

The Methodist News

7 May 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 in the near future. Urgent updates will be given on social media and on the Methodist Church website.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

Guidance



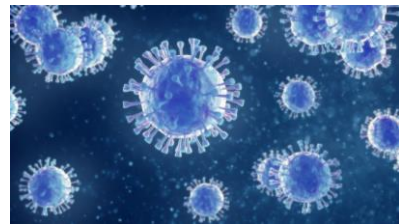
Worship during the pandemic

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



The Methodist Conference

The Conference Business Committee met and agreed that the Conference should meet 25 June – 2 July 2020 in order to conduct its essential business. The committee recognised that the restrictions that are likely still to be in place at the end of June, mean that a virtual meeting is necessary. Read more [here](#).



Children, Youth and Families

A brand new creative arts competition has been launched for young people to write, draw, paint, or get busy with their camera! The idea is that you write a poem, make a picture or take a photograph in response to the theme of ['What is God saying?'](#)



Lockdown review

The government is due to give an update on its lockdown guidance on Sunday May 10. Any changes will be carefully considered and [updates to our own guidance](#) will be made as soon as possible afterwards.



National Methodist Choir

Get your singing voices ready for The Big Church Sing this Sunday 10 May, on the NMC [Facebook page](#) and YouTube at 4pm. Join together with the National Methodist Choir and The National Methodist Youth Brass Band to pray, sing & save lives via All We Can's Emergency Coronavirus Appeal.



All We Can Appeal

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the Methodist people, the AWC Emergency Coronavirus Appeal is already having an impact on vulnerable people across the globe – including new mothers, like Kwagala from rural Uganda you can read about [here](#). But the global need to help communities face the pandemic is growing fast.

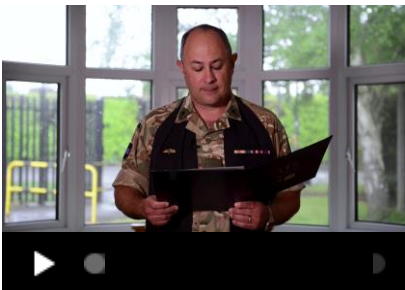


Methodist Modern Art

There are eight new posters (A2 size) from the Methodist Modern Art Collection that are ideal as a focus for personal reflection and to stimulate conversation about what Christ and faith mean to us. Order your posters from [Methodist Publishing](#).

Media

Video



V E Day commemorations

This Friday marks the 75th anniversary of V E Day. Padre Richard Smith shares with us his prayer to mark the commemoration.

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

We hear from the Methodist churches who have been working hard providing for the spiritual and practical needs of their communities since lockdown. We'll also be hearing from the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Secretary of the Conference and from the Youth President on their thoughts of how the Connexion has faced up to the coronavirus crisis. 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.

Radio Four



Sunday Programme

The [BBC Radio 4 Sunday](#) programme broadcast 3 May featured Revd Tony Morling from St Helier Methodist Centre on

Podcast



One Voice Podcast

The Northampton Circuit has launched its own podcast "One Voice". John Rose from BBC Radio Northampton presents stories,

Prayer



Deaf Awareness Week

This is Deaf Awareness Week. Anna Herriman is profoundly deaf and is training to become a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church and would be the first female British Sign

Jersey recalling his memories of his mother during VE Day. You can find the feature at 36"

conversations and a sense of community. listen [here](#).

Language (BSL) user to do so. See her BSL prayer [here](#).

Diary

8 May



Friday 8 May is the 75th anniversary of V E Day. Although the events planned to mark the commemoration have been postponed or cancelled, there are still many resources available [online](#).

12 May



Mission Beyond Lockdown

The District Missionary Community and Learning Network, in collaboration with the Evangelism and Growth Team, bring you a [series of webinars](#) starting Tuesday 12 May on mission during the crisis. The first webinar will be Community engagement beyond COVID-19.

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.

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. Hymns Ancient and Modern are offering free UK delivery for online orders until further notice. Please [order your resources](#) by noon, 13 May.

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