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IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL. I HOPE YOU'VE SETTLED IN COMFORTABLY AND ARE READY FOR ALL THAT LIES AHEAD DURING THESE DAYS OF ENCOUNTER AND INSPIRATION. //

This will be my final year as Principal of Cliff College, making this Festival especially meaningful for me. I'm thrilled about all that is planned for the weekend. Our theme, Holiness Calling, draws from the rich heritage of Cliff College and invites us to step boldly into the future as God's holy people.

I encourage you to engage fully with the programme, to explore the pressing issues facing our world and reflect on how we can live holy lives and build God's kingdom. My prayer for this weekend is that each of us will encounter God in this special

place, remain open to new directions and be ready to hear His call to holiness.

As you journey through Festival 2025, I also invite you to consider whether God might be calling you to a new path of study with Cliff College. If this stirs something within you, please visit Reception or speak to a member of the team at the Cliff stall in the Market Hub – we'd love to share more about the courses we offer.

Come, Holy Spirit – you are welcome in this place!

NEED SUPPORT?

Reception opening hours:

Friday-Monday: 8am-10pm

During these times, please contact Reception in person or on **01246 584200** for any concerns or queries regarding accommodation, camping, ticketing, lost children or health and safety reports.

Out of hours: 07925 856938

Stewards are dotted across the site to help keep you safe and supply information – they'll be wearing hi-vis jackets so you can spot them easily.



GOT QUESTIONS?

Check out our A-Z of Festival.

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DONATE

We need your help to ensure that Cliff Festival continues to give people opportunities to meet with God and be transformed by the Spirit. By becoming a Festival Friend, you can be part of this long history of God at work in people's lives.

Become a Festival Friend by donating monthly.

£5 a month covers a volunteer's food for the whole weekend

£10 a month sponsors an under-18 to attend Cliff Festival for free

£20 a month pays for all the toilet paper we need for a weekend!

Come and talk to us at the **Cliff stall in the Market Hub** or email us on festival@cliffcollege.ac.uk



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FESTIVAL FOR MINIS (0-4S)

A warm, safe venue for small people and their parents/carers. The morning Bible studies and evening celebrations will be available via livestream, so you can watch while your little one plays!

Open 7am - 10pm each day.

little AWESOME



LITTLE AWESOME (2-4S)

Where the Bible meets ball pools and messy play leads Festival's littlest into meeting with God. This year's Little Awesome has Bible-based, loving and family focused approach to exploring the stories that raised us in faith. We'll be doing activities both inside our venue and outside in nature! This year we ask parents to join us for the evening session, where the celebration will be streamed live on the tv alongside some sleepy activities to help your little ones get ready for bed.

Sessions are 9:45am - 12:15pm, 2:30pm - 4pm and 6:45pm - 8:45pm each day.



AWESOME (5-11S)

Our AWESOME venue is the best venue for your young people aged 5-11. Throughout the weekend we meet every day for fun, singing songs, dancing, games, gunging leaders, Bible teaching, prayer, hilarious sketches and so much more.

Sessions are 9:45am - 12:15pm and 6:45pm - 8:45pm each day.



[MORE INFO →](#)

FUSION (11-17S)

The Fusion venue, for those aged 11-17, offers a full programme of Bible studies, worship and teaching, chill out and fringe sessions. We'll be learning more about God's promises and love for us throughout the weekend, as well as having loads of fun together! Check out our page on the website for more info on sessions. No registration or drop-off required.



[MORE INFO →](#)

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30S)

Aged 18-30? Want to meet with other young adults across the Festival? We've got a programme just for you! As well as our evening Chill Lounge, we have morning worship, Bible study and late-night worship together, as well as sessions each afternoon. Be there to discuss big life questions, hear interviews with guests or just learn a new crafting skill - there's something for everyone.



THE HOPE STAGE

Our central gathering point for Festival 2025 will host our all-age worship, morning Bible studies (10am - 11am) and evening celebrations (7pm - 8:30pm) as well as all-age activities each afternoon. Join us in the heart of Festival for uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and incredible performances.



[MORE INFO →](#)

HOPE & ANCHOR

Back by popular demand. A safe space for everyone (even you!) to have conversations with contributors, friends and strangers. A place where faith talk meets real talk, where we find ourselves restored as we connect with God, ourselves and each other. Come to simply relax, bring your questions and maybe hear something that changes your perspective. Facilitated by The Methodist Church and All We Can. Drop in and make yourself at home any time between 11am - 11pm (closed for dinner and evening celebrations from 6pm - 8:30pm).



Orchard STAGE

THE ORCHARD STAGE

Spend your afternoons at Cliff Festival in the Orchard with some of our artists and contributors. Bring your lunch or a snack and a coffee, grab your picnic blanket or bring a deckchair and join us for a couple of hours! You'll find the programme of artists on a chalkboard in front of the stage.

**Entertainment from
12:30pm – 5pm**



THE MARKET HUB

The Market Hub hosts our exhibition area and a selection of food and refreshment vendors. Come and explore merchandise and gifts, find out about some amazing opportunities to serve God, and enjoy some tasty snacks and delicious coffee!

