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PROPERTY MATTERS

The Methodist Church

Resources & Surveys

Discover Churches, a new toolkit for Welcoming Visitors to your Church

Discover Churches - an exciting new resource designed to help volunteers create a warm and meaningful welcome for visitors. Whether they come to admire the history, find a moment of peace, or simply enjoy a cup of tea and cake, you play a vital role in making their experience special.

A short online session introducing the toolkit for churches and chapels across Yorkshire. It'll just be a 45 minute introduction, with a bit of additional tourism info and time for questions.

Date: **Monday, 9th June 2025**
Time: **7pm**
Venue: **Online**
Host: **Sarah Crossland &John Neal (Trustees, Churches' Visitors & Tourism Association**
For information and to register, click here

The National Churches Survey: giving every Church a Voice

The National Churches Trust is carrying out a survey to help policymakers, the media, and the wider public better understand the challenges churches face and to highlight the vital work that churches, like yours, do.

This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country and we encourage you to take part.

Date: **Survey is Live from 6th May - 30 June 2025**
Venue: **Online**
English Version - for more information and to take part in this survey, click here
Welsh Version - for more information and to take part in this survey, click here

Have You Registered?

Wholehearted Monthly

Hosted by The Methodist Church in Britain and open to all.

Join the Property Support Team after the main conversation in our breakout room - **A Space(ious) Place** for another interesting conversation.

Topic: **TBC**
Date: **Tuesday, 10th June 2025**
Time: **7pm - 9pm**
Venue: **Online**
Click here to register your attendance

The Big Update is here – are you coming?

If you care about the future of historic churches and other religious buildings - either a particular building or more generally - then you'll almost certainly enjoy the day.

Talks will last between 10 and 25 minutes with decent breaks so you can have the opportunity to chat with any speaker who has particularly caught your interest.

Date: **Tuesday, 10th June 2025**

Time: **9.30am – 4.45pm finish** (followed by drinks & cake)

Venue: **St Marylebone, 17 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5LT**

Click here for ticket prices, list of speakers and more information about the event

Important Reminders

The 2025 Annual Data Protection Checklist

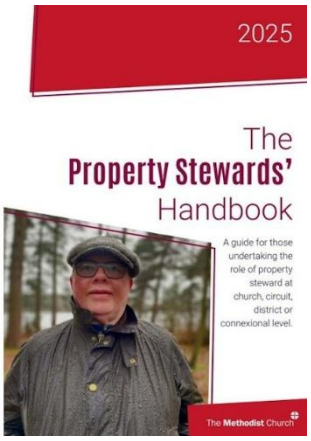
Remember - the **2025 Annual Data Protection Checklist** needs to be **completed and submitted to the Districts by the 31st of May 2025.**

Click here to access the checklist and the form.

Updated - Property Stewards' Handbook

A gentle reminder that the **Property Steward's Handbook has been updated** (minor revisions) and is now available on the Methodist Church Website.

Click here to access and download the PDF version of the handbook.



Funding Opportunity

Funding for Community Businesses: Options & Opportunities

Plunkett UK is organising a webinar to help community businesses understand the different funding options available. The webinar will provide information about grants, community shares, loans, public works loans, community fundraising and crowdfunding with a Q&A session the end.

Date: **Tuesday, 24th June 2025**
Time: **12noon – 1.30pm**
Venue: **Online**
Click **here** for more information and to register for the session.

Here To Help!

Are you a Methodist Church Managing Trustee? Do you have a question that you would like the Property Support Team to help you with?

If so, please click here to submit your enquiry and a member of the team will be in touch

Your usual Property Matters Newsletter will land in your inbox soon filled with lots of valuable information, tips and inspirational stories from around the Connexion.

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In the meantime to view the most current edition of Property Matters, please refer to the Property pages on the website.

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