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## The Methodist News

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## Rural Mission Sunday

### Great Yorkshire Show

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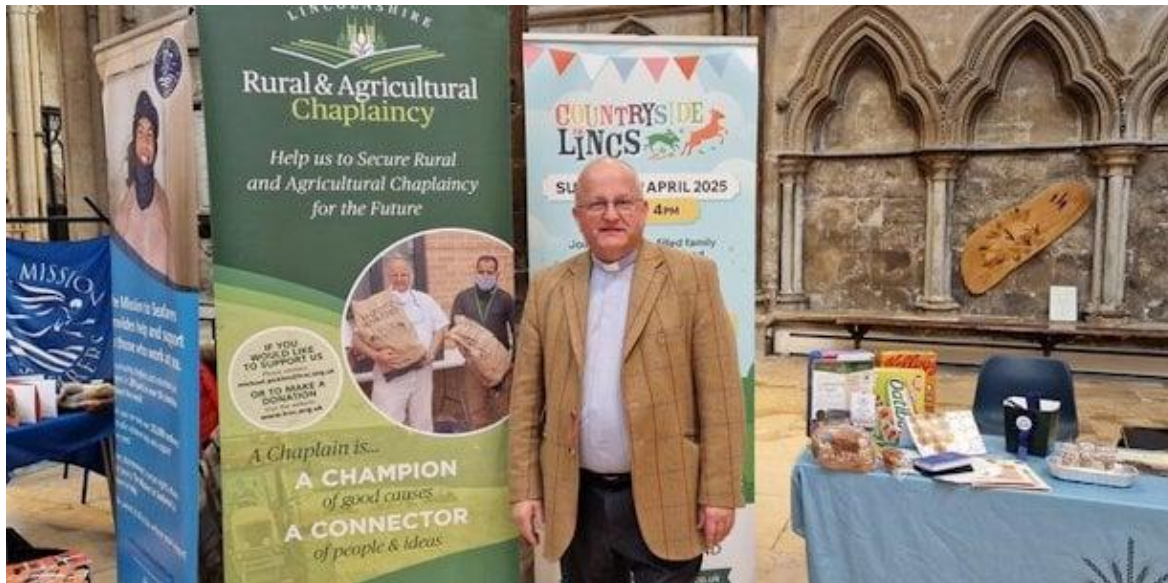
Ahead of this weekend's Rural Mission Sunday, the Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, made a visit to the Great Yorkshire Show. He chatted with the farmers on issues facing rural communities.

[See more on Facebook](#)

## Agricultural Chaplaincy

### Comforter, Catalyst, Champion and Connector

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*"When there's a crisis, we get down the farm drive and try to support and guide people to find solutions or face new possibilities. In Lincolnshire, we have some of the best farming entrepreneurs in the country and it's a privilege to mix with them and explore what their mission and vision is."*

The Revd Canon Alan Robson shares his experience as Agricultural Chaplain in the Lincolnshire Methodist District.

[Read about being an agricultural chaplain here](#)

## Seeds of Engagement

### A Community Garden in Crosby

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A community garden at Moor Lane Methodist Church in Crosby has planted the seeds of community engagement, sharing their produce at the local market.

[Read about the garden and its produce here](#)



## Mine be the Glory

### The Enduring Relationship between Coalminers and Methodism

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Last weekend, 12 and 13 July, the 139th Durham Miners' Gala took place. Around 200,000 people attended the annual celebration of community, international solidarity and working-class life.

*"Wesley's message resonated deeply with miners. He spoke directly to their struggles, offering a version of Christianity that was personal, emotional, and inclusive. His insistence on regular meetings, mutual accountability and lay preaching created a grassroots structure that aligned well with the solidarity already common in mining communities."*

Local circuit EDI officer, Stuart Lawson, explains the relationship between the Methodist Church, the mining community and its legacy, with Durham Methodist Church still playing an active part in the Gala.

[Read about the relationship between Methodists and the mining community](#)

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## Faith Leaders Lobby Parliament

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Faith leaders from across the UK gathered in Westminster on Wednesday 9 July as part of the *Act Now, Change Forever* mass lobby for action on climate and nature. Attending were Simeon Mitchell, JPIT Team Leader, and Hamish Leese, Director of Environmental Engagement for the Methodist Church.

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[Read more about the lobbying event here](#)

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## Conference Business Digest

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The Methodist Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church in Great Britain and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world.

The Conference Business Digest is a report for local churches detailing the business of the recently held 2025 Methodist Conference. Please share this with the office holders and members of your church and circuit.

[Download the digest here](#)

## 3Generate, Faith-filled Fun!

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3Generate is back for 2025, inviting children and young people to tune into God, each other and the world as we gather for another weekend of faith-filled fun and worship, even for the youngest ones!

Even your church community's younger members don't have to miss out. With our 4-7s area, which is even bigger for 2025, children will have a great introduction into the world of 3Generate and can take the very first steps on their 'journey of a lifetime'.

[Find out more about 3Generate and buy tickets here](#)

## Are you using Artificial Intelligence?

### Final Call for Survey

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There are only a couple more days left to complete the AI survey. The Methodist Conference has asked for work to be done on Artificial Intelligence to help formulate reflections, guidance and policy for the Methodist Church. As part of this work, the AI Working Group has created a short survey for members and circuits to feed-back and share experiences with the group.

- What are your thoughts on the theological and pastoral issues AI raises?
- Does it support or complicate your ministry practice?
- Are there issues around ethics, privacy or data that we need to pay attention to?

Please complete our short survey by Saturday 19 July.

[Complete the survey here](#)

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## Events

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### **Dreaming Big in Digital?**

Are you passionate about forming new Christian communities in the digital space? Do you have a dream, an idea, or even just a holy hunch that God might be up to something online? We're looking for curious creators, bold believers and digital pioneers to join the growing network of Digital New Places for New People.

- Join the community: Become part of a group of digital innovators who gather regularly.
- Request funding: Got a fresh digital idea for connecting people to Jesus? You could receive financial support to prototype and grow your vision.
- Offer support: Maybe you're a cheerleader, a mentor, a creative, a tech whizz, or someone who just gets the digital world – we'd love to explore how you might help others.

[Email for more information](#)

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### MWOL service outlines

Do you have a Local Arrangement coming up this summer? Explore our four new, editable discipleship outlines, designed to encourage and challenge worshippers to consider who God really is, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus in every moment of our lives.

[MWOL service outlines 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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