Open 8:30am-10:30pm



THE YURT

The Yurt Venue is a dedicated space for prayer throughout the Festival for all ages. There are times of organised activities such as prayer stations, Godly Play, Take Time reflections and creative Bible study. You'll also find space set aside for quiet reflection and prayer, creativity and conversation. The Yurt is situated in front of the Principal's House and is fully accessible. It contains seating, activity spaces and, best of all, a willing group of volunteers ready to pray with you, and for you, throughout the Festival.

Open 7:30am – 9:30pm

MORE INFO →



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FRIDAY

Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
7pm-8:30pm	Evening Celebration with Andy Fyall	Our first celebration of Festival will include worship from Matt Beckingham. Andy Fyall, Chair of Nottingham & Derby Methodist District, will be preaching. Hosted by Cassandra Maria and Ashley Cooper.	Ashley Cooper	Hope Stage
9pm-9:20pm	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
9:30pm-10:15pm	It's Ash's Round	Join us at the Hope & Anchor for a no-holds barred conversation with the outgoing Principal of Cliff College, Rev Ashley Cooper. Tonight, for one night only, Ashley is picking up the tab - only this tab isn't settled with cash, it's settled with deep and meaningful conversation. Think Piers Morgan life stories, without Piers Morgan.	Hope & Anchor with Ashley Cooper	Hope & Anchor
9:30pm-11pm	Movie: Toy Story	Grab a beanbag and have a chilled evening watching Toy Story! All ages welcome. Those monitoring the venue will not be responsible for any unaccompanied children.	N/A	Awesome
9:30pm-10:30pm	Festival Q&A / Late Night Worship	Want to learn more about how to navigate the Festival weekend? Come and ask your questions and perhaps make a few friends! Ending with a time of worship led by Rob Halligan.	Carole Marsden	Orchard Stage



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7:30am-8am	Communion	Each morning communion will be shared at the Prayer Yurt as part of a short reflective service. Everyone is welcome.	Prayer Team	The Yurt
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10am-11am	Bible Study: A Holy Revelation	Join Cliff College lecturer, Ben Pugh, as he helps us delve deeper into Isaiah 6:1-8 over the Festival weekend. This first Bible study will explore how the glory of God rebukes our despair, bringing hope in the midst of decline. Let's meet God for real this weekend.	Ben Pugh	Hope Stage
10am-12pm	Creative Bible Study	Explore the main Festival theme through reflective prayer, conversation and prayer activities each day. Alongside an ongoing quiet space there will be opportunities to discuss the theme in an informal environment using images, music and creative arts.	Prayer Team	The Yurt
11:15am-12:15pm	Practicing Holiness: Why heroism is never the answer.	Holiness literally means 'set apart', but, if that's the case, why was Jesus' ministry 'among' the people, rather than 'apart' from them? What's the difference between being heroic and being holy? Join us for this panel discussion with a difference as we deconstruct holiness and build a fresh understanding of what it might mean to 'be holy'.	The Methodist Church & All We Can	Hope & Anchor
11:15am-12:15pm	The Currency of Holiness	Jesus said we cannot worship God and Mammon. How do we understand that today, in how we earn, spend and save money? What can JustMoney offer and how does Scripture and faithful community support us?	Sue Richardson, Just Money Movement	Library
11:15am-12:15pm	Evangelism and Holiness Through Unexpected Secular Channels	How might television or the Twelve Steps or TikTok be a medium of the Holy Spirit - or not? We expect to encounter and grow in holiness through worship, prayer, and Scripture, but what about through secular media? Or in a room where addicts of many faiths and none are seeking spiritual healing? Join us to ponder, play and push into new terrains that the Holy Spirit may be coursing through - for our own salvation and for that of religiously-unaffiliated people.	Trey Hall	Seminar Room 1

Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
11:15am-12:15pm	When Good People Do Bad Things Livestreamed as part of Festival LIVE	Abraham is usually described as the Father of Faith and as Sarah as a great matriarch. However, faithful followers of God can do bad things. In this Bible study, we will look at the story of the patriarchal family trying to conceive a child through their Egyptian slave Hagar in Genesis 16 and the suffering that this leads to in Hagar's life. What is the cost when good people do bad things and how can we as the church take a stance against injustice?	Kirsi Cobb	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room
1:30pm-2:30pm	The Big Sing	Join Matt Beckingham as we dive into the worship songs we'll be singing throughout the Festival weekend. This is a great opportunity to familiarise yourself with the lyrics and melodies we will be singing in our Bible Study & Evening Celebration services.	Matt Beckingham	Hope Stage
1:30pm-3pm	Drop-in Games Session	Whether you're a seasoned strategist or a total beginner, delve into the games chest or bring your own, all are welcome to play! There are many games on offer, including Settlers of Catan, Monopoly or a classic game of Rumikub! Faith & Geekery will be on standby to help explain any games you may need assistance with.	Faith & Geekery	Hope & Anchor
1:30pm-2:30pm	Drama Workshop	No need to learn any lines; come along for some silly, creative, high energy fun with Play it by Ear! Throw some shapes and get loud. Open to all ages!	Play It By Ear	Terrace Lawn
1:30pm-2:30pm	Spreading Spiritual Holiness #1	A movement of spiritual and social transformation. Methodists share an extraordinary founding story and rediscovering its dynamic energy, rooted in the holiness of God, has the potential to rejuvenate us for the present age. This is the first in a series of three connected seminars over the weekend.	Leslie Newton	Library
1:30pm-2:30pm	Avoiding Mission Drift	Join Rachael Heffer, Head of Mission for the Evangelical Alliance, as we explore the risks and possible reality of 'Mission drift' within our church networks, organisations and even our local church ministries. Join us to explore how to avoid it, to review and renew your missional goals and how to stay 'mission true' to effectively reach people with the good news of the gospel.	Rachael Heffer	Seminar Room 1



