South West Peninsula District E-News

September 2025

District E-News

September Issue

At we head into the new Connexional year, we bring you the September Edition of the E-News. Packed with the latest news, events and information from across the District, we hope you find this issue helpful.

Dates for Your Diary- September

Tuesday 2nd- 10am - 3pm District Staff Meeting, Lifton

Wednesday 3rd - 10am-3pm New to supervision Training, Wonford

Tuesday 9th- 10am District Executive, Lifton

Saturday 13th -Representative Synod, Plymouth Central Hall

Monday 15th - 10.30am-1pm New to the District Orientation, Lifton

Tuesday 23rd- 10am Mission Area Leads and Deputies Meeting, Exeter (Velwell Rd)

New Connexional Year

A Message from Revd Dr Daniel Haylett

Dear friends,

Across the District in this new Connexional year, we are focussing on the themes that we find in Ephesians 3:14-21:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Dates for Your Diary- September Cont'd

Wednesday 24th- -7.30pm District Safeguarding Group, Zoom

Wednesday 24th -9:30am - 3:30pm Restore Training, Bridestow Methodist

Thursday 25th- 9:30am – 3:30pm Restore Training, The Hub, Carnon Downs

Thursday 25th – Friday 26th- 10am Superintendents Retreat, St. Rita's, Honiton

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Before we get to this passage from Ephesians, we first read Paul's reflections from prison on what it meant for his own life and ministry to be caught up and put to the service of others. In this reflection, Paul testifies to the reality of God's grace in Christ that has been given to him. Because of that, Paul can go on to speak of the prospect for us to be strengthened, rooted and grounded as Christ lives in us. The promise is that the remarkable and all-encompassing love of Christ can be for us, grasped by us, and fill our living and being.

It's a promise that we are invited to make our own prayer and commitment this year. In what ways do we need to be strengthened, not in terms of might or a sense of personal power, but in our spiritual growing into the image of Christ? How are we being rooted and grounded in faith, and what attention are we paying to the things that will do that for us? How open will we be to the love and grace of Christ that is God's intention and promise for us?

With every blessing,

Dan

Praying for our District Partnership with the Diocese of Cuttack, Church of North India

A Message from Anne Browse

Please pray for the Orissa Christian Theological College which we support through our partnership. It is hoped that we might be able to host a group of their students and staff on a visit to us here in the South West Peninsula in the near future.

This link will take you to an informative video prepared for us by the college and their Principal, Mary Chang.

If you would like to contribute to the fund to enable such visits and the wider work of the partnership

please see the following information from our District website.

Cuttack Fund

The Plymouth & Exeter Methodist District has established a 'Cuttack Fund' to support the development of our partnership. All contributions to this fund are gratefully received and should be made via your local churches - when donating please make it clear that your contribution is for the Cuttack Fund. For more information please email admin@swpmethodist.org.uk

Anne Browse

Cuttack Partnership

Safeguarding Events and Resources

A Message from the Regional Safeguarding Officers

Upcoming Safeguarding Events & Resources – Stay Informed and Involved

We would like to share some important updates and upcoming opportunities as part of our continued commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for all.

Safeguarding Sunday – 16th November 2025

Please join us for Safeguarding Sunday on 16th November 2025 – a dedicated time to reflect, pray, and recommit ourselves to safeguarding within our church and wider community. This day provides an opportunity to raise awareness and highlight the importance of protecting the vulnerable among us.

Read more on Thirtyone:eight website: Safeguarding Sunday

The 2025 Communications pack has been launched: Safeguarding Sunday Communications Pack 202

Safeguarding Restructure – Important Updates

As many of you are aware we are currently undergoing a restructuring of our safeguarding practices to ensure they remain robust, responsive, and reflective of best practices. More details on these changes will be shared in the coming weeks, and we welcome your prayers and support during this period of transition.

Spiritual Abuse Awareness

As part of our commitment to continue to grow and learn, the Methodist Church Safeguarding Team, Learning Network and Survivors Group in conjunction with Dr Lisa Oakley, Chester University and Thirtyone:eight have worked closely to create a new Spiritual Abuse Awareness Poster, along with key information to help recognise and respond to spiritual abuse. Please see link here .

The Spiritual Abuse - The Methodist Church webpage has recently been updated:

Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training poster August 2025. See below

Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training poster August 2025

Survivor Awareness Webinar – 23rd September 2025

You are warmly invited to attend a Survivor Awareness Webinar on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025 at 11.00-12.30. This online session will offer insights into the experiences of survivors and how we can better support healing and justice in our communities. Registration details will be available shortly.

Registration

Register for Survivor Awareness webinar

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar

Please also note new email address and mobile phone numbers for

Regional Officer for Safeguarding Chrissie Slaney slaneyc@methodistchurch.org.uk

Mobile telephone number **07799 900481**

Regional Officer for Safeguarding Andrew Vaughan vaughana@methodistchurch.org.uk

Mobile telephone number **07972 102179**

We encourage everyone to engage with these resources and events as we continue to build a culture of safety, awareness, and compassion.

