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WOVEN THREADS



**BROCHURE &
PROGRAMME**

**13 - 15 FEB 2026
University of York**

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REDISCOVERING OUR PLACE

TOGETHER IN GOD'S BIG TAPESTRY

WELCOME

These gatherings are always significant moments in our shared life – opportunities to worship, to reconnect, to reflect, and to be renewed for the journey ahead. Our theme of 'Woven Threads: Rediscovering our place together in God's big tapestry' invites us to notice and celebrate how the many strands that make up the fabric of our lives and churches are interwoven. It's so important that we remind each other that we are never isolated fragments, but part of something vast and vibrant - woven together by grace and love. Sometimes the patterns are only visible in hindsight, sometimes they're still being formed. But always, at the heart of it all, is God - the master weaver, always creating something beautiful.

I look forward to welcoming you, and my prayer is that we will all leave with fresh clarity about who we are, where we belong, and what part we are called to play in God's ongoing, unfolding, fabulous tapestry.

Revd Leslie Newton
Chair of Yorkshire North & East Methodist District

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making Flourish 26 a success. An event such as this relies on the sacrificial effort and commitment of many people; it couldn't happen without the many volunteers and particularly our small core planning team. Thank you to everyone who is helping in any capacity.



Vital Information

Find additional FAQs, online programme, and more here:
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> TICKETS

You can book General Tickets right up until the event. We will be able to check bookings on our system and you don't need to print or bring a physical or digital ticket with you. Buy tickets here: **bit.ly/Flourish26**

> PRAYER AND CHAPLAINCY

A dedicated prayer space is available during the weekend, located in the Central Hall Foyer. There is also a team available to offer prayer.

> FOOD AND DRINK

The Roger Kirk Café and Physics Exhibition Café are open throughout the weekend for drinks. The Roger Kirk Eatery is open for lunch (Saturday & Sunday) and dinner on Saturday. There is a range of food outlets in the city centre (please check travel times). Please note: only food and drink bought on-site should be consumed in University buildings across the weekend

> TYPES OF ALL-AGE ENGAGEMENT

We have tried to ensure that all sessions are family-friendly to some extent. All ages are welcome, but to inform your decision, each workshop and session is labelled as one of three types of engagement style (shown by symbols in the programme - more info on page 6). Please note there is no creche or specific provision for under 5s, however, there is a dedicated space for families with young children in Central Hall. Details of our accompanying Children's & Youth Programme (only for those pre-booked) are on page 8.

> WORKSHOPS

Details of available workshops can be found on pages 11, 12 and 13 - some workshops have smaller capacities than others, but there will be space for everyone to attend one of the sessions.

GENERAL QUERIES

Visit our welcome desk (main entrance area). Stewards will be on hand to answer any questions.

**Emergency Contact during event
hours: 07539 027151**

> PARKING

Parking at the University of York is free at the weekend and after 6pm on weekdays. We recommend parking at Campus South Car Park or Campus Central Car Park.

> ACCESSIBILITY

To access Central Hall, please report to the desk in Central Hall Foyer, and they will assist with the use of the lift. Please see the venue map on page 6, which gives the location of disabled toilets. An induction loop is available in most venues, as indicated on the map. Guide dogs are allowed in all public areas of the University. If you have particular accessibility needs, please get in touch with one of the team and we will do our best to accommodate.

> PROGRAMME CHANGES

We anticipate there may be some tweaks to the final timetable from what is printed in this brochure. On arrival at Flourish, an additional leaflet will outline any changes to the programme. These will also be indicated on screens around the venue, and an online version of the programme is accessible on our website.

> PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDINGS

Several dedicated photographers will be recording photos and videos of the weekend for use by the District. Please speak to one of our team if you wish to opt out of being photographed. Please note that you are prohibited from taking photos or videos of any young people at Flourish. The main sessions in Central Hall and the Flourish Theatre will be recorded and available afterwards.

