

Learning & Development Newsletter

Message from Alison Ransome

Welcome to the Learning & Development Newsletter!



You might have seen a meme on social media a bit like this; one person has organised and prepped a whole holiday with excursions and meals all booked, and the other just turns up with their bags ready to be fabulous!

We all prepare for things differently.

Lent as a time for preparation is also something we all engage with differently. Sometimes we give something up, other times we start a new practice. Sometimes we journey with a group, sometimes on our own. Sometimes we follow a programme and other times we don't. If you are looking for something to accompany you through Lent, maybe consider using the Methodist Church resource, *Soul Food*. However you are connecting with our loving God this Lent, may it be a time to pause, reflect and prepare for Easter.

This newsletter is jammed with some really helpful learning and development opportunities to help you this Lent, Easter and beyond.

This month, is a fabulous resourcing day for anyone using Bible Month which is a time to reflect on the Gospel of John where we meet Jesus, and through Him we encounter God's boundless, gracious love.

It might be that this Lent you feel the Spirit prompting you to reflect on what God is calling you to be and do. Keep reading for some great support for you in that discernment journey

Alison Ransome
Learning and Development Manager



Delivery Team sign-ups are now LIVE for 3Generate 2025!

We are pleased to announce that sign-ups to join the volunteer Delivery Team for 3Generate 2025 are live.

Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a budding first-timer, we want your help to make this 3Generate even bigger and better in 2025 as we return to the NEC from 3-4 October.

Join us in bringing together children and young people from across the Connexion and giving them a weekend they'll never forget – jam-packed with faith and fun!

Find out more about the different roles and sign up [here](#).

We have a wide range of roles available, so no matter your skills and experience you can be an integral part of the 3Generate Delivery Team.

If you would like promotional postcards with details of volunteering at 3Generate and more on the event itself, please complete the following [form](#).



Festival season is just around the corner... Do you want to be part of the action in 2025?

For several years now the Methodist Church has been popping up at festivals and events across the country - from Cliff Fest to Cheltenham Literature, Solas to Silverstone - and this year is no different. Each year, at every event, our volunteer teams play a vital role in helping this work come to life.

Could you join us as a volunteer at one of the many festivals and events we attend across the country? [Our sign-up form is now live!](#) Visit our brand new Festivals and Events webpages to find out where we'll be heading this year, what we'll be up to and how you can get involved.



Our *Soul Food* Lent resources, including the 2025 Worship Resource pack, are now available to explore and download [here](#).

Upcoming Learning Opportunities



Did you know that the Methodist Church has a dedicated programme to support people who are exploring a vocation in the church?

When you register on The Explore Programme, you will be offered support through:

- Reflecting with an **Accompanist**
- **Journaling** your experiences
- **Shadowing** people involved in work of the kingdom of God
- A range of **learning & development** resources and support to dip in and out of
- Being part of a group who learn together on a **9 month course**

You can register up at any time of year, although the course element has two cohorts a year and usually runs from September - May, and May- January.

There is a Taster session for the May 2025 Cohort on Thursday 24th April 7-9pm and the booking [link is here](#). The sooner you book to join the Programme, the sooner we can assign you an Accompanist, the sooner you will get the film about journaling, and the sooner you can talk with your church leader about your emerging vocation. To register for all of this support please click [here](#).



Who Cares?

In response to Our Calling, Methodist People are to help others to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

Who Cares? is a series of four 2-hour online modules that introduces participants to Pastoral Practice.

- Module 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care
- Module 2: Discipleship and Hospitality
- Module 3: Listening and Prayer
- Module 4: Pastoral Care in Difficult Times

Click [here](#) to book.

2025
**ASIAN
THEOLOGIAN-UK**
Conference

on the theme of

**THE BIBLE ON
THE MOVE:
POSTCOLONIAL
THEOLOGIES OF
MIGRATION**



**Saturday, 14th of June 2025
9.30AM - 4 PM**

**Heaton Moor
United Church,
Stanley Road,
Stockport SK4 4HL**

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Equipping for Equality

A development session for those passionate about
Justice, Dignity and Solidarity

An Introduction to Cultural Intelligence

Thursday 15th May

7pm - 9pm

on Zoom

[Come along](#) to learn more about the importance of Cultural Intelligence in the church. This session will be led by Sharon Nugent and Stuart Watkin from the Learning Network.

If you came to this session at the Equipping for Equality Day much of this material will be familiar - you could invite a friend along to learn more.

POSITIVELY RURAL
Pilgrimage
Thursday 1 May 10:00am

Book your place:
<https://250116-Home.eventbrite.co.uk>

Positively Rural is an online community hosted by the Learning Network and is open to anyone of any denomination involved in rural ministry, including volunteers, lay workers and clergy.