Chrissie Slaney and Andrew Vaughan

Regional Officers for Safeguarding (ROS)

District Pilgrimage from Ferrol to Santiago de Compostela - May 2026

A Message from Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald

Plans are afoot, excuse the pun, for a pilgrimage from Ferrol in Galicia to Santiago de Compostela for late May 2026 leaving the UK on the late May Bank Holiday. The aim will be to take 6 days to complete the 5 days walk. The distance of 113 kilometres is enough for we pilgrims to qualify for the compostela (certificate of completion of the pilgrimage). Taking 6 days rather than 5 means nothing will be done at a rush and we can enjoy the beauty of the walk more readily at amore relaxed pace; more time for meeting pilgrims, more time for silences, more time with God. Simply less pressure!

Ultreia et Susseia

"Ultreia et Suseia" is a traditional pilgrim's greeting on the Way of St. James (Camino de Santiago). It's a Latin phrase that translates to "Go further!" (or "Onward!") and "And higher!". It's a way for pilgrims to encourage each other, urging them to persevere on their journey, both physically and Spiritually. It has rich historical context. This greeting was used in the Middle Ages as pilgrims encouraged each other on the Camino de Santiago, and it continues to be used today by those walking the route. This and "Buen Camino" are the two most common greetings one will hear. The latter is often offered joyfully to pilgrims by locals and fellow pilgrims alike. To plagiase from the Internet, "Ultreia et Susseia is an ancient message, deeply rooted in Jacobean tradition, (which) goes beyond formalities. It echoes camaraderie among pilgrims

traversing the paths to Santiago de Compostela. “Ultreia et Suseia” is more than an expression; it is a philosophy of perseverance and mutual support. On steep slopes and exhausting days, this greeting becomes a guiding light for pilgrims, reminding them that the journey is not only toward the destination but also toward personal growth and connection with others." . (alburguesdelcamino. com).

There is something of shared discipleship and Body of Christ in this for me. Pilgrimage offers a chance to rest from the business of life. It offers for me, the best opportunity to spend time with Jesus.

If you are at all interested in joining the Pilgrimage, please do make contact with Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald who will be leading the walk. His details are available through either the District Office or through the Torbay Circuit Office. Either will forward emails.

Revd Andy Chislett-McDonald

Exciting Free Arts Installation

Oct, Nov, Dec ’25

across Devon and Cornwall

Let’s Face It will be a powerful exhibition and a series of immersive experiences designed to explore the diverse journeys and faces of homelessness and house insecurity. Using a variety of arts medium, the installations will endeavour to challenge prejudice and dismantle stereotypes. As a **Justice Seeking District**, we want to give opportunity for those of faith and of none, to explore and consider what our response is to these issues. The installation will include potential solutions and hopeful stories.

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DROPS
making waves through the arts

Get it in your diary – not to be missed!

All age interactive Arts installation will be journeying across the district in 5 areas across the South West.

- **25-30 October Helston Methodist Church**
- **1-6 November Truro Methodist Church (Serious game pm 6.11.15)**
- **8-13 November The Mint Methodist Church, Exeter**
- **22-27 November Torbay (Location TBC)**
- **29 -4 December Sherwell United,Plymouth(Serious game 4.12.25)**

At 7.30pm, each venue will have a **Saturday launch night**, featuring Rhys Wynn Jones AKA **The Night Pianist**. This concert will be an opportunity for you to hear his story and listen to some of his amazing new album. The exciting **immersive arts installation** will remain in the location for the rest of the week for you to visit and engage with. Elements will include:-

Exhibition of photos, audio sound bites, monologues, music and poetry, space to take a moment to reflect, hopeful space – opportunity to learn about charities and organisations that support and help.

Each venue will also host a **free interactive serious games evening (dates TBC)** called **The Pathways Paradox;** a great way to grapple with some of the difficulties of homelessness in a non-threatening but thought provoking way. Pathways Paradox has been co-developed with Social Bite and successfully used to support understanding, empathy, and practical action on homelessness. **An evening you won't forget!**

For more info or if you would like to be involved, contact **Helen Pearce:- 07450989571**

For more information visit the Lets face it! page on the District Website by clicking here .

Helen Pearce

Social Justice Officer

Central Church in Torbay- 50th Anniversary year

A Message from Revd Jeff Short

Central Church in Torbay are having a "Celebrity visit" as part of their 50th Anniversary year. On the weekend of September 27-28th they are hosting special events with Paul Jones, the former lead singer with Manfred Mann, and his wife Fiona Hendley, a noted actress and singer.

On Saturday 27th at 2.30pm in Central Church, Paul and Fiona will illustrate the 'Power of God's word to strengthen, deliver, heal and bring great comfort'. With gentle humour and firm conviction they seek to encourage everyone with teaching and testimony. There will be no charge for this event.

Then on Saturday evening at 7.30pm in the Royal Lyceum,

29 Abbey Rd.,Torquay TQ2 5NQ. Paul and Fiona will share, in word

and song, their inspiring, humorous, & powerful story of their journey to find God. This is a ticketed event, with a cost of £8 - but well worth it!

Finally on Sunday 28th at 10.30am Paul and Fiona will share in

the Morning Service at Central.

