

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

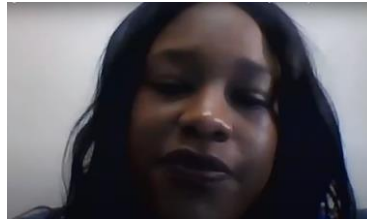
Guidance

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 21 July)

A range of [new resources](#) are now available for open air worship, face coverings, weddings, house groups and wider community use of church buildings. Beyond Exile, a service to celebrate a return to public worship, can be found [here](#).

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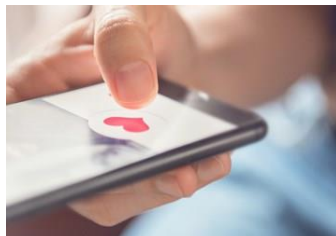
Church Without Walls



South West Wales Circuit

[Read](#) how the church in South West Wales has responded during the coronavirus pandemic in love and service to the local community.

Social Media



Updated Guidelines

We've updated our social media guidelines recently. We encourage churches and individuals to share their faith stories and engage in love and respect for others online. [Take a look](#) at our tips on doing this safely.

Children and Young People



Webinars

If you missed any of the recent Children, Youth and Family Team's webinars, you can catch up with them online either via [The Well Learning Hub YouTube channel](#), where you will find lots of other helpful videos, or on the [Well Learning Hub Online Events page](#) of our website, where you can find details of, and register for, future upcoming events.

New Grants Programme



Hope Beyond

[Allchurches Trust](#) has launched a new grants programme - [Hope Beyond](#) - aimed at enabling churches and Christian charities to meet changing need within their communities as the longer term impact of Covid-19 becomes clearer. Grants of up to £50,000 are available.

Transferring Ministers



Northampton

Curious about what it's like for an overseas minister transferring to the Methodist Church in Britain? Click [here](#) to hear from Pam Kirkland and the Revd Francis M'iteri in the Northampton Circuit.

Autumn Synod

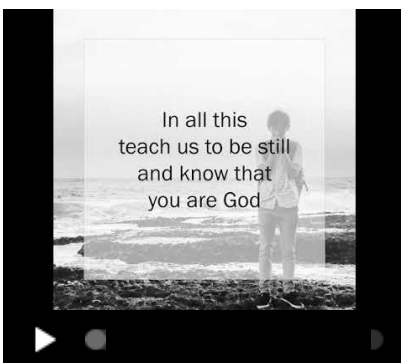


Zoom Webinar Guidance

We have produced a [guidance page](#) aimed at those planning for autumn Synods, which sets out some practical aspects of using the Zoom webinar function for large meetings (this is the platform that was used for the Conference).

Media

Video



Prayer

A prayer of praise during hard times – written and read by Isabel Hill, one of our mission partners in Zimbabwe

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

The Podcast is taking a break this week. You can listen again to last week's episode in which we hear that young people may be getting tired of online church. We hear how churches are helping to fight holiday hunger, more about a new mediation service for the Connexion and hear a song to fight racism.

You can listen to last week's Methodist Podcast [here](#).

Blog



All We Can

All We Can share [this blog](#) from Volunteers Manager, Tim Baker, reflecting on the Presidential theme for the year; The Best of All, God is with Us. You can help All We Can respond to the global crisis [here](#).