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1:30pm-3pm	Reflect, Stitch and Pray	Karen from Harlequin Arts will help you to quietly reflect and prayerfully hand-stitch a phrase that echoes your willingness to be open to God's calling in your life. Using fabrics, thread, buttons and beads, stitch a reminder of God's unique invitation to you. Maximum of 15 participants.	Harlequinn Arts	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room
1:30pm-2pm	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of his presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
2pm-3pm	Ministries Drop-in	A drop-in session with one of the Methodist Church Ministries, Vocation and Worship team. If you're sensing a call to explore lay leadership or ordained ministry, or considering worship leading or local preaching, this is a space to find out more and ask any questions in an informal chat. The Ministries team also support those already in ministry.	Ministries Team	Hope & Anchor
2pm-4pm	Creative Bible Study, Continued	Explore the main Festival theme through reflective prayer, conversation and prayer activities each day. Alongside an ongoing quiet space there will be opportunities to discuss the theme in an informal environment using images, music and creative arts.	Prayer Team	The Yurt
3pm-4pm	Sacred Struggles: Pursuing Holiness Amidst Conflict	Join us for this session with contributors online from Israel/Palestine as we explore how we understand and follow a call to holiness in the midst of conflict. With a particular focus on the Holy Land and the powerful witness of the non-violent resistance of Christians there, we'll explore how we can work for justice peacefully. In a time when division seems so pervasive across the globe, can a life of holiness, based on the example of Jesus Christ, be justice-seeking and peace-making?	Jude Levermore	Hope & Anchor
3pm-4pm	Careful Holiness in the Climate Crisis	The striving for holiness embedded in our Christian tradition is part of the spiritual journey which led the whole of society into seeking to be bigger and better in all things - this included virtue and love, but also extraction, production and consumption of the planet's material resources. How can we carefully find new ways to be holy which offer freedom from the tyranny of growth and instead encourage downward mobility in all things towards living in smaller, greener ways?	George Bailey	Library

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3pm-4pm	Here I Am, Send Me?	Even when we are willing to answer God's call to see justice, peace and transformation, we can look at the world around us and feel overwhelmed. Where do I start? How can I even hope to make a difference? In this workshop, we will explore some practices of justice-seeking that help keep us hopeful and able to respond to God's call.	Kerry Scarlett & Rachel Lampard	Seminar Room 1
3pm-4:30pm	Walking the Edge	Join the All We Can and Methodist Church team for a walk up Baslow Edge. Whether you've been 100 times, or never before, it's worth the views to join us for 90 mins of walking, learning, and intentional conversation in the beautiful landscape around Cliff College. We recommend sensible footwear and bringing a bottle of water. Meet at the Hope & Anchor.	All We Can & The Methodist Church	Hope & Anchor
3:30pm-5pm	Movie: Prince of Egypt	An animated musical film released in 1998, produced by DreamWorks, Prince of Egypt is a retelling of the biblical story of Moses, focusing on his journey from being an adopted Egyptian prince to becoming the leader who frees the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.		Hope Stage
3:30pm-5pm	Cliff College Alumni Network Event	The Cliff College Alumni Network (CCAN) is open to anyone who has studied with Cliff College for a year or more. Join us for an opportunity to meet and chat with other former students, hear news and updates from the College and pray for the ongoing work that Cliff does in training women and men to spread Joyful News.	Cliff College	Terrace Lawn
4pm-4:30pm	Godly Play	Come on a journey through the Bible, wonder and ponder on Jesus' words and what it means to be God's people. Suitable for all ages and abilities	Prayer Team	The Yurt
4:30pm-5:30pm	Mission Ignition!	Are you wondering how to help your church to grow? Are you curious about how to creatively engage in mission in your community? What's your church's future story? Come and play the mission incubator game with the Evangelism and Growth team to get new ideas, inspiration and fuel for mission.	Holly Adams	Hope & Anchor



