

The Methodist News

24 September 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Please note updated guidance at the bottom of this newsletter regarding this week's government announcement.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

News

World Methodist Council



Migrants

In a joint statement, faith groups and churches around the world, including the World Methodist Council and the World Council of Churches, have called for governments to reject the discourse and politics of fear and deterrence around migrants and to adopt a principled stance and compassionate practice. You can read the statement [here](#).

Epworth Old Rectory



Online talk

On Monday the 28 September, the Epworth Old Rectory are holding an online discussion 'Susanna, a role model for today's Methodist women?' The session will feature a discussion between Revd Michaela Youngson and Revd Dr Barbara Glasson. Find out more [here](#).

3Generate 365



Blog

You can read a reflection on the launch week of 3Generate 365 by the Methodist Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, [here](#).

The New Room



School Resource

The toppling of Bristol slave trader Edward Colston's statue has sparked the creation of a new resource for schools at the New Room, Bristol with an online workshop called 'A Tale of Two Statues' which contrasts the lives of Colston and John Wesley. Read more [here](#).

Advent and Christmas



#Godiswithus

There are exciting plans for Advent and Christmas this year! #Godiswithus will share stories from people in the Methodist family about their walk with God in this extraordinary year. We'll be offering posters and postcards for churches to order and online content to be shared. You can find out more about #Godiswithus by [registering](#) for a special webinar on Wednesday October 21 at 6pm.

Share



The Story Project

Each of us has a story of the ebb and flow of faith, growth, healing and even the pain and struggle that we have journeyed through. Our stories are gifts to be shared. Take a look at our [Story Project](#) and be inspired by others to tell your story.

Year of Prayer

Join others across the Methodist Church to pray, every Tuesday from 12.45pm to 1.00pm

Participate



Next week's prayers, 29th September, features Tracey Hume, a Deacon working as the District Community Engagement Enabler for the Newcastle Upon Tyne District. Read more and register [here](#).

Watch



If you missed Tuesday's prayer meeting, featuring Revd Dr Raj Patta, then you can watch again, with a BSL translation, [here](#).

Media

Evangelism and Growth



Church Planting

The Revd Matt Finch, Pioneering and Church Planting Officer talks to the Revd Matt Lunn from the New River Circuit in North London about church planting online. Find out more about our digital church planting course [here](#)

Video



National Methodist Choir GB

The NMCGB have released their recording of O Lord, the Clouds are Gathering. The production, featuring Graham Kendrick, the MAYC Orchestra & Singers and OneSound was recorded for Peace Sunday. Watch [here](#).

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

In this week's [Methodist Podcast](#) we talk to a witness in Cameroon about the deteriorating situation there, we talk to the President of the Methodist Conference about the new presidential resources from Global Relationships, we hear of the refugees making the perilous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea and we hear the latest release from the National Methodist Choir of Great Britain.

Radio



University Chaplaincy

Video



Global Relationships

Premier Christian Radio



Harvest

Karen Turner, the Methodist Chaplain at the University of Bath was interviewed on BBC Radio Somerset about the start of this very different academic year. Listen [here](#) from 1hr 52mins.

This short documentary was an award winner at this year's Burbank Film Festival. The film features the Inspire project based in Chemnitz, Germany, a part of the country where right-wing activists have been making their presence known. One of those behind the project is Barry Sloane, Europe Relationship Coordinator with the Global Relationships Team. Watch [here](#).

A reflection from the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Richard Teal, featured in the Sunday Night Live Harvest Special with Pam Rhodes on Premier Christian Radio. Watch [here](#).

Guidance



Worship 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](#) and a range of [resources](#) for open air worship, advice on face coverings, weddings, house groups and wider community use of church buildings.



Updated guidance

You can read updated guidance following recent government announcements [here](#). TMCP have produced a helpful article regarding the legal requirements for Test & Trace and QR codes, read more [here](#). The following Guides have also been update and can be found [here](#).

Using Your Worship Space
Other Property Users
Children's Activities & Worship
Food & Drink



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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