

The Methodist News

28 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



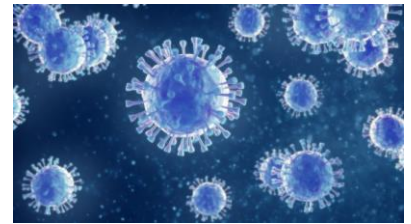
Worship during the pandemic

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, there is a short act of [spiritual communion](#).



Streamed services

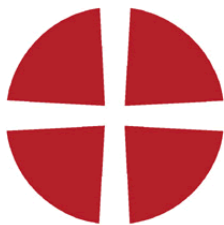
A selection of streamed Methodist services are taking place online. The list of services, produced with current guidelines in place, can be found [here](#).



Official guidance

The closure of Methodist buildings is under constant review in line with government guidance. Full details can be found [here](#).

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Property guidance

Following the Government's new strategy to tackle the pandemic the Conference Office, Connexional Property Team and TMCP have developed [this guidance](#) including updates for those running pre-schools and also for live-streaming from inside church buildings



Homelessness Gathering

A Zoom Gathering will take place on Wednesday 10 June between 11 am and 12.30 pm hosted by Revd Ian Rutherford (Manchester) and Revd Mike Long (London) to discuss a new vision for homelessness and housing in the light of Coronavirus. More information can be found [here](#).



Cyclone Amphan

Please pray for our partners in India and Bangladesh, where many have been affected by the 'super-cyclone', Amphan. Steve Pearce, Partnership Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific with the Global Relationships team, writes about the impact of the cyclone [here](#).



The Well

The Well has [three webinars](#) taking place in June.

Friday 5 June, 2.30pm – 4pm
Supporting families

Thursday 18 June, 2.30pm – 4pm
Covoid-19 and mental health

Tuesday 30 June, 2.30pm – 4pm
What have we been through and what next?



One Programme: Connexion

The ONE Programme: Connexion engages young people in the life of the Church and their local communities, focusing on discipleship, vocation and leadership. For those aged 18 to 23, it offers a year of part time work with a local church project, along with training and national participation. Applications must be made by noon, 11 June. Discover the opportunities [here](#).



Get Creative!

The creative arts competition for young people to write, draw, paint, or get busy with their camera is open until 31 July. Write a poem, make a picture or take a photograph in response to the theme of [‘What is God saying?’](#)

Media

Video



A Methodist Way of Life

Revd Dr Roger Walton gives an introduction to a Methodist Way of Life in this video. The [Methodist Way of Life](#) is a way of living. It is how we try to live our lives in response to God’s love, made known to us in Jesus.

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

In this week’s [Methodist Podcast](#), we hear from the President of the Methodist Conference on politics and responsibility, we talk to some of the young people taking part in the One Programme: Connexion. We also hear about changes to 3Generate and learn how a weather vane restoration made national television.

Blog



Leadership

We have recently heard the word privilege used many times in relation to those in Government. We might assume it relates to education or to class, but in fact it refers to our ability to make choices, simple everyday choices for our future, our families and our well-being. So many of us are privileged even if we don’t consider ourselves part of the elite. Read more, in [this blog](#), from Revd Dr Barbara Glasson.

Television



A House Through Time

Revd Jackie Bellfield is a Methodist minister in Ellesmere Port near Chester, who alongside her church members has

Radio



Remembering each life

Video



Stay Alert to Justice

A glimpse into 18th century Bristol, including the influence of John Wesley and the New Room in Bristol, was revealed in the latest episode of BBC2's new series, ['A House Through Time](#).

created a prayer garden in which hangs thousands of pieces of wool - each one remembering someone who has died from coronavirus. Listen [here](#).

Watch a short film entitled, Stay Alert to Justice, by JPIT on some of the inequalities that have been highlighted as a result of the coronavirus. Read more about these and how you can take action [here](#).

Diary

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.

31 May



Pentecost

There are a range of resources that you can use at home during the season of Pentecost. You can access these via the [Singing the Faith Plus website](#).

25 June - 2 July



The Methodist Conference

The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world. The Methodist Council has agreed that the Conference cannot meet as planned in Telford in June and has decided that it will meet [virtually this year](#).

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