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4:30pm-5:30pm	'Glory began Below' Holiness: a Methodist understanding of place and presence	David Leese, General Secretary of the Wesley Historical society, will explore how Methodist experience and practice affects our practical understanding of holiness. Drawing on wide ranging and surprising aspects of worship, hymnody and early Methodist behaviour, we will seek to reflect on the importance of place and presence to inform our understanding of holiness today.	David Leese, MET	Library
4:30pm-5:30pm	Going Upstream to Seek Justice	The injustice in our world that we are called to address is inherently political. Come and learn how you can love your neighbour and seek justice by engaging with your MP to challenge systems and structures which perpetrate injustice. We will also be introducing you to JPIT's Constituency Action Network, a network of churches developing positive and meaningful relationships with their MPs.	JPIT	Seminar Room 1
4:30pm-5:30pm	When Dreams Change	There are dreams we all have for our children pre-parenthood. For parents of children with additional needs, some of those dreams have had to change or have been lost as our child's needs have changed. During this session we will look at one of the aspects of the When Dreams Change course - when life looks different.	Growing Hope	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room
6pm-6:30pm	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
7pm-8:30pm	Evening Celebration with Rachael Heffer	Join us for an evening of worship, prayer and preaching with Rachael Heffer. Hosted by Ashley Cooper and Cassandra Maria, with worship from Matt Beckingham.	Ashley Cooper	Hope Stage
9pm-9:20pm	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
9:30pm-10:30pm	An Evening with Graeme Duffin	Graeme Duffin, widely recognized as the guitarist for the British pop group Wet Wet Wet, has had a diverse musical journey, spanning gospel, soul, pop, rock, and jazz. Join Graeme and his good friend and fellow musician, Rob Halligan, as they reflect on Graeme's remarkable career through the songs and stories that have shaped his life. It promises to be a special evening with music, faith, living with a stammer and being the fifth 'Wet' as well as plenty of well-known and lesser-known songs.	Graeme Duffin	Hope Stage

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9:30pm-11pm	Movie: Monsters Inc	Grab a beanbag and have a chilled evening watching Monsters Inc! All ages welcome. Those monitoring the venue will not be responsible for any unaccompanied children.	Awesome	Awesome
9:30pm-10:15pm	Open Mic Night	Got a talent you've been dying to share? Or just love cheering on others? Come and join us for an unforgettable Open Mic Night at the Hope & Anchor. No pressure, just good vibes, great company and plenty of applause!	Aaron Bent	Hope & Anchor
9:30pm-10:30pm	Showing up Authentically in an Artificial Age	What does it mean to follow Jesus in a world of artificial intelligence, deep fakes and fake news? Andrew Stobart leads you through key features of contemporary culture to open you up to fresh ways of understanding and engaging. This seminar is a taster for Cliff College's upcoming unit, 'Foundations: Issues Facing the Church Today'.	Andrew Stobart	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room

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ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Moses Brothers

Orchard Stage

1pm-6pm

Climbing Wall

Challenge yourself on a thrilling climbing wall, where each grip and foothold brings you closer to the top. Go to Reception to sign up and pay £1 for your token! Open to participants aged 6+.



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9am-9:30am	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
10am-11am	Bible Study: A Holy Healing	Join Cliff College lecturer, Ben Pugh, as he helps us delve deeper into Isaiah 6:1-8 over the Festival weekend. In this second Bible study, we'll be reflecting on how God is a healing God. Let's have a spiritual MoT. Let's be cleansed and made freshly whole and ready for action.	Ben Pugh	Hope Stage
10am-12pm	Creative Bible Study	Explore the main Festival theme through reflective prayer, conversation and prayer activities each day. Alongside an ongoing quiet space there will be opportunities to discuss the theme in an informal environment using images, music and creative arts.	Prayer Team	The Yurt
11:15am-12:15pm	When Cultures Collide: Pioneering places of holiness in a seemingly unholy culture	Join us for this panel session with a difference. Together we'll dig down into what it means to pioneer places of holiness within cultures which can so often seem unholy. The early Methodist Movement committed itself to the mission of spreading scriptural holiness across the land, and we'll explore how it feels to practice a faith today that can feel counter cultural.	Hope & Anchor	Hope & Anchor
11:15am-12:15pm	The Bible and Mission	When we read the Bible, do we look for scattered stories of mission or can we trace a missional thread through the whole of Scripture? This seminar will explore some ways to help us consider the Bible as the story of God's mission from beginning to end.	Janet Unsworth	Library
11:15am-12:15pm	Walking with the Bereaved	This seminar explores the biblical promise of beauty instead of ashes and joy instead of mourning, reflecting on our call to be transformed into the likeness of Christ. We will discuss how to provide signposting after a bereavement and, importantly, how to support the bereaved in church and community, offering love and compassion after someone has died.	Nicky Grey	Seminar Room 1

Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
11:15am-12:15pm	Hospitable Holiness and the Mission of the Church Livestreamed as part of Festival at Home	In this seminar, we will explore the relationship within Scripture between hospitality and holiness, focusing especially on how the link between the two reflects the mission of God (missio Dei). As well as focusing on the holy hospitality of God, we will consider ways in which hospitable holiness within the church – individually and corporately – can shape its mission today.	Ed Mackenzie	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room
1pm-2pm	Facepainting, Nails and Hairbraiding	Get into the Festival spirit with vibrant face painting that transforms your look or have your hair braided to add a touch of flair to your style. Bring out your inner Festival vibe! All ages welcome, under 14s must have signed parental consent on arrival.	Festival Volunteers	Terrace Lawn
1:30pm-3pm	Conversations Against Mundanity	Mundanity (noun): being very ordinary and not interesting. This is a session for conversations that get a little less boring, and a bit more real. Come and play a game that kickstarts those kinds of conversations. Because sometimes we want – and need – more than small talk. Sometimes we're hungry for something more than the mundane.	Hope & Anchor	Hope & Anchor
1:30pm-2:30pm	Stretch & Pray	Stretch and Pray is about connecting in with your whole self (body, mind and spirit), in order to learn how to be still and become aware of the presence of God. Practice gentle stretching and times of stillness, breath work and learning how to mediate by inviting the peace of the Holy Spirit and reading Scripture slowly. It can become a place of healing and restoration.	Jemima Strain	Terrace Lawn
1:30pm-2:30pm	Accessible Kids & Youth Ministry	We are seeing a huge increase in children and young people struggling to join in with church. We want everyone to know that church is a place where they can come, belong and join in. We will explore what additional needs can look like, why we as Christians are called to welcome, how God speaks to us through our senses, tools that use that knowledge in our kids/youth ministries and how to cope with sensory overload.	Growing Hope	Seminar Room 1
1:30pm-2:30pm	The Beauty of Holiness	'The glory of God is seen in a human being fully alive' – Irenaeus. In this down-to-earth practical, interactive seminar, Roy will invite us to explore God's invitation to live beautifully, ably, appropriately and healthily in ways that are not only good for us but for the world. If you think holiness is about being narrow, confining or sanctimonious, you're in for a shock!	Roy Searle	Library



