



Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.

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](#)



## 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](#) is available.



## Regular 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](#).



## Low Sunday

The Revd Helen Cameron, chair of the Northampton District, reflects on Low Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. In this [blog](#) she encourages us to remember that the joy of Easter is for life, not just for one day.



## The Methodist Podcast

This week's Methodist Podcast talks to a member of the Diaconal Order working as an NHS hospital chaplain, All We Can launches a campaign to support those in the developing world and we talk to the incoming Principal of the Queen's Foundation, Clive Marsh. Listen [here](#).



## Queen's Foundation

The Governors of the Queen's Foundation have [announced](#) the appointment of Professor Clive Marsh to the role of Principal. Clive will succeed the Revd Canon Dr David Hewlett who retires this summer.



## All We Can

In the world's poorest communities people are having to face coronavirus without access to running water and soap. Living in cramped and unhygienic conditions, social distancing simply isn't possible. All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain have launched an [Emergency Coronavirus Appeal](#) to help equip vulnerable communities across the globe to combat coronavirus.



## Tips on improving video

The coronavirus pandemic has forced many of us to take the plunge into video and live-streaming. It is easy to get started just using a smartphone and Facebook but how do we take things to the next level? Read our tips [here](#)



## 3Generate

3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, is still preparing to take place 30 October to 1 November 2020 at the NEC Birmingham. The volunteer recruitment and planning process is already underway. You can find out more, apply to volunteer or to join one of the satellite planning groups on the [3Generate](#) website pages.



## West London Mission

During this crisis the West London Mission are doing all they can to keep the vulnerable safe. Many have suffered trauma in the past and have underlying health conditions, they are struggling and are deeply anxious. You can read more about the WLM response to the crisis and their appeal [here](#).



## Ordination Exploration Day

The next Ordination Exploration Day takes place on Saturday 2 May for those who wish explore a call to ordained ministry. Due to the current limitations, this event will be held online with additional resources to help you prepare. If you feel you would like to explore a call to ordained ministry, then [click here](#) to book your place.



## Global ceasefire

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson and Prof Clive Marsh, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have released [a statement](#) to support a global ceasefire to help those whose lives have been disrupted by war and who now have to protect themselves from a new, deadly threat.



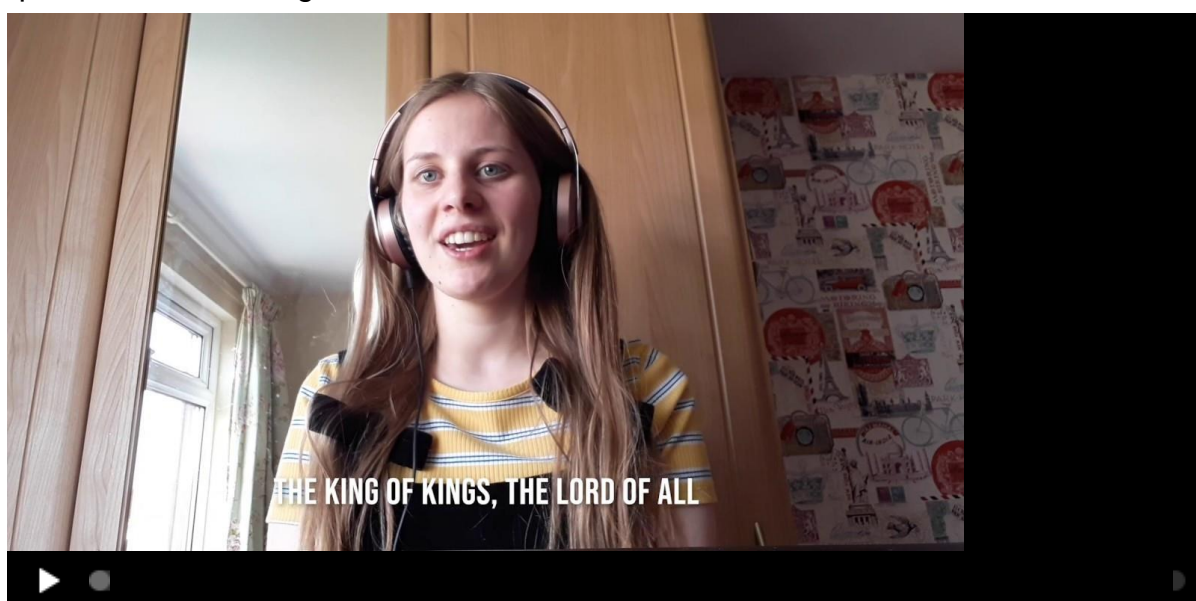
## MHA

In an [open letter to Methodists](#), the Chief Executive of MHA, Sam Monaghan, has appealed for support for the work they're doing in what can be difficult and challenging conditions which can include prayer and volunteering. The President and Vice-President are praying for the work of the MHA and the safety of staff and clients. Chris Swift, MHA Director of Chaplaincy and Spirituality, offers a reflection and prayer below.



## Video Thursday: In Christ Alone

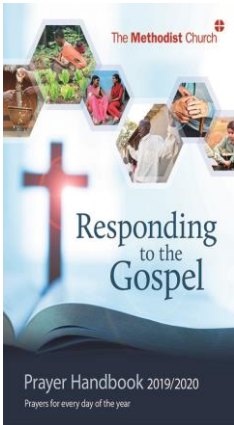
On Easter Sunday, the National Methodist Choir of Great Britain performed its first virtual performance, marking the launch of the All We Can Emergency Coronavirus Appeal, with a powerful and moving rendition of In Christ Alone.



**Reflections**

**Parliament**

In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians in Asia, the Pacific and around the world. The theme for



next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is "The Gospel of the Spirit". [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](#).

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**'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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