



**The Methodist Church**  
Northampton District

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Dear Friends,

Welcome back to the Northampton Methodist District's monthly newsletter, and the first newsletter of the new Connexional year!

**A message from Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks, District Chair of the Northampton Methodist District**

I have been warmly welcomed – thank you! I have now undertaken all seven Welcome Services in Leicester West, Leicester Trinity, Nene Valley (which I now know how to pronounce!), East Mercia, Wantage & Abingdon and West Oxfordshire Circuits, met most of the District Teams and held Stationing Conversations.

I want to help to foster good and strong relationships between individuals and between Circuits. I do not believe God wants any of us to be 'stand-a-lone' Christians. Jesus called the Twelve to be a community. We, the Northampton District, are being called to work for and alongside one another. I will seek to do this through building positive relationships with each of you, but I will not be afraid to challenge poor discipleship whether in colleagues or in Circuit Leadership Teams. I will seek to do this by supporting new ways of being church so that we continue to be outward facing. And I will do it by loving each place, each circuit, each individual. Not the

sentimental love with cupid arrows and hearts but love rooted in the love that Christ has for us. Let us, in the Northampton District, strive to be the very best version of ourselves.



### **Cornerstone Methodist Church, Corby**

*"When a teenager was fatally stabbed in the street, a nearby Methodist church decided it was time to step-up its neighbourhood outreach work."*

We were delighted to see Cornerstone Methodist Church featured in the Connexion Magazine in August. Caroline Barratt, Community Chaplain within the Northampton District, explains how a local

tragedy inspired hope, resulting in the Here4U Hub.

Read the story [here](#), and subscribe to future issues of the Connexion Magazine [here](#).



### **District Prayer Diary – 2024/25**

The new District Prayer Diary is now available on the Northampton District website, and you can access it for free by clicking [here](#).

We hope the District Prayer Diary is helpful in your prayer life. Contributions have been kindly given from around the District and we are grateful for each one.

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## 2024/2025



### **District YouTube channel**

We're excited to let you know that the District's YouTube channel is up and running, and our Digital Enabler, Naomi Ensor, is beginning a set of new series' to equip you and your churches to use digital platforms (e.g. Facebook, Canva, Instagram) more effectively.

To access the first few videos in the Facebook Page training series, click [here](#).

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The logo for 'digi-hub' features the text 'digi-hub' in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. Above the 'i' in 'digi' and the 'u' in 'hub' are small red crosses. A stylized green leaf with a stem is positioned above the 'd'.



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