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Faith that lasts a lifetime – The Well Conference 2025

Kents Hill Park Conference Centre, Milton Keynes
11am Friday 13 June to 4pm Saturday 14 June 2025

The Children, Youth and Family Team is pleased to announce the details of the inaugural Well Conference, taking place in June this year. Even more exciting, we can now confirm that our key contributor for the two days will be [John Roberto](#), one of the world's leading thinkers when it comes to the subject of 'lifelong faith' and author of books including *Lifelong Faith: Formation with All Ages and Generations*.

The conference will run in a unique co-lab style, with a rhythm of input from John, followed by small groups where you have the chance to share your own knowledge and experience.

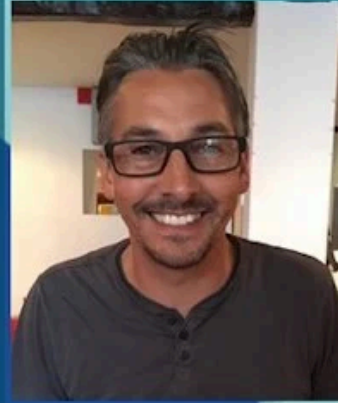
Who is this event for? Aimed at those who are employed, or who have a key strategic role, in children's, youth or family ministry in the Methodist Church, whether that be at a local, circuit or district level.

How much will it cost? Places at *The Well* Conference will be available at a subsidised rate of £60 per person. This includes overnight accommodation and all meals. Day delegate rates are also available at £25 per person.

Book your place [here](#)!

The New Places for New People
team welcome you to a webinar

Enabling NPNTs to grow and flourish



Flourishing New Places for New People (NPNT)

Join Anthony Clowes, Church Planting Officer in North West England district (NPNT Lead), for an inspiring webinar on building learning communities to start, develop and sustain NPNTs with the *Godsend* resource. Register your [place](#) for the online webinar.

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Tuesday

7-9 ^{BST} **PM**
sign up now

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with special guest

Rowan Williams

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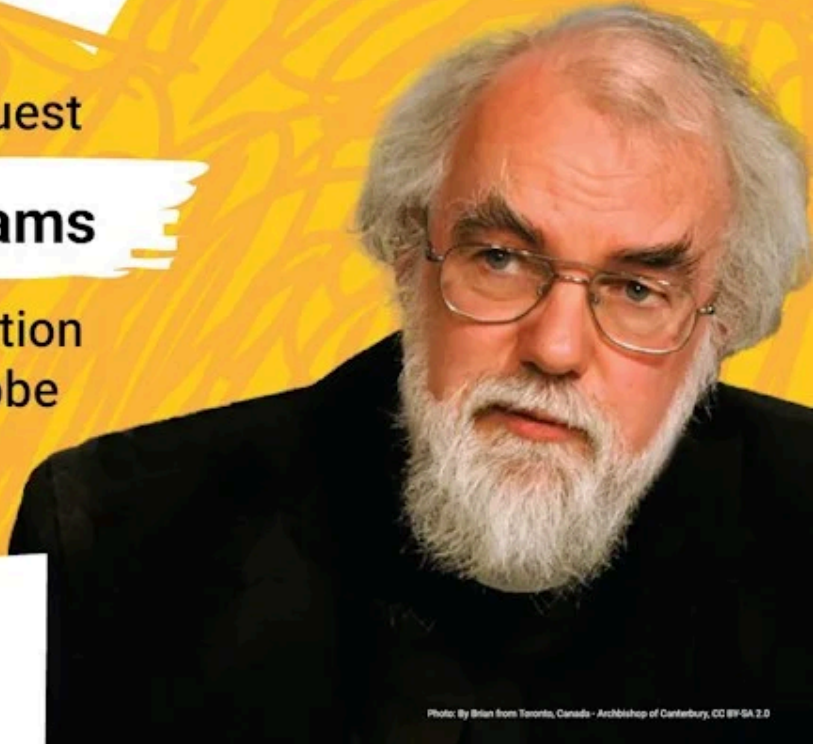


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Opportunities at Cliff

15-week Foundations units
starting in April 2025



**Ministry in the Methodist Tradition *or*
Evangelism and Christian Mission**
CLIFF COLLEGE

Foundations units at Cliff College

Cliff College's Foundations units are 15-week online units designed to deepen students' understanding and equip them for the challenges and opportunities they face in mission and ministry. This April, choose from *Ministry in the Methodist Tradition* or *Evangelism and Christian Mission*. The units cost under £400 and can be taken online from anywhere in the world. Equip your teams and congregations for mission and ministry today – [find out more and sign up on the Cliff College website.](#)



GET IN TOUCH !

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Have something you want to see in this monthly email?

The next newsletter is due to come out on Wednesday 23rd April.

For any submissions, please email [Funmi Oyedokun](#) by **4pm Wednesday 9th April**.

To avoid delays, please include the following in your message:

- A paragraph of supporting text as you would like it to appear in the monthly mail
- Any and all links and email addresses that are required for readers to click for more information
- An image of the logo or anything related to the text, which should be clear and in jpeg format.

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