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1:30pm-2pm	TakeTime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through TakeTime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
2pm-3:30pm	Funky Sunday Returns!	Funky Sunday is the party event of the Festival and absolutely everybody is invited; young or old, big or small or somewhere in between, we'd love to see everyone being their funkiest, grooviest selves as we come together to praise God as one big Cliff Festival Family.	Play it by Ear	Hope Stage
2pm-3pm	Ministries Drop-in	A drop-in session with one of the Methodist Church Ministries, Vocation and Worship team. If you're sensing a call to explore lay leadership or ordained ministry, or considering worship leading or local preaching, this is a space to find out more and ask any questions in an informal chat. The Ministries team also support those already in ministry.	Ministries Team	Hope & Anchor
2pm-3:30pm	Craftivism – Creating Hope Together	Do you sometimes feel despair at the scale of injustice all around us, and wonder how it's even possible to make a difference? Craftivism offers a way to gather people together to create hope in the face of overwhelming injustice. In this session, we will be working together to create a banner from recycled and scrap materials, as we reflect on how to keep hoping and working for change when times are tough.	Rachel Lampard	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room
2pm-4pm	Creative Bible Study, Continued	Explore the main Festival theme through reflective prayer, conversation and prayer activities each day. Alongside an ongoing quiet space there will be opportunities to discuss the theme in an informal environment using images, music and creative arts.	Prayer Team	The Yurt
3pm-4pm	Doing Things Differently	Hear about the way God is moving in new and exciting ways in the Methodist church, how people are responding creatively, and be inspired for your own context.	Hope & Anchor	Hope & Anchor
3pm-4pm	Evangelism as a Normal Part of Church Life	How do we structure church life to make it easier for unchurched people to find faith in Jesus and join in as his disciples. Lots of practical ideas for every church.	Graham Horsley	Terrace Lawn
3pm-4pm	Do Churches Really Need to Close?	Fearful your church may close? A chance to consider the impact and alternatives to church closure alongside the realities of what happens if they do for the church members and local community. Perhaps God isn't finished with us yet after all!	Carole Marsden	Library

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3pm-4pm	Spreading Spiritual Holiness #2	A movement of unbounded grace. At our best, Methodists recognise our need to rely upon the grace of God. Making space for God's grace to be at work in and through us is vitally important. This is the second in a series of three connected seminars over the weekend, but will also be valuable on its own.	Leslie Newton	Seminar Room 1
3pm-4:30pm	Walking the Edge	Join the All We Can and Methodist Church team for a walk up Baslow Edge. Whether you've been 100 times, or never before it's worth the views to join us for 90 mins of walking, learning, and intentional conversation in the beautiful landscape around Cliff College. We recommend sensible footwear and bringing a bottle of water. Meet at the Hope & Anchor.	All We Can & The Methodist Church	Hope & Anchor
4pm-4:45pm	Godly Play	Come on a journey through the Bible, wonder and ponder on Jesus' words and what it means to be God's people. Suitable for all ages and abilities	Prayer Team	The Yurt
4:30pm-5:30pm	Mission Ignition!	Are you wondering how to help your church to grow? Are you curious about how to creatively engage in mission in your community? What's your church's future story? Come and play the mission incubator game with the Evangelism and Growth team to get new ideas, inspiration and fuel for mission.	Hope & Anchor	Hope & Anchor
4:30pm-5:15pm	Cliff Olympics	A fun-filled, all-age event with friendly competition! Our School Sports Day will be a mix of classic events such as sack races, tug-of-war and relay races!	Cliff College	Terrace Lawn
4:30pm-5:30pm	The Power We Hold	A space to reflect on our call to be justice seeking and welcoming disciples and how we hold and use power in our relationships, churches and communities.	Carolyn Godfrey	Library
4:30pm-5:30pm	New Monasticism and the Pursuit of Holiness	In a restless world, ancient monastic rhythms offer a path to deeper holiness through New Monasticism, which combines contemplation with action for purposeful living. Ish Lennox, Faith and Church Relations Manager at Mothers' Union, is passionate about renewing Christian discipleship using New Monasticism. With over 20 years of experience in pastoral ministry and intentional Christian communities, she helps individuals deepen their spiritual lives through prayer, simplicity, and communal living.	Ish Lennox, MET	Seminar Room 1