> SAFEGUARDING AND FIRST AID

First Aid Cover will be available throughout the weekend. If there is a need, please contact our Event Manager Naomi Prince on 07539 027151 who will liaise with the University Team. Our Safeguarding lead is: Bridget Bennett (see details on screens, or via Naomi)

CAMPUS MAP

Bus Stop (~300 meters)
Campus Central Car Park
- 90 spaces (YO10 5DD)

YORK

Wool
Theatre

Loom
Room

Yarn
room

Weave
Room

(~140 meters)
Spring Lane
Workshop
Rooms

First Floor

Central
Hall

Stage

Ground Floor
Central Hall
Foyer

Prayer Space
Location

covered footpath



Toilets



Hearing
Loop



Stairs



Accessible
Toilets



Lift



Doorways

Please note the floor plan is not to scale and accurate to the best of our knowledge. Not all doorways, rooms, ramps, or stairs are shown.

Lake

Roger Kirk
Café & Eatery
(~50 meters)

Flourish
Theatre

Front

Café

Marketplace

Welcome
Desk

Yurt

Ravelling
Flat Floor Room

Silk
Lecture
Theatre

Front

Youth

Cotton
Lecture
Theatre

Front

Children

Entrance

Entrance

Parking (YO10 5NA)

Campus West - 65 spaces
(~130 meters)

Campus South - 265 spaces
(~300 meters)

Physics Exhibition Centre



THE 4 THREADS

We'd like to encourage you to try sessions from different threads, even if they are outside your comfort zone!

Woven Threads – a phrase that recognises we are individuals that feed into the body of the church; each thread has a role in building the tapestry.

Throughout the weekend, we'll be exploring four threads in particular. These are bold and beautiful ideas - and we hope they'll spark fresh inspiration, deep thinking, honest conversations, and renewed courage to live differently.

-LESLIE NEWTON

These four threads will be highlighted in the programme by the colours highlighted below:

REDISCOVERING GOD'S CALL AT THE HEART OF YOU

Includes sessions that focus on ministry and leadership, exploring worship & our passions

REDISCOVERING CURIOSITY AT THE HEART OF FAITH

Includes sessions that focus on bible study and learning, exploring our thinking & stories

REDISCOVERING JUSTICE AT THE HEART OF LIFE

Includes sessions that focus on our actions and living, exploring experience & creativity

REDISCOVERING REVOLUTION AT THE HEART OF CHURCH

Includes sessions that focus on pioneering and spirituality, exploring openness to new ideas

ENGAGING AT FLOURISH!

It's recognised that people learn in different ways, so to help people engage in Flourish 2026, we have assigned each session with an engagement type to give people an idea of what to expect.



Listen and Reflect - lecture style sessions where the focus is more on listening



Share and Discuss - a seminar based session, so be prepared to chat with those sitting near you



Move and Engage - sessions which involve a level of activity, engagement, or use of your body

Look out for these symbols next to each session!

GET CRAFTY!



BRAND NEW at Flourish: be part of our collaborative art project over the weekend. An opportunity to craft letters of the alphabet using buttons on woven circles, and these will be put together to form words - joining together to create one big "tapestry" at the end of the weekend!

Co-ordinated for us by Katie Hill:

Katie has an artists' studio at Southlands Methodist Church; working with them since 2019 on various community art projects



POP BY THE MARKETPLACE AND MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FLOURISH ART PROJECT

MARKETPLACE

Located in the Physics Exhibition Centre. Opportunities to interact, learn, and experience something new - as well as items to buy! Here are some of our partners and stall holders you can find at Flourish...

All We Can - Methodist Relief & Development Fund, serving the most marginalised

Cliff College - Christian theological college focusing on mission and evangelism

D3associates - supports churches & charities with energy and architectural services

ARocha - a global Christian organisation that looks to inspire and support churches in caring for the environment

Resurrected Bites - transforms surplus food into affordable meals and groceries through inclusive community cafes

Single Friendly Church - a UK-based network that helps churches become more welcoming and inclusive of single people

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) - a volunteer-run charity within the Methodist Church

The Methodist Book Centre - providing books and other resources to churches for 70 years

Fund for Human Need - a charity that provides one-off emergency grants for individuals facing poverty, hunger and other struggles

Woollen Blessings and Crochet by Laura Grace - handmade crochet items by Gill and Laura Newton

ROOTS - an ecumenical organisation that provides weekly lectionary-based worship and learning resources

The Worship Bible - helps eliminate guesswork, offering carefully crafted song-flows that match your Scripture, Themes & Lectionary

Taketime - offers free, Bible based, Christ-centred, mindfulness meditations which use simple, focused prayer

Children & Youth Programme

PRE-BOOKED YOUTH RESIDENTIAL | YOUTH STREAM
PRE-BOOKED CHILDREN'S STREAM
FAMILIES (GENERAL ADMISSION)



We are delighted that our Children's, Youth, and Families (CYF) Team is facilitating dedicated sessions for pre-booked children & young people throughout the weekend, alongside engaging with the main programme options.

