

The Methodist News

23 April 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News, which replaces The Week Ahead. We hope that this new look better reflects the work of the Methodist Church. Additional features will be added soon. Urgent updates will be given on social media and on the Methodist Church website.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

Guidance



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, 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](#).



Official guidance

The Methodist Church has announced the closure of all its church buildings for the foreseeable future. The only exception will be for churches that are offering essential social outreach. Full guidance can be found [here](#).

News



**HM Revenue
& Customs**

Job Retention Scheme

The application process for the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme was launched on Monday (20th April). This reimburses 80% of salary costs of employees who have been put on furlough by their employer. It is open to companies and charities. Guidance about the scheme is available on the [Methodist Church website](#)



Safeguarding guidance

Inevitably at this time, churches are being encouraged to think about those who may be in greater need, isolated or unable to get out and about. Updated coronavirus visiting guidance (updated 16 April) can be downloaded from the [Methodist Church website](#)

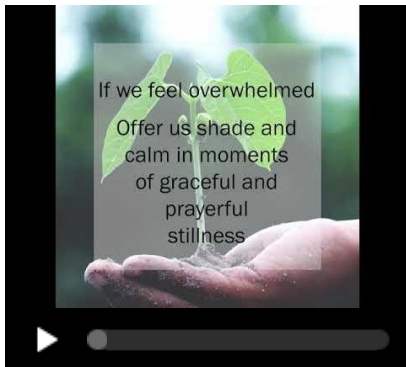


A Methodist Way of Life

A Methodist Way of Life is a new way of living – with daily disciplines – based on 'new monasticism' ideas and on Our Calling. It seeks to express what it means to follow Jesus in the regular, practical actions of worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. Find out more [here](#).

Media

Video



Prayer for Eastertide

[A prayer for Eastertide](#), written and read by Cathy Bird, Superintendent of Stockport United Circuit.

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

MHA is asking for support in prayer, volunteering and donations to help fund vital PPE. This week's podcast features an interview with the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson who joined their Silver Command planning meeting to hear at first-hand how they are dealing with the crisis. Listen [here](#).

Blog



Songs of Praise

Anna Herriman is training to be a local preacher and when she qualifies she will be the first female in the role to use British Sign Language in the pulpit. Watch her story on Songs of Praise ([Starts at 10 minutes 55 seconds](#))

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