

The Methodist News

13 August 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

Guidance



Worship and re-opening churches during the pandemic

There are suggestions for worship opportunities and worship sheets to print at home [here](#). There is also a short act of [spiritual communion](#).

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



Face coverings

The government's guidance on face coverings has been updated to make it mandatory to wear a covering in places of worship from August the 8th. [Our guidance](#) has been updated accordingly.



Dial a prayer and podcast

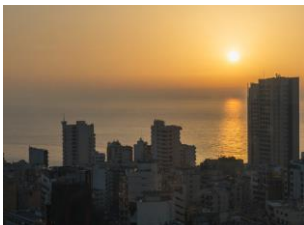
During lockdown we heard that many people didn't have access to online services so we set up free [phone lines](#) that are updated on a Thursday with a new prayer and our podcast. We are delighted that nearly 6000 people have used this service and would ask you to share the numbers with anyone you know who might not wish to use online services.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

News

Emergency Appeal



Beirut Explosion

On 4 August, a devastating explosion occurred at a warehouse in the Port of Beirut, causing widespread casualties and catastrophic damage to homes, hospitals, and other buildings throughout the area. All We Can is

Homelessness



JPIT

The Joint Public Issues Team are starting a conversation about what can be done differently to end homelessness and invite those with lived experiences of homelessness to the centre of the

Climate Change Survey



Christian Aid

Black Christians across Britain are being invited to take part (in partnership with Black Majority Churches) in Christian Aid's landmark survey into experiences, perspectives and attitudes to climate change and the climate justice

working with a local partner in Lebanon to help provide support to those in greatest need. Click [here](#) to read more about the appeal.

Survey



Online engagement

The Communications Team of the Methodist Church are seeking to discover how churches, circuits, districts or other projects across the Connexion have engaged online during lockdown. The aim is to learn from examples of good practice and help equip the Church as the world moves into a new digital era. The survey can be found [here](#).

discussions. You can read more about the project [here](#).

Change Begins With A Bicycle



Harvest resources

You can support All We Can's Change Begins with a Bicycle campaign using the resources available [here](#). There are worship resources, ideas for children and youth groups, school materials, prayer ideas, posters, videos and giving envelopes. You can order physical Harvest resources or download the Harvest materials online now.

movement. Ends 16 August 2020. Please click [here](#).

Methodist Publishing



Connexional Year

The Annual Membership Ticket 2020/2021 is [available to pre-order](#). Receive free copies of A Methodist Way of Life Commitment Card and A brief guide to A Methodist Way of Life when you order your Annual Membership Ticket (matched quantity for quantity).

Connexional Year 2020/2021 resources are available to order from [here](#).

Media

Video



Bladon Junior Church

During lockdown Bladon Junior Church produced a video with members of the church singing A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman. You can read more about producing this video [here](#).

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

This week we review the year of the outgoing Methodist Youth President, hear about the role of climate campaign workers, learn about Coffee Shop Sunday and we sing a Million Dreams. Listen [here](#).

Blog



Education

Barbara Easton, head of service at the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, calls for prayers at this anxious time of exam results and as schools return in Scotland in [this blog](#).

Radio



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Exam Results

Sunday Worship - BBC Radio 4

This week's [Sunday Worship](#) on BBC Radio 4, 8:10am is led by Revd Dr Stephen Wigley, chair of the Wales synod of the Methodist Church, reflecting on what happens when our plans change and on the 75th anniversary of VJ Day

Pupils across England received their A Level Exam results this week. Barbara Easton, head of service at the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, spoke to Premier's Rachel Matthews about the importance of this and how we can pray into it. Hear the interview [here](#).

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