We have tried to ensure that all sessions contain some family-friendly content. All ages are welcome, but to inform your decision, each workshop & session is labelled as one of three types of engagement style (shown by symbols in the programme - more info on page 6). Note: there is no creche or specific provision for under 5s, however, there is a dedicated space for families with young children in Central Hall

Booked Children and Young People will have received more info from our team, or you can speak with our leaders during the weekend.

Whilst at Flourish, a more expansive programme can be found online:



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All young people need to be pre-booked onto the programme

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	Youth (School Years 6-13)	Children (Reception-Year 6)
Friday		
from 6pm	Drop off	
6 - 7pm	Dinner	
7:30pm	Chill in the Youth Room or join session in Central Hall	
Saturday		
9:45am		Drop off for morning session
10:00am	Youth Programme: includes an opportunity to be off site	
11:30am		Pick Up
	Various Sessions	Various Sessions
6:00pm	Dinner	
6:45pm		Drop off for PJ party & film night
7:00pm	Chill out space	

PROGRAMME - FRIDAY

	SESSION	VENUE	THREAD	DESCRIPTION
6:00	Youth drop off	Youth Room		Drop off and registration for those in the residential youth stream. Find more details about our dedicated Children & Youth streams in their own programme available online
7:00	DOORS OPEN			
7:30	OPENING CELEBRATION ★▲	CENTRAL HALL	WOVEN THREADS	Leslie Newton opens Flourish 2026 with contributions from workshop leaders and speakers. Our sung worship will be led by our house band, Zac Carpenter. More details about key speakers/musicians are available on pages 17 and 18
	MARKETPLACE SOFT OPENING			
AFTER HOURS 9:30	ZAC CARPENTER CONCERT ★	CENTRAL HALL	CALLING	Come experience the joy and power of worship with Zac Carpenter —an unforgettable night of music and faith awaits!
	EVENING WITH ADRIAN PLASS ▲	FLOURISH THEATRE	LIFE	End your day with a smile—join Adrian Plass for stories, laughs, and a little late-night wisdom.
	EVENING COMPLINE ▲	YURT	CALLING	Guided quiet reflection space led by The Kairos Movement to notice where you felt the presence of the Divine today (limited places)



PROGRAMME - SATURDAY

	SESSION		VENUE	THREAD	DESCRIPTION
9:00	MORNING PRAISE ★		CENTRAL HALL	CALLING	A joyful start to the day with uplifting worship, heartfelt prayer, and a celebration of God's goodness.
	TAKETIME MEDITATION ★		THEATRE	CALLING	Join Clive McKie and start your morning with a gentle TakeTime meditation
	REFLECTIVE PRAYER ▲		YURT	CALLING	The Kairos Movement: prayer led with images, poetry and times of quiet for reflection (limited places)
9:30	Coffee break (including Children's stream drop off)				
10:00	"ENRICHING THE TAPESTRY" BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS	▲	CENTRAL HALL	CURIOSITY	DR. RUTH VALERIO Hear reflections on our theme 'Woven Threads' through the lens of a theologian, environmentalist and advocate for Global Justice.
		▲	FLOURISH THEATRE	LIFE	JOHN AND JADE REYNOLDS Hear reflections on our theme 'Woven Threads' through the lens their experience as advocates for inclusion and resilience in the face of disability
		●	SILK	REVOLUTION	THE KAIROS MOVEMENT Discussion: being open to new biblical perspectives and re-evaluating why we believe what we believe
11:15	COFFEE BREAK				
	----- HEAR ABOUT A PROJECT AND BE INSPIRED... -----				
11:45	JUSTICE ▲		CENTRAL HALL	LIFE	Examples of a community social justice project
	GOD'S CALL ▲		THEATRE	CALLING	Examples of doing things differently in ministry
	CHURCH ▲		COTTON	CURIOSITY	Examples of exploring different ways of thinking
	INNOVATION ★		RAVELLING	REVOLUTION	Examples of pioneering with The Kairos Movement
12:30	LUNCH (ROGER KIRK EATERY OPEN 12-2PM)				

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pop by the marketplace and make your contribution to the Flourish art project. Visit our prayer space in the Central Hall Foyer. Chat with The Kairos Movement in their Yurt or find info about our outdoor interactive prayer walk.

