

# The Methodist News

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14 May 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Urgent updates will be given on social media and on the Methodist Church website.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

## Guidance

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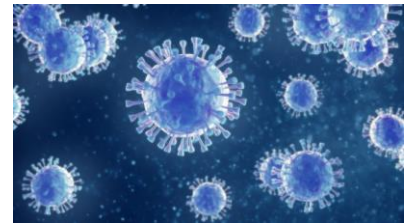
### Worship during the pandemic

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

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### One Programme Participants

ONE Programme: Connexion - 12 jobs available for ages 18-23 starting in September 2020. There are a variety of roles in local churches, projects, Methodist circuits and districts in a year-long, paid, training-provided, part-time job. Discover more [here](#).



### Statement on lockdown

In light of announcements made earlier this week by the government regarding changes to lockdown, the Secretary of the Methodist Conference has made the [this statement](#).



### Talking Justice

The coronavirus has revealed vast inequalities and threats to our wellbeing. Our churches are not in their buildings but are alive in communities. In the midst of this, what does it mean to be a people of justice and peace? How do we live in a crisis and work for God's kingdom? A webinar is being held by JPIT at 3pm on Thursday

21 May to consider these and more issues. To register and for information [click here](#).



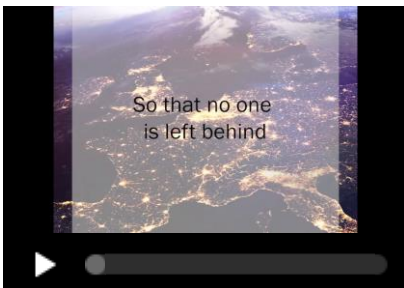
### Hymns

Great Billing chapel in the Northampton Methodist circuit is using Singing the Faith as a way of staying connected during the current crisis. The chapel worship leaders, husband and wife Roy and Margaret Littlecott, phone two members at a time and play and sing their chosen hymn with them. Read more [here](#).

## Media

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### Video



#### Christian Aid Week Prayer

[A prayer](#) during Christian Aid Week by Nick Geordiadis, Christian Aid's Director of Fundraising & Supporter Engagement.

### Podcast



#### The Methodist Podcast

This week's Methodist Podcast considers the poverty that is resulting from the coronavirus and how the Methodist people are responding. We also hear from the Shieldfield Art Works project (SAW) on how they are helping people's wellbeing. [Listen here](#).

### Telephone



#### Dial-a-Prayer

A [FREE phone service](#) to hear prayers and news from the Methodist Church has been launched.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514  
Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday evening.

### BBC TV - The Repair Shop



#### Stoke Road Methodist Gosport

The weather vane on top of Stoke Road Methodist Church, Gosport received a

### Podcast



#### Methodist Central Hall Westminster

Methodist Central Hall Westminster have made their sermons available online as podcasts. Click [here to listen](#).

### Blog



#### Safeguarding Blog

Grahame Snelling, Safeguarding Casework Supervisor for the London District, has considered the

much needed restoration in this edition of [The Repair Shop](#), shown earlier this week. (from 8 mins 30 secs)

government's road map to recovery alongside safeguarding in [this blog](#).

# Diary

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10 - 16 May



**Christian Aid Week**

Under the current circumstances, the usual Christian Aid Week events cannot go ahead. The need, however, is greater than ever. Christian Aid have created a vibrant, virtual [Christian Aid Week online](#) with activities, reflections and a virtual Christian Aid Week service.

18-24 May



**Mental Health Week**

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place 18 - 24 May. The current situation can have a dramatic impact on mental health. You can find support from the Methodist Church around well being here and through the [#loveyourself](#) [#loveyourneighbour](#) project.

21 - 31 May



**Thy Kingdom Come**

[Thy Kingdom Come](#) is an ecumenical, global prayer movement inviting all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

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