

# The Methodist News

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9 July 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

## Guidance

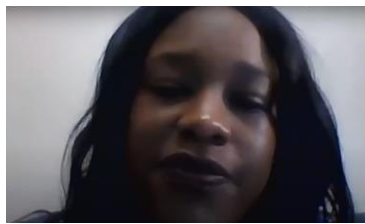
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### Please note guidance for re-opening churches for worship



#### 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

Some churches in England are able to re-open, under specific guidance. The Methodist Church's Property team have been working hard throughout the lockdown to produce relevant guidance for Managing Trustees and Ministers based on the Government's own guidelines [here](#). Beyond Exile, a service to celebrate a return to public worship, can be found [here](#).

## News

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#### Plan for Jobs



#### A response

Paul Morrison, a Policy Adviser on poverty, responds to the Chancellor's Plan for Jobs announcement made earlier this

#### Holiday Hunger



#### Campaign

The school holidays can be a difficult time for some families, when the provision of free school meals leaves parents struggling to put food on the

#### Global Relationships

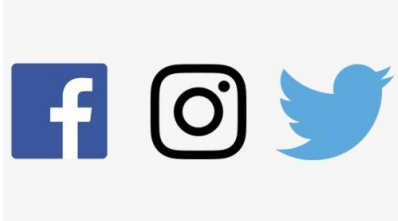


#### Signs of Kingdom Growth

The Global Relationships team asked World Church Partners and Methodist Women in Britain "What does Kingdom

week and explains why we need a new vision to create an economy where everyone can flourish. [Read here.](#)

### Social Media



#### Guidelines

A healthy Christian community is a safe place of mutual care, where all people feel valued, loved and respected. The Methodist Church has updated its guidelines for engaging on social media to reflect those values. You can read the guidelines [here.](#)

table. This year there is the added impact of Covid-19. The Children, Youth and Family Team, in partnership with the Joint Public Issues Team and Transforming Lives for Good, is encouraging Methodist churches to help alleviate the problem. Read more [here.](#)

### Green Recovery



#### Statement

Faith leaders have called for an environment-focused economic recovery. This [statement](#) has been signed by our President, the Revd Richard Teal and Vice-President, Carolyn Lawrence.

Growth look like where you are?'. You can read the results [here.](#)

### Joint Public Issues Team



#### Fairtrade

Nestlé has announced that from October 2020 KitKats will no longer contain Fairtrade cocoa and sugar. Instead, Nestlé is moving to the promotion of its own Cocoa Plan and the Rainforest Alliance certification. Read why KitKat should remain Fairtrade in this [blog post](#) from the Joint Public Issues Team.

## Media

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### Video



#### Yes, we can stop racism

Revd Cliff Shanganya is a Minister in the Norfolk Central Circuit and has created this song about how, together, we can stop racism and make our world a better place.

### Television

### Podcast



#### The Methodist Podcast

In this week's podcast we talk about mission and the practicalities of reopening churches, we hear how lockdown has continued for the people of Leicester, learn about buying a new church and hear about services via conference call. Listen [here.](#)

### Church Times

### Video



#### VE and VJ Day

To mark the 75th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day and the end of the Second World War, the Royal British Legion has created a series of films of British and Commonwealth veterans speaking about their experiences and their lives. Watch [here.](#)

### Webinars



### **Countryfile**

Last [Sunday's Countryfile](#) featured the vital work of the Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy, an initiative of the Shropshire and Marches Circuit and the Diocese of Hereford, which provides pastoral support to farming communities.



### **Structure and Oversight**

The Secretary of the Methodist Conference discusses the decision to simplify the structure and oversight of the Church to focus on mission and growth in this article in the [Church Times](#).



### **Mission After Lockdown**

The District Missioner Community and Learning Network, in collaboration with the Ministry: Vocation and Worship Team and Evangelism and Growth Team, bring you a [series of webinars](#) this summer to explore mission beyond lockdown.

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