednesday 20 November. In this blog, she shares a little of the journey that led to taking on the new role.

Read more here

Rural response to the Autumn Budget



"I would like the Church to fully grasp the sea change in the way agriculture is currently viewed and how we support (or otherwise) those involved with food production."

Sarah Hulme, Rural Mission and Ministry Officer, reflects on the recent Autumn Budget and its impact on rural communities.

Read her reflection here

Vice-President visits Malta



The Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Mrs Carolyn Godfrey, went to the Malta Circuit in the South East District at the end of September 2024. She notably followed in her father's footsteps when he was a nursing orderly in the Royal Army Medical Corp in Malta.

Read about her visit here

Supporting people with AIDS in Sothern Asia



For World AIDS Day, Sunday 1 December, Thandeka Mchunu, Health, HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Coordinator for the Methodist Church in Southern Africa (MCSA), has written a blog and also a prayer to mark the day.

Read her blog here

Issue 35 of *The Connexion* magazine out now!



Described by readers as "a brilliant way to hear and share about the Methodist churches' impact on local communities", this edition includes a visit to a cottage where John Wesley stayed that now hosts workshops for schoolchildren. Also read about a new faith-based hairdresser who shares God's love with people feeling unable to go an ordinary salon.

Not yet a subscriber? Subscribe <u>here</u> for future issues by post (and request multiple copies to hand out to your friends and neighbours!).

Read the magazine here

Be a charity Secret Santa

Three million UK children now live in poverty. That's almost 1 in 3 children. It's relentless. And it doesn't stop because it's Christmas. Action for Children are inviting you to help a vulnerable child feel the magic of Christmas with a virtual gift.

Take part here



Prior to the start of COP29, the leaders of JPIT Partner Churches called for action in three areas: climate finance and debt relief, loss and damage funding and UK leadership on climate action. Find out more about the outcomes and what the final scores are.

Find out more here

Have a listen!

Trey Hall on BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought

Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism & Growth, talks about sobriety, spirituality cocktails and how we connect to God on BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought.

Listen here

The Revd Dr James N Tebbutt on BBC Radio Cumbria

The Revd Dr James N Tebbutt, North West England Methodist District Chair, has been interviewed on BBC Radio Cumbria regarding the Methodist Church's participation in the <u>call for banks to stop supporting the expansion of fossil fuels.</u>

Listen here

Social Justice Training Day empowers church leaders



Community support and awareness took centre stage during the Social Justice Training Day in the South West Peninsula Methodist District. The training provided information and tools for church leaders to help the most vulnerable people in their communities.

Discover more 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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