PROGRAMME - WORKSHOPS 1

WORKSHOP TITLE		VENUE	THREAD	HOST
2:00 to 3:00	FINDING YOUR PLACE IN MINISTRY: ROUNDTABLE ▲	FLOURISH THEATRE	CALLING	Graham Jones
	REDISCOVERING OUR STORY OUR SONG ▲	WOOL THEATRE	CURIOSITY	Richard Andrew & Matt Forsyth
	NO JUNIOR HOLY SPIRIT: HELPING EVERYONE ENCOUNTER GOD ▲	COTTON THEATRE	LIFE	Encounter Worship
	ROOTED IN CREATION: CULTIVATING SUSTAINABLE CHURCHES FOR A FLOURISHING FUTURE ○	SILK THEATRE	LIFE	Tim O'Brien
	WOVEN THREADS - GET CRAFTY! THE FLOURISH ART PROJECT ★	RAVELLING ROOM	REVOLUTION	Katie Hill
	WEAVING INFLUENCE: CHURCH IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL SPACES ▲	LOOM ROOM	LIFE	JPIT
	DIGITALLY WOVEN: HOW TO ENGAGE WITH DISCIPLESHIP IN THE DIGITAL WORLD ○	WEAVE ROOM	CURIOSITY	Ben Clowes
	BUILD YOUR OWN SONG ○	YARN ROOM	LIFE	Sisken Green

★ **AT ANY TIME : OUTSIDE**

INTERACTIVE CAMPUS PRAYER WALK USING TECHNOLOGY

A short outdoor trail around the venue for all ages - bring your smartphone to scan the QR codes! Follow the prompts (such as taking a photo or using our senses) to engage in this co-created experience, facilitated in partnership with The Kairos Movement (page 16). For more information and guidance on where to start, visit the Yurt (page 5).

Self-led

3:00PM

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MOVE TO YOUR NEXT WORKSHOP

PROGRAMME - WORKSHOPS 2

		WORKSHOP TITLE	VENUE	THREAD	HOST
3:30 to 4:30		WHERE THERE'S MUCK, THERE'S MINISTRY: HOW TO AID GOD'S KINGDOM SEED SOWING ▲	FLOURISH THEATRE	REVOLUTION	Andy Lindley
		CREATING SPACE FOR GOD'S FUTURE STORIES ▲	WOOL THEATRE	CURIOSITY	Leslie Newton
		GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION ○	COTTON THEATRE	CALLING	Zac Carpenter
		THE CHURCH WASN'T BUILT FOR THE CHURCH: SO WHY ARE WE THE ONLY ONES USING IT? ▲	SILK THEATRE	LIFE	Thomas Rattigan
		SNAKES AND LADDERS WITH ALL WE CAN ★	RAVELLING ROOM	LIFE	All We Can
		THRIVE: FLOURISHING AS A CHURCH LAY LEADER ○	LOOM ROOM	CALLING	Ruth Gilson-Webb and Nigel Pimlott
		COMMUNITY ORGANISING: BUILDING OUR RELATIONAL POWER TO MAKE CHANGE ○	WEAVE ROOM	REVOLUTION	Ian Rutherford
	TAKE TIME TO BE STILL AND HEAR GOD'S VOICE ▲	YARN ROOM	CURIOSITY	Clive McKie	
4:30PM - FREE TIME UNTIL EVENING PROGRAMME					
4.30pm		ALL-AGE INTERACTIVE MULTI-SENSORY PRAYER FOR ANYONE LEAVING EARLY ★	RAVELLING ROOM	CALLING	The Kairos Movement
6:00pm	Youth Stream Dinner		6:45pm	Children Drop off for PJ party and film night	
ROGER KIRK EATERY OPEN FOR FOOD			5:00PM - 7:00PM		
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WORKSHOP DETAILS

Finding your place in ministry: roundtable

Graham Jones | Listen & Reflect

God calls Administrators, Safeguarding Officers, Local Preachers, Community Organisers and countless other roles. Hear how God called a selection of people into their roles, and reflect on where God is calling you.

