

The Methodist News

4 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



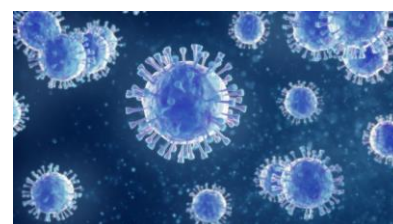
Worship during the pandemic

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](#).

News



George Floyd

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, has released a [personal statement](#) following the recent killing of George Floyd in the United States.



Domestic Abuse

The Joint Public Issues Team are calling for changes to the Domestic Abuse Bill currently going through Parliament. JPIT are asking people to contact their MP and ensure that the bill creates a response that works for all abuse survivors. Read more [here](#).



Newsnight

A film about the experience of Covid-19 through the lens of MHA is to be shown on [Newsnight](#) this evening, 4 June. The programme will be broadcast on BBC 2 at 10.45pm and will be available on BBC iPlayer shortly after broadcast.



Virtual Church Visits

The All We Can Churches and Volunteers Team are now available to contribute digitally to any online service. You can request a speaker from All We Can to contribute to, or even lead, your online worship! Book your speaker [here](#).



Heritage talks

Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum are delighted that Revd Dr Stuart Bell will be talking about his research into the responses of faith communities to the First World War: 11am on Saturday 6 June via Zoom; email enquiries@engleseabrook.org.uk for the invitation link to join in.



A Rocha

A Rocha UK's Wild Christian scheme is a community of families and individuals exploring the connections between our Christian faith, the natural environment, and how we live. Sign up and each month you'll be sent something to think about and some practical actions that you can take to help you enjoy, nurture and protect nature. You'll also have the opportunity to share your own stories. Click [here](#) for more details.

Media

Video



The Lords Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in 13 languages, coordinated by the Revd Jenny Pathmarajah, Minister at St Aubin and St Ouen Methodist Churches on Jersey.

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

In this week's [Methodist Podcast](#), Christians respond to the death of George Floyd in the USA, we consider climate change, Eco Church and investments; and hear how schools are preparing for life with Covid-19.

Blog



Safeguarding

Grahame Snelling, Safeguarding Casework Supervisor for London, Beds, Essex, Herts and Northampton Districts considers the important role safeguarding will play as church life adapts to a new world. Read [his blog](#).

Magazine



HOPE for all

You can order the new HOPE for All magazine FREE, while stocks last, for

Photographs



Images for the Conference

orders of more than 50 copies. The magazines would make a great gift to include with food parcels if you are hosting a local foodbank at your church. Use the voucher code **methodist-2020-mag** at [checkout](#).

To help illustrate this year's online Methodist Conference, we are looking for great pictures that show the life of the Methodist Church and the communities that we serve. Please submit high resolution images to: mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk

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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