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SUNDAY

Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
4:30pm-5:30pm	Hack Your Holiness Online!	Discover how to cultivate spiritual growth in the digital age with "Hack Your Holiness Online!"—a dynamic seminar blending faith and technology. Learn practical strategies to stay spiritually grounded while navigating social media, digital communities and online distractions. Whether you're a tech-savvy believer or just starting your digital faith journey, this seminar will equip you with the tools to thrive spiritually in an always-connected world!	Ali Johnson	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room
6pm-6:30pm	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
7pm-8:30pm	Evening Celebration with James Aladiran	Join us for an evening of worship, prayer and preaching with James Aladiran. Hosted by Ashley Cooper and Cassandra Maria, with worship from Matt Beckingham.	Ashley Cooper	Hope Stage
9pm-9:20pm	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
9:30pm-10:30pm	A Nativity Panto!	What better way to celebrate the May bank holiday weekend than with a good old fashioned Christmas Panto! Play it by Ear bring their usual fun and madness to the Nativity story as Buttons and Widow Twanky set off on an adventure to discover the true meaning of Christmas. Young, old or somewhere in between, you'll have a great time at this slightly out of season festive show!	Play it by Ear	Hope Stage
9:30pm-11pm	Movie: Inside Out 2	Grab a beanbag and have a chilled evening watching Inside Out 2! All ages welcome. Those monitoring the venue will not be responsible for any unaccompanied children.	Awesome	Awesome
9:30pm-10:30pm	Quiz Night	Faith & Geekery will host a fun and quirky quiz to test your 'little grey cells'. As their name suggests, they love to talk and on this occasion to test your faith & geekery knowledge, as well as everything else in between. Come prepared to have fun, play a quiz - you might even win!	Faith & Geekery	Hope & Anchor



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Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
9:30pm-10:30pm	A Lifted Life: Happiness and Holiness in Christ	Today, people are increasingly interested in wellbeing. People want to know how to truly flourish. Do we not have a gospel message that addresses that? Paul the Apostle was convinced that our union with Christ allows us to live at a lifted level of happiness and peace, raised above our inward troubles while we allow the Spirit to continue his work in us. Come and explore some steps towards this lifted life.	Ben Pugh	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room

ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT



Escape the Van

A deadly poison has broken out in the Lab! Can you find the antidote in time?

Gather a team of up to six people, book your 20-minute slot at Reception and see if you can Escape the Van!
Available slots from 9am - 10:30pm, £5 per person.

MONDAY

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Pilgrimage

Join the Peak Wesley Way team for a taster pilgrimage offering space to reflect on Festival. We will be heading away from Calver to Bramley Wood with expansive views along the route, coming back to the Festival site via Baslow. The route is 4.5 miles one steep climb at the beginning only! Meet at the top of the Orchard at 2:30pm.



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Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
7:30am-8am	Communion	Each morning communion will be shared at the Prayer Yurt as part of a short reflective service. Everyone is welcome	Prayer Team	The Yurt
9am-9:30am	Kick Start	What better way to kick start the day than with the whole Festival family? Come ready to get involved as we laugh, sing and dance together in praise to our Father God.	Kick Start Crew!	Hope Stage
9am-9:30am	Take-time Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Take-time meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
10am-10:45am	Bible Study: A Holy Sending	Join Cliff College lecturer, Ben Pugh, as he helps us delve deeper into Isaiah 6:1-8 over the Festival weekend. This final study will reflect on how Paul was happy to lose everything he once held dear. Let's make sure we have a firm hold upon the call of God upon our lives.	Ben Pugh	Hope Stage
10am-12pm	Creative Bible Study	Explore the main Festival theme through reflective prayer, conversation and prayer activities each day. Alongside an ongoing quiet space there will be opportunities to discuss the theme in an informal environment using images, music and creative arts.	Prayer Team	The Yurt
11am-12:15pm	Anniversary Celebration	Join us for our Anniversary Celebration with worship, prayer and preaching with Janet Unsworth. Hosted by Ashley Cooper and Cassandra Maria, with worship from Matt Beckingham.	Ashley Cooper	Hope Stage
1:30pm-3pm	Faith & Geekery play Dungeons & Dragons	Join us as we host an interactive tabletop role-play game that will explore themes around faith and roleplay. Warning: may contain fantasy violence... and poor attempts at accents. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.	Faith & Geekery	Hope & Anchor
1:30pm-2:15pm	Principal's Party	Join us for worship and stories as we celebrate eight years of Ashley Cooper as Cliff College Principal, and welcome his successor Andrew Stobart into the new role.	Cliff College	Hope Stage
1:30pm-2pm	Take-time Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Take-time meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt

