

CIRCUIT NEWS EXTRA

We're delighted to begin with a small snippet of the Easter message to the District from our District Chair, Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks. Please [click here](#) to read the full message.

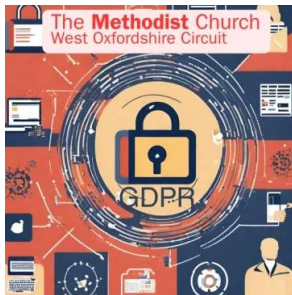
"How bleak things must have seemed to the women hurrying to the tomb on that first Easter day! The person whom they loved and had followed faithfully had been cruelly executed. All their hopes, all their dreams had disappeared in an instant...I wonder if going to the tomb, on that first Easter day, was in itself more real, more in keeping with God's ways than those women could ever have imagined... What does prayerful defiance look like for us? The hope for a better world is part of the Easter message.

God has not forgotten us – God, in Jesus, has not abandoned us."

GDPR

If anyone wishes to attend a face-to-face presentation re the GDPR Checklist – there is one running on:

Monday 11th May at 10.30am
Harpole Methodist Church.



This should be booked in advance via Sara Eason
office@methodist-churches-northampton.org.uk

Don't forget that Sara is your district contact for GDPR advice.
Your return should be completed by 31st May.

How to spot and handle spam emails

We have been made aware of an increase in spam emails that appear to come from Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks, our District Chair. As such, we have created an easy-to-follow guide to help you spot and handle spam emails. We encourage you to read this guide.

Please [click here](#) to view the article.

If you need any assistance identifying a spam email, please contact Naomi (Digital Enabler):
digital@northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk



Join us on Zoom for the World in My Parish webinar, where Revd Kong Ching Hii will speak on the following topic:

From Welcome to Witness in a Migrant Church.

In many Methodist contexts, the “world” has arrived via the presence of migrants, including diverse Chinese communities. This reflection explores how the Church is called to move beyond mere welcome toward befriending, discipling, and sending. Drawing on lived experience within the Chinese diaspora and missiology, it argues that migration is not a social challenge to be managed, but a missional moment to discern. By reframing migrants as active participants rather than just recipients, we recognise their vital role in extending God’s Kingdom

Apr 16, 2026 7PM UK time

Zoom link <https://theofed-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99124792774?pwd=yRyHl131bybZ1Jrkx6vSjPycxe7Lj5.1>

Meeting ID: 991 2479 2774

Passcode: 372793

Revd Kong Ching Hii (许广铮) is an ordained Methodist minister with vast pastoral and cross-cultural ministry experience, serving diverse Chinese-speaking communities in both urban and rural contexts. Currently, he is stationed with two multi-cultural and multi-traditional churches in London, fostering unity under a gospel-centred vision while navigating complex multicultural dynamics with theological depth and pastoral sensitivity. Kong Ching is passionate about equipping believers, building healthy leadership teams, discipling the next generation, and mobilising all to serve the local communities.

High Street Methodist Church Witney

Visiting preacher

Sunday 26 April at 10.30am

Rev Inderjit Bhogal

Ex President of the Methodist Conference

The theme of the service will be



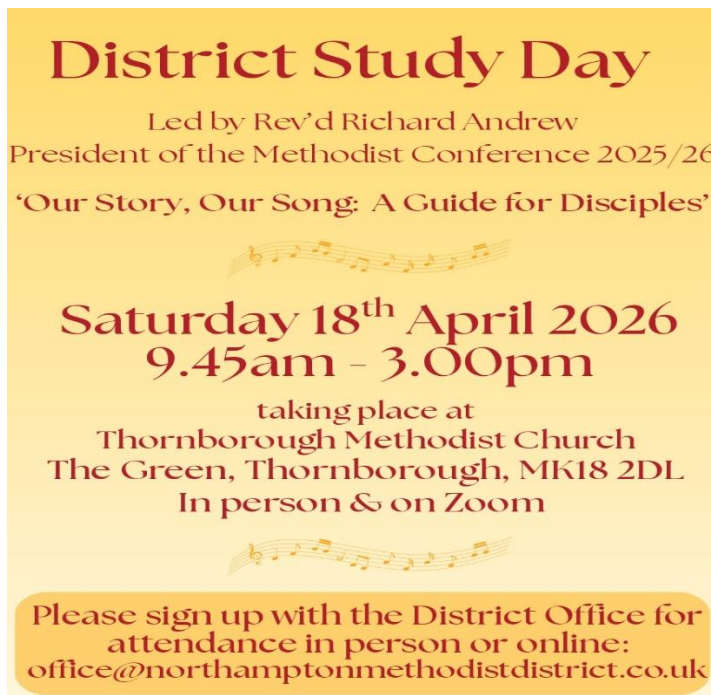
This service forms part of our exploration of the concept of sanctuary.

Everyone welcome to attend.

District Study Day “Our Story, Our Song: A Guide for Disciples”

**Rev'd Richard Andrew leads District Study Day 18 April, 9:45am – 3:00pm,
Thornborough Methodist Church MK18 2DL**

We are very much looking forward to the visit of the President of the Conference to the Northampton District, this year, 17-19 April. As part of this occasion, you are warmly invited to the Northampton Methodist District Study Day on Saturday 18th April in person or online.

A yellow poster for District Study Day. The text is in a dark red, serif font. At the top, it says 'District Study Day' in a larger font. Below that, it says 'Led by Rev'd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference 2025/26'. The title of the study day, 'Our Story, Our Song: A Guide for Disciples', is written in a smaller font. There are two decorative musical notes on a staff, one above and one below the date. The date and time are 'Saturday 18th April 2026, 9.45am - 3.00pm'. The location is 'taking place at Thornborough Methodist Church, The Green, Thornborough, MK18 2DL, In person & on Zoom'. At the bottom, there is a rounded rectangular box containing the text 'Please sign up with the District Office for attendance in person or online: office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk'.

This event is open to all within our district – so please do share the publicity details across your circuits. This will be a bring-your-own-packed-lunch event and promises to be an engaging day of learning and fellowship.

To register for attendance let us know here at the District Office
office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk

Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit
are pleased to host:

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District Big Sing

SUNDAY 19 APRIL • 6:00PM

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE
300 SAXON GATE, MILTON KEYNES, MK9 2ES

Celebrating Our Story, Our Song

♪ Preacher: Revd Richard Andrew ♪
(President of Conference)

♪ Choir practice at 4.00pm ♪

♪ Refreshments at 5.30pm ♪

Please register your attendance, stating in-person or online,
or if you wish to join the choir, with the District Office
by emailing

office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk

09.04.26

Caroline Todd, Circuit Administrator