

The Methodist News

30 July 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

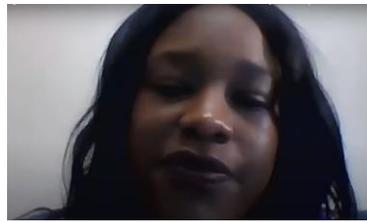
Guidance

Please note updates to guidance for re-opening churches for worship



Worship during the pandemic

Suggestions for worship opportunities and how to help others in worship can be found [here](#), including service sheets to be printed at home. For those Methodists feeling the loss of communion, there is a short act of [spiritual communion](#).



Streamed services

A selection of streamed Methodist services are taking place online. The list of services, produced with current guidelines in place, can be found [here](#).



Re-opening churches for worship (Updated 21 July)

A range of [new resources](#) are now available for open air worship, face coverings, weddings, house groups and wider community use of church buildings. Beyond Exile, a service to celebrate a return to public worship, can be found [here](#).

News

Cumbria



Responding to the pandemic

In this second in a series of stories from around the Connexion, we discover how churches in Cumbria have responded during the coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

British Methodist Youth Choir



Relaunched

After a pause for 18 months, the British Methodist Youth Choir is now back up and running and rebuilding its membership. The current age range is 14-27 but this will shortly be increased to an upper age of 30. Click [here](#) to read more.

CTE



Racial justice

Churches Together in England have issued a statement calling on churches to travel together on the journey of racial justice, addressing injustices both within our church life and in wider society. You can read the statement [here](#).

Action for Children



Webinar

On 4 August at 3pm, Action for Children are holding a webinar to share how the charity responded to support disadvantaged children and families affected by the challenges of Covid-19. Click [here](#) to sign up for the webinar.

Agents of Change



Online Gatherings

The Children, Youth and Families Team, in partnership with Global Relationships, JPIT and All We Can, are hosting two online gatherings on Saturday 22 August for children and young people who are passionate about climate justice.

Ages 8 – 11: 10.30am – 12pm

Ages 12 - 17: 3.30pm – 5pm

More information about the Green Agents of Change Catalyst Events can be found [here](#) or you can email [Lynne Norman](mailto:Lynne.Norman).

Online Meetings



Guidance

Guidance has been published to help churches conduct church meetings, church council and synods online.

The Methodist Conference 2020 passed a resolution enabling church business meetings to be held electronically whilst the public health restrictions on physical meetings continue. More details are [here](#).

Media

Video

THE GOOD NEWS

Good News to Share

In 2020 the Methodist Conference adopted a church-wide strategy for evangelism and growth. Our calling to evangelism means sharing good news, whoever and wherever we are. It's that simple! In this video, diverse Methodists share their perspective of the good news and the goodness of God in their lives.

BBC Local Radio

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

The Methodist Podcast returns this week. We discuss the impact of Covid-19 on the work of Action for Children, the relaunch of the British Methodist Youth Choir and hear about Church in North and South Korea. Listen [here](#).

Premier Radio



Rural communities

From furlough to food bank. the President of the Methodist Conference, Richard Teal, and Elizabeth Clark, National Rural Officer for the Methodist and United Reform Church, speak to Premier Radio about the differences between urban and rural communities. Listen [here](#).



Channel Islands Chair

The new district chair for the Channel Islands, Revd Dawn Saunders, was interviewed on BBC Jersey and Guernsey about her role. ([beings at 01.49](#))

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