

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

## Guidance

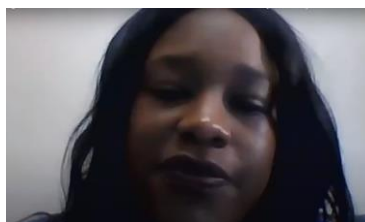
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**Please note updates to guidance for re-opening churches for worship**



### 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](#).



### Re-opening churches for worship (Updated 14 July)

A range of [new resources](#) are now available including the [Guide for Other Building Users](#) produced to provide a generic framework for the reopening of church buildings for community activities. Other new guidance includes: [Guide for Pastoral Visits](#), [Guide for Children's Worship](#) and an update to the [Guide for Holy Communion](#). Beyond Exile, a service to celebrate a return to public worship, can be found [here](#).

## News

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### Holy Communion



Faith and Order

### Rural Mission Sunday



Arthur Rank Centre

### Children and Young People



Allchurches Trust

The 2020 Conference encouraged local churches to reflect on their response to 'deprivation' in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Deprivation is a term used in the Methodist Church when there is not reasonably frequent and regular celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

To assist local churches in this, it directed the Faith and Order Committee, as a matter of urgency, to produce [guidance on acts of Holy Communion in our current context](#).

### Education



#### Free Churches Group

The Free Churches Group has written [an open letter](#) to Michelle Donelan MP, Minister of State for Universities, highlighting the challenges faced by the sector because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and urging her to safeguard the well-being of students and the ongoing contribution of universities to society.

Rural Mission Sunday 2020 takes place on the 19 July. You can find resources [here](#). The President of the Methodist Conference, Richard Teal, has recorded two talks for Rural Sunday which can be found on the Arthur Rank Centre [Youtube channel](#)

### 2.6 Challenge



#### West London Mission

The West London Mission are asking people to raise money in support of their vulnerable clients by taking part in a 2.6 challenge. The idea is that 2.6 or 26 is the theme of an activity that you do either by yourself or, virtually, with friends, family, neighbours or colleagues. Find out more [here](#).

From the growth in online services to Zoom afternoon teas, there have been many uplifting examples of how churches have embraced digital platforms to stay connected during lockdown. But new research from Allchurches Trust highlights that, for many churches, the Coronavirus pandemic has made them feel even more cut off from the children and young people in their communities. Read [more](#) here.

### New website



#### Methodist Central Hall Westminster

This Sunday, 19 July, MCHW will launch their new website 'MCHW.LIVE' as a permanent home for their online services. People can still view and interact with the services on YouTube, but the simplest and preferred method is via the ['MCHW.LIVE'](#) website

## Media

### Video



#### Global Relationships

The Global Relationships team of the Methodist Church asked its partners

### Podcast



#### The Methodist Podcast

In this week's podcast we discuss a survey that indicates young people may be getting fatigued of online church, we hear how churches are fighting holiday hunger, consider the pilot of a new mediation service for the Connexion and

### Blog



#### All We Can

All We Can share [this blog](#) about how communities in Zimbabwe are tackling the coronavirus. You can help All We Can respond to the global crisis [here](#).

around the world how Covid-19 is impacting their churches and communities.

### Radio

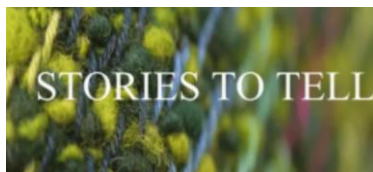


### Premier Christian Radio

Revd Ajay Singh is the minister of City Road Methodist Church in Birmingham which is one of the few Methodist Churches in the UK that has recently opened up for private prayer. Premier Radio talked to Revd Ajay about the opportunity this can be for mission in [this interview](#).

hear a song to fight racism. You can listen to this week's Methodist Podcast [here](#).

### Radio



### Premier Christian Radio

Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, is ex-President of the Methodist Church and Artey Williams is a Christian songwriter. Drawing on the prayers Barbara wrote during her time as the President alongside her poetry and books, together, in lockdown, they have created an album called Stories To Tell. Hear her in [this interview](#) on Premier Christian Radio

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