




The Methodist Church
Northampton District

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to the Northampton Methodist District's newsletter!
We hope that the Advent season has gotten off to a wonderful start for you all.

Hush the Noise Resources

Hush the Noise is the Methodist Church's Advent and Christmas campaign for 2024. You can find out more about the campaign by [clicking here](#).

Rev'd Kim Shorley (Northampton District FEAST Enabler) has put together a series of resources for the Hush the Noise campaign to give churches ideas and inspiration (e.g. top tips and prayer ideas). Check out the resources by [clicking here](#).



All We Can: Extraordinary Gifts

Starting to think about Christmas presents for your loved ones? How about an Extraordinary Gift from All We Can? All We Can is an international development and relief organisation, working to see every person's potential fulfilled.

From providing training in beekeeping, to education for refugees and displaced people, when you give one of All We Can's Extraordinary Gifts, you will be supporting transformational work in some of the world's poorest communities.

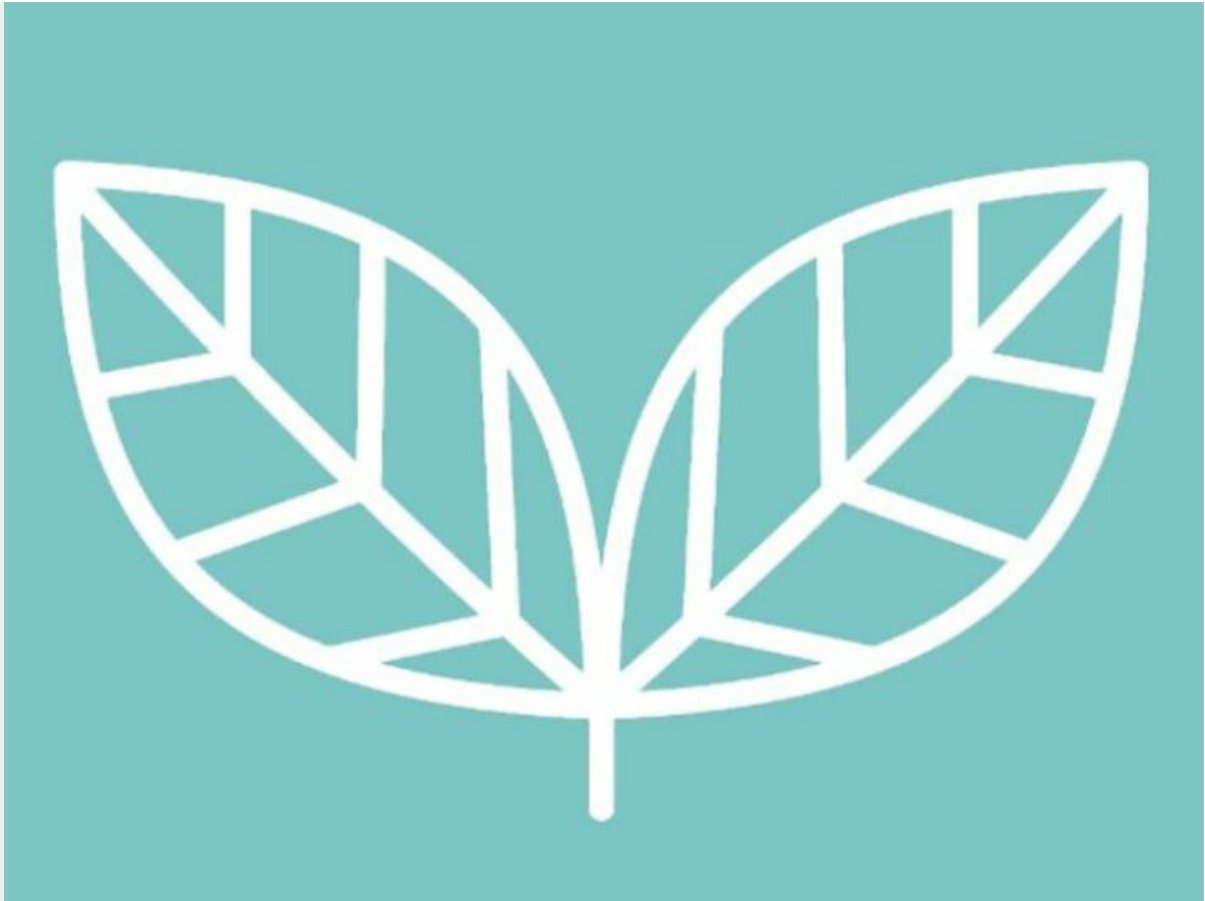
Find out more by [clicking here](#).



Thinking about 2025?

Are you going into 2025 hoping for growth? As Methodists, we want to see more people exploring faith and encountering grace, so why not start 2025 by making steps towards that?

Contact Matt Forsyth (Mission Team Leader) to explore growth planning and participate in some new facilitated sessions. Matt is available on: matt.forsyth@northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk



Great Billing Chapel – Eco Church Enthusiasts

We're delighted to bring you a feature from Great Billing Chapel, part of Northampton Methodist Church, as they share an update about their Eco Church programme.

"Great Billing Chapel is a small Worshipping Community. It has a dozen members and holds fortnightly afternoon services. Recently the Church team agreed to take a look at the possibility of becoming an Eco Church.

"When we undertook the initial online survey with A Rocha (a Christian charity who run the Eco Church programme) we were surprised to find how many good practices we have already been doing. We already had an efficient recycling system in the kitchen and the majority of our lightbulbs were energy efficient. Some years

ago we had twinned our toilet to support the provision of a toilet in a developing country, and for a number of years we have encouraged Reduce, Reuse, Recycle with our second-hand bookstall, and by taking surplus books to the Oxfam Bookshop.

"We have now introduced a collection of prayers for environmental issues to be used by individuals as well as in our services, where we also regularly use hymns and songs celebrating God's creation. Our services have included speakers on environmental issues and some of us do local litter-picking. We recently organised a walk in the area around the chapel to encourage people to enjoy God's world and we paused in the Pocket Park to say our Eco Prayer.

"We are also switching to Fairtrade tea and coffee and are considering the viability of solar panels on the chapel.

"We are excited to have already achieved a Bronze Award after only a few months, and aim to continue the journey towards Silver.

"We would encourage any other church to log on to A Rocha and take the initial survey. You may be surprised as how much you are already doing and, like us, it may only take a few additional targets to help you feel that you are becoming an Eco Church too."



You have received this email because you subscribed to our mailing list.
If you no longer wish to receive emails from us, please [click here](#) to unsubscribe.

© 2024 – Northampton Methodist District
www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk

