

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









## Easter worship during the pandemic

Suggestions for Easter worship opportunities and how to help others in worship can be found <u>here</u>, including service sheets to be printed at home. For those Methodists feeling the loss of communion, a short act of spiritual communion is now available. Full details of resources for Easter are available here.



### Streamed services for Easter

A selection of streamed Methodist services are taking place during Easter. The list of services, produced using current guidelines, can be found here.



### MHA and The Methodist Podcast

Our friends at MHA are amongst those on the frontline doing amazing work in very difficult circumstances. They are currently looking for volunteers to help support their work. You can find more details here:



MHA's Chief Executive, Sam Monaghan, has been speaking on radio and TV this week about the challenges they face and he explains more about these on the **latest Methodist Podcast** 

## #loveyourself #loveyourneighbour

The Evangelism and Growth Team has launched a new social media campaign: #loveyourself #loveyourneighbour. The campaign will engage with the many well-being conversations that have recently sprung up. More information and all the graphics, as well as a link to give us your ideas and stories, are available here.



## **BBC Local Radio Easter Sunday**

A fifteen minute reflection from the team at Methodist Central Hall Westminster is to be broadcast across all 39 BBC local radio stations at 3pm on Good Friday. The reflection has been produced following current guidelines. You can find your local BBC station <a href="here">here</a>.



## JPIT global ceasefire

JPIT's four partner Churches, including the Methodist Church, have joined the UN Secretary General's to call for a global ceasefire in order that governments can respond to the common threat of Coronavirus. You can sign the petition <a href="here">here</a>.



## **Church leaders respond to crisis**

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, together with Church leaders from denominations across Britain and Ireland, have issued a <u>statement</u> in response to the ongoing crisis.



### **Churches and partners overseas**

The Methodist Church of Britain has released <u>almost £65,000 in grant</u> <u>aid</u> to support partner Churches and overseas projects that have been affected by the coronavirus crisis. The money has been made available from the World Mission Fund, donated by the Methodist people to support mutual partnership with Churches overseas.



### National Methodist Choir

This Sunday, the virtual church choir organised by the <u>National</u> <u>Methodist Choir of Great Britain</u> will be performing a special online event on Easter Day, at 4pm to launch <u>All We Can's Emergency Coronavirus Appeal.</u> You can watch the 'Easter Sunday Singalong' on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Youtube channels.</u>



#### 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 <u>3Generate</u> website pages.



# Methodist Young Adults Vocations Programme 2020

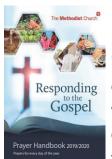
Recruitment has began for young adults aged 21 to 30 years of age, from all backgrounds, to become active agents of change and disciples in their churches and communities. The Methodist Young Adults Vocations Programme 2020 will enable them to be instruments of God's grace and love in new places including their communities and the world. For more information click here.

## **Video Thursday**

This week we share Easter messages from the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.



### Reflections



In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' Responding encourages us to pray with with Christians in America, the Middle east and around the world. The theme for next week's A Word in Time Bible

studies is "Lord of Life". Order your Prayer Handbook here.

### **Parliament**



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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