



Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.

Staff at Methodist Church House are now working remotely from home and will continue to provide support.

Regular updates will be given on social media pages and on the [website](#).

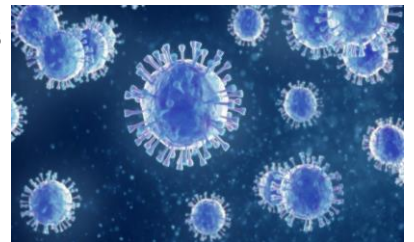
The media support line is available on 020 7467 5170.

Yours, in prayer,
[the Communications team](#)



Coronavirus: updated guidance

The recommendation is that worship services in Methodist Churches are suspended in line with government guidelines. The full guidance can be found [here](#).



During this difficult time, local trustees may consider whether it is possible to open up churches to enable people to pray. A poster to advertise that your church is open for prayer can be downloaded [here](#). A poster that there will be no public worship, with details of live-streamed services, can be downloaded in [PDF](#) and editable [Word](#) formats

Prayers

Read prayers, relating to the crisis, from the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, and from Churches overseas, [here](#).



May God be with us

During our struggle Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Professor Clive Marsh, reflects on where God is during the coronavirus pandemic in this [blog](#).



Worship during the pandemic

There are many options for people who are isolated and want to take part in worship with some Methodist churches live-streaming services. A downloadable service is being published each week that can be printed off, ideal for those without access to the internet. You can find these and other resources [here](#).



Mission

Resources and advice for churches to still be engaging in mission during the corona virus pandemic is available [here](#).



Talking to young people

The spread of coronavirus has left communities and families wondering what to do next, both practically and spiritually. [Here](#) you'll find blogs and resources written by the Children, Youth and Families team of the Methodist Church to help you engage with young people during this time.



Foodbank resilience

The Trussell Trust network of foodbanks is likely to see a significant increase in demand over the coming weeks and months. You can find details of how to support your local foodbank [here](#).



A national call to prayer

Churches Together in England have issued a call for people to come together in prayer and to light candles of hope on Sunday 22 March, Mothering Sunday. More information can be found [here](#).



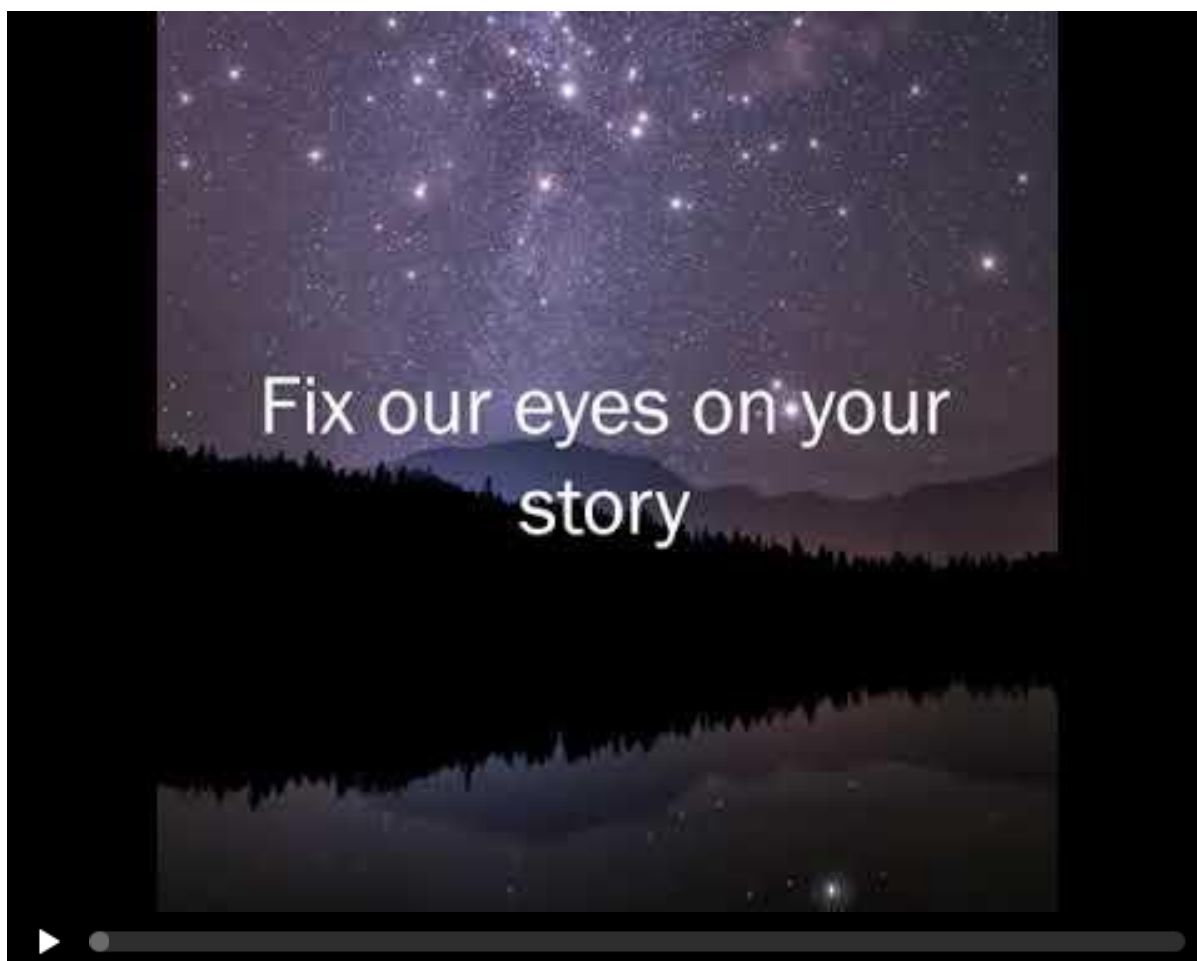
The Methodist Podcast

This week's Methodist Podcast discusses what the coronavirus pandemic will mean for the Methodist Church, we talk to a Mission Enabler for Older People and we consider the impact of the crisis on foodbanks. We also talk about the spiritual needs of ourselves and others, and we share a prayer from the President of the Methodist Conference. Listen [here](#).



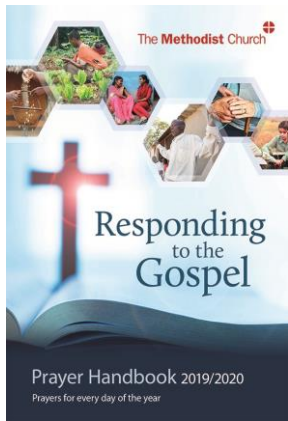
Video: A prayer from the President of the Methodist Conference

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson reads her prayer as part of this Sunday's [day of prayer and action](#) in light of the ongoing situation.



Reflections

Parliament



In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with All Creation and with Christians in the Pacific and Europe, in Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#)

[Bible studies](#) is "Spiritual Gifts". [Order your Prayer Handbook here.](#)



You can find details of the UK Parliament [here](#). If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, [click here](#) and the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales, [click here](#).

'The Week Ahead' is a regular mailing that gives you a heads-up on forthcoming events and opportunities, as well as highlighting new information and resources across the Methodist Church. 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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