

The Methodist News

18 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](#)

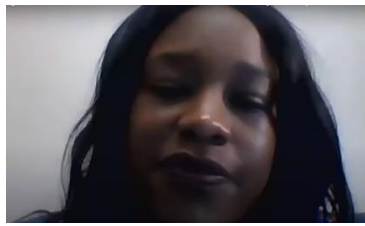
Guidance

Please note **updated advice** below



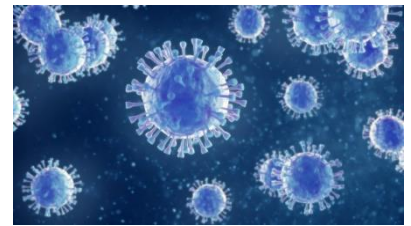
Worship during the pandemic

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

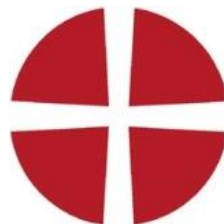
The Government has changed its advice to allow churches and other religious buildings in England to open for individual prayer. The Methodist Church's advice remains that churches stay closed, but we recognise that there may be those who feel their mission depends on their church being open for individual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

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Guidelines on sexual harassment

The Methodist Church has published a set of good practice guidelines for churches to raise awareness of sexual



The Methodist Conference 25 June - 2 July

This year's Methodist Conference will take place online and will be livestreamed as usual.



Connexional Team Stand

Each year at the Methodist Conference there is a Connexional Team stand. Here, the team displays a range of resources, usually available in print,

harassment, support victims, and bring about a change in culture to ensure all churches are caring communities, where people safely meet for worship, sharing and learning. You can find the guidelines [here](#).

Conference sessions, including the Induction of the President and Vice-President, and Reception into Full Connexion, both of which will take place on Saturday 27 June.

online and on sale through Methodist Publishing. This year, the stand will be online but still able to provide links and direct people to where physical resources can be ordered. Click [here](#) for more details.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Refugee Week



JPIT

During #RefugeeWeek JPIT are listening to the stories and experiences of those who have journeyed across the world to seek safety. Read the stories [here](#).

Essay competition



Wesley Historical Society

The Wesley Historical Society is delighted to announce a new prize competition for essays on any topic involving the history of Methodism in the British Isles. The competition is being held in association with the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University. Click [here](#) for more.

John Wesley matriculation



Evensong

In June 1720, 300 years ago, John Wesley matriculated at Oxford University, entering Christ Church. On Friday evening there will be a commemorative online Evensong from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford at 6pm. The service will be available [here](#).

Media

Streaming



National Methodist Youth Brass Band

This Saturday, the National Methodist Youth Brass Band are releasing a virtual concert on YouTube as they are unable to perform as normal. Watch [here](#).

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

This week we preview the Methodist Conference, we hear about new guidelines to tackle sexual harassment, we consider the impact of the coronavirus on mental health, discuss bereavement and celebrate a 120th birthday. Listen [here](#).

Blog



The pilgrim people

Jude Levermore, Head of Mission for the Methodist Church in Britain, writes of her hopes for how the Church will move forward by being 'the pilgrim people of the moment' in [this blog](#).

Diary

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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