Rediscovering our story our song

Richard Andrew and Matt Forsyth Listen & Reflect

Join the Methodist Presidency 2025-2026 for an inspiring time to rediscover who we are through the stories we tell and the songs we sing, rooted in grace and shaped by God's Spirit. Together, we'll explore how our shared story and a new song can shape a hopeful, justice-seeking future for the Church.

No Junior Holy Spirit: Helping Everyone Encounter God

Encounter Worship | Listen & Reflect

The whole Church family can worship, learn and pray together. Discover why & how people of all ages and abilities should be included in church worship, with examples from the Encounter Worship team from Hull.

Rooted in Creation: Cultivating Sustainable Churches for a Flourishing Future

Tim O'Brien | Listen & Reflect

Discover how faith and stewardship intersect as we explore practical, inspiring ways folks have made our churches greener, our communities more resilient and our witness to God's creation more powerful. Helping you to encourage change, care for the earth and reflect God's love through sustainable action.

Weaving influence: church in public & political spaces

JPIT | Listen & Reflect | Max. 30

Join the Joint Public Issues Team to explore how dialogue across diversity can grow the influence of churches in public and political spaces. We will discuss and practice methods of developing justice-seeking relationships with each-other, with our local MPs and with other churches as we work for change.

Digitally Woven: How to engage with discipleship in the digital world

Ben Clowes | Discuss & Share | Max. 30

In the digital age, where the world has moved into online and hybrid patterns of being, churches need to do more than just lead online worship. Ben Clowes (Deputy Chair), Wayne Grewcock (Minister - Shoreline Methodist Community) and Elliot Crippen (Digital Pioneer) will share some thoughts and provide space for discussion and sharing of good practice.

Build your own Song

Sisken Green | Discuss & Share | Max. 20

You might be surprised how easy it is to write simple yet effective songs with a few basic ingredients - a text, a tune, and a bit of confidence. Siskin Green will share some examples and advice from their experience as songwriters and support you in small groups to create and share some mini-songs, then consider how you might keep the creativity going.

Thrive: Flourishing as a church lay leader

Ruth Gilson-Webb and Nigel Pimlott Discuss & Share | Max. 30

Developing the THRIVE community within the District is an expression of our passion to deepen our support of lay leaders to flourish in Christian leadership. Through gatherings and online 'learning spaces' THRIVE is committed to being a network that resources, challenges and encourages lay leaders in the District to flourish in Christian leadership. Come along to find out more!

Where there's muck, there's ministry: How to aid God's kingdom seed sowing

Andy Lindley | Listen & Reflect

We know God's kingdom seeds thrive in Good Soil (Matthew 13:3-9), but what can we do practically to nurture the soil in our community? And which part of God's garden are we personally called to tend?

The Church Wasn't Built for the Church: So Why Are We the Only Ones Using It?

Thomas Rattigan | Listen & Reflect

Mission hasn't stopped — but maybe we left it locked inside buildings we forgot how to use. Together, we'll share stories, ask difficult questions, and explore how buildings — once built by the people — might once again serve the people, in ways that truly matter.

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation

Zac Carpenter | Discuss & Share

Zac Carpenter will share some stories of leading worship in public and explore how God might be calling us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). Everyone is welcome to attend this interactive session.

Creating Space for God's future Stories

Leslie Newton | Listen & Reflect

A chance to explore how our Methodist origin story offers us a great pattern and framework to help us grow in our faith, and play our part in the spiritual and social transformation of our world.

Snakes and Ladders with All We Can

All We Can | Move & Engage | Max. 40

Experience for yourself the challenges All We Can's partners face in communities experiencing poverty by playing a twist on the traditional game of Snakes and Ladders.

Community organising: Building our relational power to make change

Ian Rutherford | Discuss & Share | Max. 30

Discover the five steps to social change, hold a 1-2-1 relational conversation, undertake a power analysis, and plan a collective action to win.

Take Time to be still and hear God's voice

Clive McKie | Listen & Reflect | Max. 20

Ready to quiet the noise and truly hear God speaking to you? Join our Taketime meditation session to create space for intimate conversation with Jesus and rediscover His unique call on your life.