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1:30pm-2:15pm	Drumming Workshop	Explore your natural rhythm through African drumming and percussion! No experience needed. Open to all ages.	Andy Harris	Terrace Lawn
1:30pm-2:30pm	The Invitation of Campfires	In this session we will explore how the use of campfires and storytelling has fostered a space where people feel able to be vulnerable, inviting us to delve deeper into the nature of the divine. We will look at the role of vulnerability in new worshipping communities, reflect on why this is significant and explore how we can foster a vulnerable space in our own communities.	Morgan Tebb-Rogers	Library
1:30pm-2:30pm	Accessible Churches-Come, Belong and Join in	We want church to be accessible to everyone. God calls us to be family which includes learning, serving, and worshipping all together. We will explore what additional needs can look like, why we as Christians are called to welcome, how God speaks to us through our senses and how we can use that knowledge in our congregations to help everyone to come, belong and join in.	Growing Hope	Seminar Room 1
2pm-4pm	Creative Bible Study, Continued	Explore the main Festival theme through reflective prayer, conversation and prayer activities each day. Alongside an ongoing quiet space there will be opportunities to discuss the theme in an informal environment using images, music and creative arts.	Prayer Team	The Yurt
2pm-3pm	Ministries Drop-in	A drop-in session with one of the Methodist Church Ministries, Vocation and Worship team. If you're sensing a call to explore lay leadership or ordained ministry, or considering worship leading or local preaching, this is a space to find out more and ask any questions in an informal chat. The Ministries team also support those already in ministry.	Ministries Team	Hope & Anchor
2pm-2:30pm	The Cliff Year: information session	Find out more about the Cliff Year, Cliff College's gap year programme for 18-25-year-olds and hear from some current Cliff Year participants about their experiences and why they would recommend the gap year to others.	Cliff College	Chapel
2:30pm-3:15pm	Drumming Workshop	Explore your natural rhythm through African drumming and percussion! No experience needed. Open to all ages.	Andy Harris	Terrace Lawn
2:30pm-4pm	MET AGM	All welcome, whether MET members or not, for a time of inspiration, vision and hope as we venture forward with a renewed focus for the future.	MET	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room



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Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
3pm-4pm	Soap & Anchor	Join All We Can for a soap-making workshop where you can explore what fulfilling potential looks like for you, your communities, and All We Can's local partners.	All We Can	Hope & Anchor
3pm-4pm	Climate Action for God's Glory	Our obedience to God's call is informed by prayer, which also informs our prophetic actions that witness to the damage humans are causing to God's world and to the injustices that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. As Christians we should honour the two great commandments, and, knowing that where human-made systems fail to ensure love for our neighbours, we must adhere to God's higher law. Join us to discuss these principles of our faith and actions.	Christian Climate Action	Library
3pm-4pm	Trauma Informed Pastoral Care: Holy Ground	Recent years have seen significant developments within the areas of trauma studies as we constantly improve our understanding of how we experience and respond to trauma. Alongside this there has been much growth in how we understand the theology of trauma. We will explore some of the intersectionality between trauma studies and pastoral theology as we seek to make our pastoral practice trauma-informed.	Ali Mackenzie	Seminar Room 1
3:30pm-4pm	Awesome + Adults	Join us for an AWESOME session in the Hope Stage, with our Awesome team leaders. All are welcome to come and see everything that the Awesome venue have been up to during the Festival weekend. Expect silliness, songs, dancing and games!	Awesome Team	Hope Stage
4pm-4:30pm	Godly Play	Come on a journey through the Bible, wonder and ponder on Jesus' words and what it means to be God's people. Suitable for all ages and abilities	Prayer Team	The Yurt
4:30pm-5:30pm	It's Helen's Round	Join us at the Hope & Anchor for an intimate afternoon of wit and wisdom with the President of Conference, Revd Helen Cameron. For one day only, Helen's picking up the tab - only this tab isn't settled with cash, but with deep and meaningful conversation.	The Methodist Church & All We Can	Hope & Anchor
4:30pm-5:15pm	Foam Party	With beats blasting and bubbles everywhere, it's non-stop fun as everyone dances, laughs, and gets drenched in the frothy madness. Suitable for all ages, children under 11 must be supervised.	Cliff College	Terrace Lawn
4:30pm-5:30pm	Holy and Human	Holiness is hard work! It's crucial to find ways to think about how we live our lives with God's call to be holy as we try to be faithful disciples of Christ. Join us as we explore ways of reflecting on our experiences and listening for God's voice in all we do. We will draw on Scripture and a bit of A Methodist Way of Life!	Graham Edwards	Library

Start Time	Title	Description	Led by	Venue / Location
4:30pm-5:30pm	TakeTime: Help Others Find Faith Through Meditation	Are you passionate about guiding people on their spiritual journey? This seminar introduces Taketime, a simple meditation practice that can help individuals encounter God and experience deeper spiritual connection. Experience Taketime firsthand and learn how you can share its transformative and therapeutic qualities with others.	Clive McKie	Seminar Room 1
4:30pm-5:30pm	Spreading Spiritual Holiness #3	A movement of passionate disciples. The early growth of the Methodist movement was possible because an army of ordinary people were equipped and released as leaders, pioneers and pastors. Rediscovering how to multiply leadership, especially lay, is key to seeing our movement flourish again. This is the third in a series of three connected seminars over the weekend, but will also be valuable on its own.	Leslie Newton	Samuel Chadwick Lecture Room
6pm-6:30pm	Taketime Meditation	Join us for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal through Taketime meditation, integrated within the beautiful rhythm of the Northumbria Community Daily Office. Connect with God, find inner peace, and cultivate a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.	Clive McKie	The Yurt
7pm-8:30pm	Evening Celebration with Paul Smith	Join us for an evening of worship, prayer and preaching with Paul Smith. Hosted by Ashley Cooper and Cassandra Maria, with worship from Matt Beckingham.	Ashley Cooper	Hope Stage
8:30pm-9pm	Late Night Worship	Continue in worship, following our Evening Celebration, with Matt Beckingham & band.	Matt Beckingham	Hope Stage
9:30pm-10:15pm	Alternative Beer & Hymns	Fancy belting out a few Wesley classics and bopping along to some school assembly bangers in the Hope and Anchor? Then come and join us as we sing and share together in fellowship at Cliff Festival's very own alcohol-free pub.	The Methodist Church & All We Can	Hope & Anchor
9:30pm-11pm	Movie: Moana 2	Grab a beanbag and have a chilled evening watching Moana 2! All ages welcome. Those monitoring the venue will not be responsible for any unaccompanied children.	N/A	Awesome
10pm-11pm	Beer & Hymns	Join us - any time from 9:30pm - at the local pub to sing beloved old hymns and indulge in a beverage of your choice. Please note that the Calver Arms is a 5-minute drive or a 20-minute walk from the main Festival site.	Ashley Cooper	The Calver Arms



