

John pictured at Cliff Festival in May 2026

TRIBUTE TO REV. JOHN HIBBERTS (1943-2026)

It is with great sadness that we share the news that John Hibberts died in early September.

John had been a Methodist Minister for 40 years, concluding his ministry at Swanbank, Burslem where he served for 25 years. John and his wife Val had been members of MET for many years.

He will be remembered by many as a leading light at Easter People with his enthusiastic, engaging, vibrant and dynamic personality. He became involved with the first Easter People at Camber Sands in 1988 and faithfully stayed the course for the next 20 years of the event. He led many of the all-age worship celebrations, notably as 'ringmaster' at the Tower Circus in Blackpool during the mid-1990s.

John loved people, had a zeal for the Lord and a passion for the gospel.

Rev. David Miller writes:
John was a tireless campaigner for dynamic, positive Evangelical Methodist discipleship and witness. Someone we will miss greatly.