Get Crafty! - Flourish Art Project

Katie Hill | Move & Engage

Make your mark on the Art Project that is taking place over the weekend. Join our resident artist Katie for an hour of crafting and chatting, away from the busyness of the weekend. More on page 6.

PROGRAMME - SAT EVENING

	SESSION	VENUE	THREAD	DESCRIPTION
7:00	YOUTH STREAM	YOUTH ROOM		A space to chill and play games for young people who prefer something quieter
7:30	"ENRICHING THE TAPESTRY" EVENING SESSION OPTIONS	CENTRAL HALL	REVOLUTION	TREY HALL Join Trey, Burniston Band and our very own Steel Pan Band for an evening of celebration
		FLOURISH THEATRE	CURIOSITY	DR. RUTH VALERIO Join Ruth Valerio and the Zimbabwe Fellowship Choir for an evening of celebration.
		RAVELLING ROOM	REVOLUTION	THE KAIROS MOVEMENT Engage in something different: a Kairos group discussion of an episode of The Chosen (TV show)
AFTER HOURS 9:30	SISKEN GREEN CONCERT ▲	CENTRAL HALL	LIFE	Sisken Green perform a collection of their folk tunes that explore faith, feminism and social justice.
	ALL-AGE QUIZ ○	ROGER KIRK	FUN	Casual evening quiz, hosted by the Methodist Young Adult Fellowship . Get ready to compete!
	EVENING COMPLINE ▲	YURT	CALLING	Guided quiet reflection space led by The Kairos Movement to notice where you felt the presence of the Divine throughout the day (limited places)

PROGRAMME - SUNDAY

	SESSION	VENUE	THREAD	DESCRIPTION
9:00	EARLY COMMUNION	SILK	CALLING	Find a moment of quiet and join us for an early morning communion for 30 mins
10:00	WORSHIP OPTIONS "WHAT'S YOUR GOLDEN THREAD?"	CENTRAL HALL	CALLING	RICHARD ANDREW with music by Zac Carpenter
		FLOURISH THEATRE	CURIOSITY	MATT FORSYTH with music by Burniston Band
		RAVELLING ROOM	REVOLUTION	HOSTED BY 'THE KAIROS MOVEMENT' Sharing a curated collection of your creative submissions from the weekend (see page 16)
		ROGER KIRK	LIFE	HOSTED BY 'ENCOUNTER WORSHIP' All-age inclusive Cafe Worship
11:00	COFFEE BREAK			
11.30	Closing Celebration GOD'S AMAZING TAPESTRY	CENTRAL HALL	WOVEN THREADS	What does it mean to be part of the tapestry? Join us as we reflect on how God weaves every moment into His perfect design. Musicians: Zac Carpenter Host: Leslie Newton
	Closing Celebration GOD'S AMAZING TAPESTRY	FLOURISH THEATRE	WOVEN THREADS	What does it mean to be part of the tapestry? Join us as we reflect on how God weaves every moment into His perfect design. Musicians: Burniston Band Host: Ruth Gilson-Webb

Roger Kirk Eatery open for food 12-2PM





THE KAIROS MOVEMENT

VISIT US IN OUR YURT VENUE

Open most of the weekend outside of main sessions - drop by to say hello!

CONVERSATION, SPIRITUALITY, INNOVATION

THE YURT - A gathering space with creative activities. Visit to explore some of the things we do; info for starting the outdoor trail; and contribute to our Sunday co-created worship session.

SESSIONS - The Kairos Movement are facilitating the "Revolution" stream at Flourish. Join us for sessions that showcase pioneering & creativity, exploring new ideas, or openness to different spiritual practices

THE SOFA - Look out for the roving "conversation couch" on the University Campus. Discover how The Methodist Church has been engaging in faith conversations in non-religious places and festivals.

REDISCOVERING REVOLUTION
AT THE HEART OF CHURCH



FIND YOUR RHYTHM

For those hungry to live differently the Jesus way: an entangled network of disparate online communities in various stages of faith shifting. Add some of our activities to your spiritual portfolio

www.kairosmovement.org.uk



Meet Some of Our Contributors



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01 DR RUTH VALERIO

Pioneer of the Eco Church movement with A Rocha. She gained her doctorate from King's College London, where she looked at simplicity and consumerism, particularly the relationship between Thomas Aquinas' virtues of temperance and justice. She also holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Winchester and Chichester and is currently Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral.

