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PROPERTY MATTERS

The **Methodist** Church 

Welcome to the October edition of Property Matters with a focus on property-related updates and guidance.

If you have any feedback, please email the [Property Support Team](#).

Updates to the Property Pages

When you click onto www.methodist.org.uk/property, you will see new tiles on the following topics:

- [Quinquennial Inspections](#)
- [Regular Inspections](#)
- [Guidelines for Manses](#)



Under the [Conservation & Listed Buildings](#) pages, you will find

- [Preventative Maintenance Template](#)
- [Case studies including fabric repairs at Lozells and Hale](#)
- [Guidance on Defibrillators](#)
- [Historic Places of Worship and Climate Change](#)
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* Please note that Schedule G was updated since the last mailing due to a small error. [Click here to download a revised copy.](#)

Methodist Insurance Update



Fire Safety

The causes of fires are numerous and varied but there are some very simple, practical things you can do to minimise the risk of a fire breaking out. Make sure you carry out, and review annually, a fire risk assessment to minimise the risks and help identify the unique hazards at your Methodist church. [Find out more](#)

Fundraising support at your fingertips

Our church fundraising hub has a whole host of information, tools and templates to support your church's fundraising efforts. Find guidance on searching for funders, writing a successful grant application, measuring your impact and more.

[Visit the fundraising hub](#)

Helping you manage risk well

Effective risk management supports the safe and efficient running of your church. We have an in house risk team available to support you and Methodist Insurance customers have access to our Risk Advice Line. Please contact us with your queries via email at risk.advice@micmail.com or give the team a call on [0345 600 7531](tel:03456007531).

[Learn about risk management](#)

How did St Martin's Methodist Church turn £220,000 into a £1million redevelopment project?

The St Martin's Methodist Church and Community Centre redevelopment project in Allenton, Derby, was never just about the bricks and mortar. Read how a small and beleaguered Methodist congregation kept faith and opened itself to true partnership - with astonishing results for the church and its whole community. [Find out more](#)

A promotional banner for Methodist Insurance. On the left, the Methodist Insurance logo is displayed above the text 'Protect your home and support your church or charity' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below this text, it says '*Terms and conditions apply.' On the right side of the banner, there is a photograph of a modern living room with a grey sofa, a white coffee table, and a plant. Overlaid on the photograph is a blue circular badge with the text '20% donation*' in white.

TMCP Updates

Natasha's Law and the Need to Keep Everyone Safe

The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019 (known as “Natasha's Law”) came into effect from 1 October 2021 in England and Wales. Natasha’s Law is named in memory of Natasha Ednan-Laperouse who died in July 2016 following an allergic reaction to a prepacked sandwich bought from Pret-A-Manger. [Read more here](#)



St Mark's Crescent Community Focused Building Project

2020 Vision is the name of the [St. Mark's Crescent Methodist Church's](#) community focussed building project. It had a grand ring to it and really helped them to focus on turning their dreams into reality. Of course it now has a different significance!



It all started with a leaky flat roof which led them to ponder how they would raise the money to pay for it. Then someone suggested that while they were considering this, they should perhaps also consider what else they could do to improve the premises, bringing us into the 21st century and fitting it for the next generation. They wanted to do this to serve our local community in west Maidenhead which already relied heavily on the premises for local groups of all ages.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

Conserving War Memorials

Historic England have produced new guidance on [Conserving War Memorials](#). This technical advice note describes good practice for conserving inscriptions on stone war memorials, outlining a step-by-step approach to aid decision making on whether any intervention is necessary and the range of techniques available. It includes where to get further help.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Central Lakes Pilgrimage Project

[The Central Lakes Pilgrimage Project](#) is an ecumenical project in the Central Lakes, Cumbria. It includes a set of 10 walks connecting places of worship of different denominations, each with its own distinctive story to tell. The pilgrimage walks visit a number of churches and is an opportunity where you can pause and follow the meditations provided, or just have a rest and look around.

It is an initiative which has been developed by the Central Lakes Mission Community, as well as other places of worship in the area. The Mission Community is a group of churches, including the Methodist Church, in the Central Lakes who have discovered the benefit and blessing of working and worshipping together.

[Click here to read more.](#)



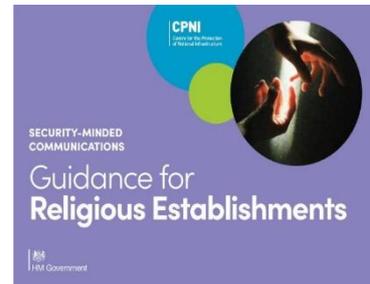
Dig for Net Zero

The UK needs millions more trees to reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Help bring us closer to this important goal and improve the biodiversity of your churchyard or school at the same time! Don't miss the chance to apply for a free Woodland Trust tree pack to be delivered in March 2022. [Choose which tree pack is best for your outdoor space here.](#)



Security

The Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure has recently issued [Guidance for Religious Establishments](#), based on the principle that because places of worship are open and welcoming, they may be targets for hostile acts. The particular emphasis of the Guidance is on secure communications, and all members are urged to read it and respond accordingly.

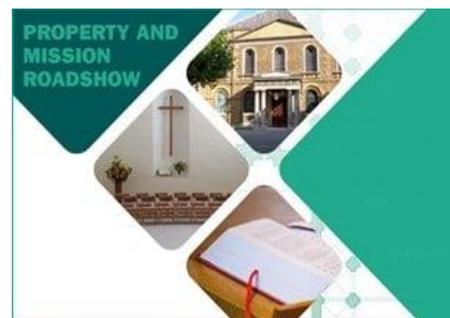


Methodist Insurance has produced a [Terrorism Checklist](#) to reduce the risk of attack as low as reasonably practicable.

Strategic Guidance for the Use of Property in Mission

We are pleased to announce the videos and slides from the recent roadshows are now available online. Some of talks include:

- [Strategic Use for the Use of Property in Mission](#)
- [God for All Strategy](#)



- [Property Development Plans](#)
- [Caring for Listed Buildings](#)
- [Introduction to Buildings & Heritage](#)
- [TMCP Streamlining Legal Transactions](#)

[Click here to view all the talks and slides.](#)

Listed Building Advisory Committee

Meeting dates:

- **18 January 2022** - Deadline for paper - 20 December 2021

Property Matters is a monthly newsletter focused on giving updates on property related guidance and legalisation as well as providing information and links to related subjects. We cannot know about everything that's going on, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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