

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Please see the update under [Guidance](#) regarding recent government announcements.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

News

University



Chaplaincy

Revd Delyth Liddell, Coordinating Chaplain at Cardiff University has written a blog (originally published in the Methodist Recorder) reflecting on the challenges of the new academic year. Read it [here](#).

Christian Aid



Autumn Resources

Christian Aid's autumn resources are now available to download. Whether you want to organise a prayer service, virtual bake sale or a zoom quiz, you can find all the tools to help [here](#).

Education Sunday



Resources

Education Sunday takes place on the 13 September. The theme for 2020 will be "A learning people in a time of change" and resources are available from CTE [here](#), including an introduction to the 2020 theme written by Barbara Easton, Head of Service, Methodist Academies and Schools Trust.

The Arthur Rank Centre



Harvest

This year, The Arthur Rank Centre is encouraging churches to use their harvest celebrations as an opportunity to thank farmers for all they do for us. The Arthur Rank Centre have resources to help you and your church community celebrate, either in individual households or as a gathered church. Click [here](#) for more.

Year of Prayer



Video

If you missed the prayer meeting, part of the weekly session marking the Year of Prayer, then you can watch again [here](#) where a BSL translation has been added, starting after a few seconds. You can find out more about the Year of Prayer [here](#).

All We Can



Strategy

All We Can have released details of a new strategic approach, renewing and deepening their commitment to partnership. Read about the thinking behind the strategy in [this blog](#) by Public Engagement Director, Steve Adams.

3Generate 365

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Launch

Our exciting journey for children and young people to deepen their relationship with God in the coming year begins on Monday 14 September. Find out more about what 3Generate 365 is and how you can get involved all next week when the team will be hosting live broadcasts. Whether you're a child or young person, group leader or part of the Methodist Church locally we hope you'll tune in. You will be able to watch the 3Generate 365 launch [here](#).

Mission



Planning

Join us on the Methodist Church [Facebook Page](#) for a short, filmed conversation about two exciting new initiatives being launched in September. What is 3Generate 365 and how might it shape your church's mission planning? Members of the Evangelism and Growth and Children and the Youth and Family teams will be available live on Facebook to answer your questions. The broadcast takes place on Wednesday 16th September at 7pm.

Youth Rep



Zoom meeting

Do you know of young people thinking about applying to be a Youth Rep but have lots of questions or just want to find out more? Join a Zoom call on Saturday 19 September 3.00 - 3.45pm to meet the current reps; find out more about what they do and the application process, and have the opportunity to ask questions. This event is for those aged 16 to 23 years old. Register [here](#).

Youth President



Welcome Service

Phoebe Parkin will be welcomed into her new role as Youth President on Sunday 13 September. You can show your support by joining the service from Wellington Methodist Church which will be live streamed [here](#) at 3.30pm.

Group leaders



Registration

To get the full 3Generate 365 experience group leaders need to sign up and then register children and young people by the end of September. Leaders then receive regular updates and details of upcoming events for both them and their group. This is vital so that everyone can participate safely. Check out the next steps [here](#).

Opportunities



Volunteering

There are plenty of ways to get involved with 3Generate 365 this year, why not give some thought to volunteering? Whether as a district ambassador, satellite group member or by engaging children and young people, you can help make it a year to remember for all those taking part. Find out more about the roles available [here](#).

Media

Television

Podcast



Stories of Us

The Revd Matt Finch speaks to the Revd Kate Bottley about Calm Town, an initiative to boost mental health in St Ives, Cambridgeshire. Watch from the start of this episode of [Stories of Us](#).



The Methodist Podcast

In this week's Methodist [podcast](#) we talk to a university chaplain about the challenges of the new academic year, we chat with the incoming Youth President about her role, discuss 3Generate 365 with a Youth Rep and hear mission in a Norfolk dialect.

Guidance



Worship and re-opening churches during the pandemic

There are suggestions for worship opportunities and worship sheets to print at home [here](#). There is also a short act of [spiritual communion](#).

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



Updated guidance

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government have provided us with further clarification on the Government announcement this week of changes to permitted social interaction which come into place on Monday 14 September. We understand that the full regulations will be published shortly and we will update our guidance accordingly. You can read a summary [here](#).



Dial a prayer and podcast

During lockdown we heard that many people didn't have access to online services so we set up free [phone lines](#) that are updated on a Thursday with a new prayer and our podcast. We are delighted that nearly 6000 people have used this service and would ask you to share the numbers with anyone you know who might not wish to use online services.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

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