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OUR PARTNERS

CLIFF FESTIVAL HAS TWO KEY PARTNERS – ALL WE CAN AND THE METHODIST CHURCH. YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THEM HERE.

ALL WE CAN

All We Can is an international development and relief organisation, rooted in Christianity and working together to see every person's potential fulfilled. Focussed on serving the world's most marginalised communities, All We Can works through partnership alongside our global neighbours to see everyone become all that they can be – and you can be a part of this pioneering movement for change.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH IN BRITAIN

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. The Methodist Church is committed to being a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church – so that new people become disciples of Jesus Christ, faith deepens for everyone, and diverse communities and churches experience transformation.

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CONTRIBUTOR SPOTLIGHTS

GROWING HOPE

Growing Hope is a charity that champions accessibility and provides free therapy for children with additional needs, as well as support for their families, through setting up clinics in partnership with local churches across the UK. We are excited that Growing Hope are delivering a series of three seminars this year at Cliff Festival 2025.



LESLIE NEWTON

Leslie is currently Chair of Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church in Britain, having previously served in the Barnsley, Bramhall & Wythenshawe and York Circuits. Leslie was born and raised in Lancaster, his faith nurtured in a local Methodist Church and prior to ministry he trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He is married to Gill, also a Methodist Minister, and they have a daughter Laura. Leslie is delivering a series of three seminars this year at Cliff Festival 2025.

BIBLE STUDY LEAD

BEN PUGH

Ben Pugh was not raised as a Christian and soon developed a hunger for spiritual realities. This hunger was more than satisfied when he met Christ at the age of 19 while studying for his degree in art.

He immediately became deeply interested in the Bible, which soon grew into an interest in the formal study of theology. An MA was followed by a PhD, which was followed, in 2009, by his first full time academic appointment, as the Director of Postgraduate Studies at Mattersey Hall. He has been a Lecturer in Theology at Cliff College since 2012.



OUR PREACHERS



FRIDAY EVENING

ANDY FYALL

Andy serves as the Chair of the Nottingham & Derby Methodist District. He is married to Helen, also a Methodist minister. Andy's prayer is that people find their place in God's love, grow as disciples of Christ and share their experience of God's love with others.

SUNDAY EVENING

JAMES ALADIRAN

James Aladiran, founder of Prayer Storm and author of Life On Fire, is an instrumental figure in the UK for catalysing the Church into a lifestyle of prayer, purity and power. Along with his wife, Rebecca, director of Prayer Storm Music, James and the team have been mobilising strategic prayer in the UK and abroad for over 12 years. His heart is to see spiritual awakening across the body of Christ and see a generation of believers sold out for Jesus, committed to prayer and radical in their pursuit of holiness.



SATURDAY EVENING

RACHAEL HEFFER



Rachael serves as Head of Mission for the Evangelical Alliance, seeking to resource and equip the UK church in all forms of mission activity, to develop a widespread culture of evangelism and to see Christians grow in greater confidence to make Jesus known. She has previously served on the leadership team of British Youth for Christ and as Mission and Youth Adviser within the Diocese of Ely. Rachael is married to Darren and they live with their two teenage sons in Ely in Cambridgeshire, where Rachael oversees the youth ministry and mentoring at her local church. Rachael is a trained coach and mentor and a lover of fitness, travel and languages. She is also a fully-fledged footie mum!

MONDAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JANET UNSWORTH

Janet is the Director of the Ministries Team of the Methodist Church in Ireland, based at Edgehill House in Belfast. As Director of Ministries, Janet has responsibility for the leadership and oversight of ordained and lay ministries in the Methodist Church. She is also responsible for developing the policies and processes of governance for ministry in the Methodist Church in Ireland and serves on the Cliff College Committee.



MONDAY EVENING

PAUL SMITH

Paul Smith is a former student of Cliff College and has remained a keen supporter down the years. He served as a Methodist Minister for 40 years, retiring in 2013, and has written and spoken extensively on holiness as a central charism of the Methodist movement. Paul continues to preach every Sunday, in Devon where he lives and beyond; he also has pastoral care of a small Methodist Chapel in rural Devon. He is married to Margaret and they have three sons and six grandchildren.

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