02 ZAC CARPENTER & BAND

Worship leader, songwriter, busker and pastor from Croydon, South London. Known for his impromptu worship sessions in London train stations, Zac creates music designed to deepen listeners' connection to Jesus. Zac and his band have played at many Christian festivals around the UK.

03 JOHN AND JADE REYNOLDS

Husband-and-wife duo who have captured the hearts of millions on social media with their authentic, humorous, and faith-filled content. Their journey as an interabled couple - Jade lives with a disability, adds depth and authenticity to their storytelling, resonating with a diverse audience. They are acclaimed public speakers (inc. Spring Harvest & Songs of Praise), have a book & host a podcast (both titled: Able to Laugh).

04 SISKEN GREEN

Contemporary Scottish folk trio that draws on the themes of faith, feminism and justice. Jane Bentley, Suzanne Butler and Margaret McLarty weave close harmony singing with evocative folk instrumentation. They have performed at Greenbelt Festival, the Edinburgh Fringe, Solas Festival, and have recorded songs for Radio 4's Sunday Worship and Songs of Praise from the island of Iona.

05 REVD TREY HALL

Director of Evangelism & Growth for the Methodist Church. Trey helps the Church deepen its commitment to be growing, inclusive, evangelistic, and justice-seeking. He's started and led churches in the US and the UK, and co-hosts the podcast Spill the Spirituality.

06 REVD RICHARD ANDREW

President of the Methodist Conference. Richard serves as Chair of the Darlington District. He grew up in rural North Yorkshire and studied philosophy and theology in London. He has a deep passion for the renewal and refreshing of the Methodist Church and the rediscovery of its DNA.

07 MATTHEW FORSYTH

Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. Matt is a local preacher, and is the Mission Team Leader in the Northampton Methodist District. Having studied Theology, and spent time working for All We Can to name a few roles, Matt remains firm in his calling to lay leadership.

08 ADRIAN PLASS

Adrian Plass is a British author, speaker, and performer best known for his warm, witty, and gently satirical take on Christian life, especially through his beloved Sacred Diary series.

09 LESLIE NEWTON

Chair of Yorkshire North and East Methodist District and leads the Flourish planning team. As a Methodist Minister he has served in the Barnsley, Bramhall and York Circuits. Leslie had the vision for Flourish in 2019.

10 BURNISTON BAND

Burniston Worship Band return to Flourish to lead worship in some of our venues this weekend. Look out for their gentle worship leading and encouragement of congregational singing.

11 DAY SPRING STEEL BAND

Nidd Valley Steel Band is based at Trinity Methodist Church in Harrogate. They enjoy coming together once a week to play for fun! Spanning three generations, they are looking forward to playing at Flourish.

12 ZIMBABWE FELLOWSHIP CHOIR

Part of the Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK (MCZF UK). A vibrant community of Zimbabwean Methodists, and are united by their love for God and their commitment to serving others.

13 MYAF

Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (MYAF) is a community of young adults who regularly meet through WhatsApp. They offer a space for young adults to share in their faith with others their own age.

14 ENCOUNTER WORSHIP

Encounter worship believe that God is for everyone, and worship should be planned and led to help all people meet with God, regardless of age and ability. Alongside leading worship regularly in Hull, they have launched a website full of resources and ideas to help people plan inclusive worship in their own churches.

15 JPIT

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) is a partnership between The Baptist Union, The Methodist Church and The United Reformed Church that works together for peace and justice through listening, learning, praying, speaking, and acting on public policy issues.

16 ALL WE CAN

All We Can are an international relief and development movement, rooted in the Christian faith. They are passionate about walking alongside our local partners to help communities uncover their own solutions and their own potential. All We Can are our charity partner for Flourish 2026.

17 THE KAIROS MOVEMENT

A pioneering network of missional communities and online gatherings in Yorkshire North & East Methodist District - see more on page 16. Kairos are facilitating our Revolution stream (and Yurt) with a volunteer team. Co-enablers: Andy Lindley & Liane Kensett.

18 METHODIST INSURANCE

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