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RAF Station is Blooming Lovely

Methodist grant plants seeds for growth



"The weather was on our side, and it turned out to be a fantastic afternoon with lots of people attending. It was lovely to see all the children running around looking for the clues with their teddies."

RAF Odiham in Hampshire is looking a little brighter after a grant from the Methodist Forces Board was used to plant up flower boxes and tubs in neglected areas around the base.

The Revd Dawn Colley, Methodist chaplain at the base, facilitated several events alongside Warrant Officer Grimshaw, to coincide with 'Odiham in Bloom', and the Community Support Team organised a teddy bears' picnic.

[Read about the work at RAF Odiham](#)

A Prayer for the Start of the Connexional Year

With the start of the new connexional year next week, we share this prayer from Matthew Forsyth, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. You can read the full prayer via the link below.

O Christ of the morning,
You who sang the stars into being,
Sing again into our hearts today.
As a new year unfolds,
we walk into the next verse of your story,
the next line of your song.

[Read the full prayer here](#)

"Transcarpathia is no longer out of reach"

Prayer and support for our Partner Church in Ukraine



"We received families from Kharkiv, Bakhmut, Mariupol – hoping they could start again, hoping that children would smile again. But now, the front line has moved closer. This is not only a strike on a building – it is a strike on hope."

The region of Transcarpathia, in the south-west corner of Ukraine and previously considered a safer haven, has now come under attack from Russian missiles and drones.

Methodist Church Partnership Coordinator Barry Sloan shares the devastating news that a region of Ukraine where people have fled to for safety has since come under attack from Russia.

[Read the blog here](#)

Greenbelt Festival 2025

Reflections from the President



"The festival has an underpinning Christian ethos but provides a safe, inclusive space in which to be, whether you are a person of faith or not. The uniting element is a shared concern for social justice."

The Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, reflects on attending the annual Greenbelt Festival held over the August bank holiday near Kettering. You can also find photographs from the weekend on the [Methodist Church Facebook page](#).

[Read the Greenbelt Festival reflection here](#)

Eco Church Award

Gold for Wesley Methodist Church in Chester



"Engaging with the wider community has been an important part of our environmental aims."

Angela Macquiban, Eco Group convener at Wesley Methodist Church in Chester, shares this story of how the church received its Gold Eco Church Award.

[Read about the journey to the award here](#)

Pakistan Floods

Call for prayer



Since the monsoon season started in June, more than 700 people have died in flood-related incidents in Pakistan, hundreds of them in the past two weeks as landslides and flash floods have destroyed entire villages, with the worst damage in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Members of congregations belonging to the Methodist Church's partner Church, the Church of Pakistan are among those affected.

Please pray for people whose homes, crops and livelihoods have been devastated, and those whose loved ones are known to have died or are still missing. Please pray also for all involved in search and rescue operations.

[Find out more about the flooding here](#)

I Fought the Law

Justice for a mother



I Fought the Law is the four-part ITV drama based on real-life bereaved mother Ann Ming and her campaign to change the double jeopardy law and ensure that her daughter Julie's murderer was convicted. Mark Braithwaite, a Methodist who features in the drama, was a junior police officer at the time of the 1989 murder and played a key role supporting the family throughout their ordeal and subsequent campaign.

The four-part series will debut at **9:00pm on ITV1 on Sunday 31 August**, with the second episode following in the same slot on Monday 1 September.

[Read Mark's story here](#)

For Goodness Sake

Joint Public Issues Team Conference



With inspiring speakers, vital spaces for listening well and workshops to share skills in working for change, 'For Goodness Sake!' is the place to be for Christian justice-seekers this November.

'For Goodness Sake!' is being organised by the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) on behalf of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, and in association with the Church of Scotland and Iona Community. It is a gathering of people who long for justice.

Workshop leaders include Paul Morrison, on narrative psychology and change, Steve Tinning, on working with politicians, JustMoney, on how money can be used for good, Trussel, on linking social action and social justice, the Iona Community, on worship and justice and even more workshops from JPIT.

[Book for the conference here](#)

Give the Gift of Gifted this Christmas

Christmas 2025 with the Methodist Church



Find out what the Methodist Church is doing this Christmas, and all the resources available for your church to welcome your community.

Come along to the Christmas breakout room at [Wholehearted Monthly](#) on 9 September, 7.00pm–9.00pm, or [sign up for our repeat webinar](#) on 11 September, 7.00pm–8.00pm

[Sign up for our webinar](#)

3Generate

Places still available for 4–7s

There is still plenty of time to book places in the 4–7s venue at 3Generate on Saturday 4 October. It is a special place for younger children to join in with their significant adults (whether that's parents, carers, grandparents or others they know well!).

Do you have contact with families with younger children through your Messy Church, a local school or new housing development? Why not gather a group and bring them along?

If you're already coming to 3Generate, why not organise for families and households to come for the day? Speak with your district to find out more about financial support and making travel arrangements.

[Find out more about 4–7's at 3Generate](#)

All We Can

Harvest celebration



All We Can warmly invites you to their Harvest Celebration Service on Monday 8 September.

The service will take place at Notting Hill Methodist Church, London. You can join from 6.00pm for refreshments with the service starting at 7.15pm.

All We Can are pleased to be joined by the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Richard Andrew, and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Matthew Forsyth.

[Book to attend here](#)

[Watch the livestream](#)

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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