(Details from the Torbay Circuit Office on 01803 846020

Revd Jeff Short

Superintendent Torbay Circuit

Lay Employees Training- Responding to Domestic Abuse

A Message from Sharon Rowe

To book onto either of the dates please select the links below:

24/09 Bridestowe: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/responding-to-domestic-abuse-a-day-of-reflection-and-learning-tickets-1446983519659?aff=oddtdtcreator

25/09 Carnon Downs: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/responding-to-domestic-abuse-a-day-of-reflection-and-learning-tickets-1446992596809?aff=oddtdtcreator

Sharon Rowe
Learning & Development Officer | The Connexional Team

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

2025-2026

SEP 15 7PM — FOUNDATION: TRAIN THE TRAINER

SEP 29 79M — ADVANCED: TRAIN THE TRAINER

OCT 16 6PM — ONLINE ADVANCED: FACILITATED

JAN 22 6PM — ONLINE ADVANCED: FACILITATED

TRAINING IS OPEN TO ALL ACROSS THE DISTRICT. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

ADMIN@SWPMETHODIST.ORG.UK

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

TRAIN THE TRAINER

SEP
15 7-9PM

FOUNDATION STAGE
ONLINE VIA ZOOM

THIS SESSION IS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO DELIVER FOUNDATION STAGE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OR NEED A REFRESHER OF THAT TRAINING . PLEASE NOTE: ALL FOUNDATION STAGE TRAINERS MUST BE AUTHORISED BY THE CIRCUIT BEFORE DELIVERING TRAINING AND CANNOT DO SO UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED THIS COURSE.

TO BOOK:
ADMIN@SWPMETHODIST.ORG.UK

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

TRAIN THE TRAINER

SEP 29 7-9PM

ADVANCED MODULE ONLINE VIA ZOOM

As this is a District responsibility, you will need authorisation from the DSO's:
Chrissie Slaney chrissie.slaney@swpmethodist.org.uk
Andrew Vaughan vaughana@methodistchurch.org.uk
or
Learning & Development Officer Bridget Down
downb@methodistchurch.org.uk
You must have authorisation from one of the above before registering.
Once authorised by one of the above please register with Elaine

TO BOOK:
ADMIN@SWPMETHODIST.ORG.UK

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING ONLINE

FULLY FACILIATED ADVANCED

6PM-9PM **VIA ZOOM**

16/10/25

22/01/26

TO BOOK, PLEASE REGISTER DIRECTLY WITH ELAINE

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WELCOME & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Rev. Darren Middleton
Superintendent Minister of the New Coracle Methodist Circuit

TUBESTATION METHODIST CHURCH

@ Polzeath - PL27 6TB

Monday 8th September @ 7.30pm

Worship & Refreshments

Service conducted by:
Rev. Janet Park
Mission Area Lead of the South West Peninsula Methodist District

Inauguration of the new

CORACLE
METHODIST CIRCUIT

Tubestation Methodist Church at Polzeath

We are Hiring - Join and Partner with Us!

Church Administrator

Base: Tubestation Methodist Church at Polzeath
Salary: **£15 per hour, dependant on experience**
Reporting to: **Superintendent or delegated mentor**
Closing date: **9am** 8th September 2025
Hours: **15 hours per week (flexible)**

Tubestation has a history of engaging with those who might not typically frequent traditional church settings. We seek to provide a space that is welcoming, inclusive and relevant to our local community, with a particular focus on working with the surfing community.

Join and partner with us!

To help facilitate our mission, Tubestation is seeking to appoint a part-time administrator to assist the Leadership Team and key volunteers, including financial responsibilities.

The postholder will be computer literate and have good communication skills, providing an efficient level of administrative support, alongside carrying out regular book-keeping tasks to enable the unique mission of Tubestation to develop effectively.

A flexible working pattern is available; some Sundays and evening meetings will be required. The role will require time at Tubestation, and at other times home working is available. Applicants will need to have previous relevant experience. Travel costs that arise in the role will be reimbursed.

We are seeking an enthusiastic person, who can communicate effectively with others, and work within the strategic direction of Tubestation as shaped by the Leadership Team, in line with its charitable objectives. This appointment requires an enhanced DBS Disclosure.

Other information
For further information and an application pack, please contact Dan Jones [via email: Dan@Tubestation.org] . All completed application forms must be received by 9am on 8th September 2025. Shortlising will take place later that week.

It is proposed that interviews will be held during the week commencing 22nd September 2025 with a view to a start date as soon as possible.

Tubestation Church Administrator advert 13/08/25

Dear friend in Christ,

We are advertising for a part time Christian lay worker at Coad's Green Methodist Church, Launceston (closing date 30.9.2025) and would be most grateful if you could make your contacts and networks aware of this exciting new opportunity. Full details of the role, an application form, and a short film about our church are available here: https://www.lamc.org.uk/coads-green-methodist-church/christian-lay-worker

Please share via social media and by forwarding this email to others who might be interested.

Many thanks and all best wishes,

Louise Hunt (steward) and the lay worker team at Coad's Green Methodist Church.

Email: coadsgreen@lamc.org.uk