

## Workshops for Representative Synod, 13th September 2025

### 1. Tackling the cruel thief that is UK poverty: how churches are partnering with CAP to bring freedom and restoration (25 places)

- Led by Alex Rodmell, Partnership Development Manager – Midlands & East of England, CAP

Debt and poverty is a growing crisis that's blighting communities, yet there is hope. This CAP seminar will explore the current debt landscape, the impact it has on the lives of individuals, and how through working in partnership churches can see lives transformed.

### 2. Living Later Life Well? Honest Conversations about Ageing (25 places)

- Led by Rev Sam Cowling-Green, Head of Chaplaincy, Methodist Homes

An interactive listening workshop exploring perspectives on ageing and what it means to live later life well. Through structured conversations and storytelling, participants will share their honest hopes, concerns, and experiences around growing older within a faith community and reflect on opportunities for partnership with other organisations working in this area.

### 3. New Places for New People (25 places)

- Led by Rev Matt Finch, Pioneering & Church Planting Officer, The Connexional Team

God is calling ordinary people to begin new forms of church, and millions of pounds are being invested over the next 7 years to make this a reality in the New Places for New People movement. This workshop will share the Methodist Church's vision for beginning new Christian communities.

### 4. Growth planning explored (20 places)

- Led by Angela Turner, District Discipleship Enabler

This workshop explores different approaches to growth planning as every local church is different. We will also look at how to use resources, such as Our Church's Future Story and a Methodist Way of Life.

### 5. Getting creative with inclusive worship (25 places)

- Facilitated by Rev Andrew Brazier, District Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer & Stuart Watkin, Learning Network

This session will examine how we can use creativity to make our worship services more accessible and inclusive and facilitate everyone having transformative encounters with God.

### 6. Stop and notice! Walk, reflect and photograph! (20 places)

- Led by Deacon Sarah Wickett

I invite you to join me in this workshop to "Stop and notice" God at work, through a mini pilgrimage walk and capturing moments using your camera. We will reflect on what God is calling us to pay attention to, and our photos will be a creative response to God. Please bring your own camera or phone to use in this workshop. Please bring appropriate clothing for the weather!

**Please click on the link below to book a place, indicating your first and second choices (and click the 'SEND' button to submit your booking), by the deadline of Friday 5 September:**

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