

The Methodist News

11 June 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

Please note updated advice below



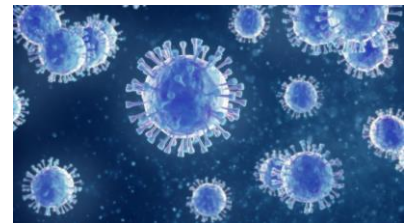
Worship during the pandemic

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](#).



UPDATED ADVICE

The Government has changed its advice to allow churches and other religious buildings to open for individual prayer from Saturday 13 June. The Methodist Church's advice remains that churches stay closed, but we recognise that there may be those who feel their mission depends on their church being open for individual prayer. Updated guidance can be found [here](#).



Responding to Racism

The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, has released [this message](#) in regard of racism.



Church Twinning

Churches and circuits are building twinning links with Methodist partner churches around the world. Plymouth and Exeter District have developed a formal link with the Diocese of Cuttack, Church of North India. During the Coronavirus outbreak this relationship has helped the district to focus in prayer. Discover more [here](#).



Vacancies

[Place for Hope](#) accompanies and equips people and faith communities so that all might reach their potential to be peacemakers who navigate conflict. The charity are seeking a new Director and a Reconciliation and Mediation Team Manager. Read more about these vacancies [here](#).



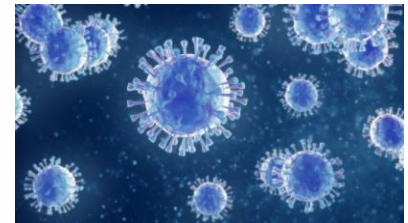
Climate Sunday

Local churches are encouraged to hold their [Climate Sunday](#) any time during a one-year period starting on 6 September (the first Sunday in the annual season of Creation Time/Season of Creation). Free resources will be provided to suit every style of worship. Register to find out more [here](#).



National Estate Churches Network

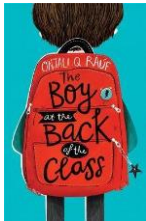
The NECN National Conference this year is free and online, taking place on 1 July. NECN supports people active in Christian ministry on social housing estates in England and Wales. Click [here](#) for more.



Covid-19 Webinar

Five Methodists from different professions in Strathclyde will begin a conversation on the effect of Covid 19 and if a better world can emerge during a webinar on Tuesday 16 June at 8pm. Register [here](#) to be given the information you need to join the webinar!

15 - 21 June Refugee Week



Children, Youth and Family

The Children, Youth and Family Team has produced a web resource to support people in responding during Refugee Week using the children's book *The Boy At The Back of the Class*. Click [here](#) for more.

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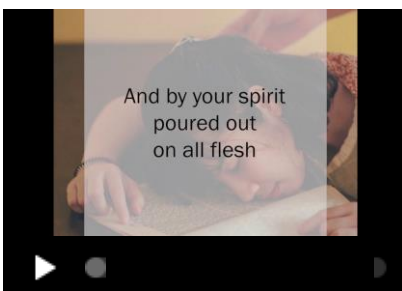


All We Can

All We Can have developed a church service for Refugee Week. This worship resource can be used for online services or as a devotional in your own home during Refugee Week. You can download this free resource [here](#).

Media

Video



A Prayer for Carers Week

The Revd Dr Jane Leach, Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge, shares her prayer for [Carers Week](#).

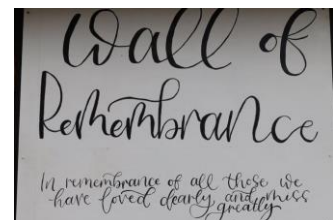
Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

This week we consider the statement on race made by the Secretary of the Methodist Conference, we discuss John Wesley and slavery following events in Bristol, we talk to the Minister at Notting Hill on the third anniversary of the Grenfell tragedy and, ahead of this weekend's MHA Sunday, we hear an update on the situation in care homes. Listen [here](#).

BBC Online



Swan Bank Methodist

A wall of remembrance has been created at Swan Bank Methodist Church in Stoke-on-Trent for people to add the names of loved ones who have died during the coronavirus pandemic. Read more in this report from [BBC News](#).

Podcast



Central Hall Westminster

Listen to the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Podcast to find out the history of the building, the worldwide mission of the Methodist Church and how Methodism inspired someone to become an MP. [Listen here.](#)

Diary

14 June



MHA Sunday

The theme this year is kindness, inspired by the book of Ruth, and the care given by MHA volunteers and colleagues. MHA Sunday, 14 June, will be an opportunity to give thanks and celebrate the specialist care and support services, enabling people to live later life well. Further information and resources are available [here](#).

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](#).

12 July



Action for Children Sunday

Action for Children Sunday is on 12 July this year, but you can hold your service whenever you like. Materials are available [here](#) to help you to plan a special service.

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