

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

News

JMA



Commissioning Service

The JMA Commissioning Service provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of JMA groups and for wider reflection on how we share in God's mission. The service usually takes place during an act of worship. You can find more information about the commissioning service [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth



Mission Planning Toolkit

As we start a new Methodist year you may be considering being more intentional with your mission planning. We have created a toolkit of resources and a step by step guide to help you. The details are [here](#) and you can hear more about the resources on this week's [podcast](#).

Education Sunday



Resources

Sunday 13 September is [Education Sunday](#). Barbara Easton from Methodist Schools is videoing a sermon for Education Sunday based on the lectionary readings (Matthew, Exodus and Romans), reflecting on the theme for the year, 'A Learning People in a Time of Change'. To receive copies of this please email Barbara directly at beaston@methodistschools.org.uk

MWiB



Covid worship service

Methodist Women in Britain has created a simple act of worship to raise awareness of how Covid-19 has affected some of our partner Churches and how the Global Relationships Team is responding to new and increased needs. You can find the service [here](#).

Free Churches Group



Healthcare Chaplaincy

The Free Churches Group are seeking a Secretary for Healthcare Chaplaincy. It is essential that candidates have experience and knowledge of healthcare chaplaincy. You can find details on the FCG website [here](#).

NHS



Organ Donation Week

Organ Donation Week takes place 7 - 13 September. This year's campaign will highlight that the organ donation law in England has changed and that everyone still has a choice if they want to be an organ donor or not. Find out more [here](#).

MHA

Climate Sunday



Resources

On Friday 4 September MHA are asking us all to take a moment to reflect by joining together for a Memorial Day to remember those who were sadly lost during the pandemic. The day is to honour everyone who has passed away during this time, be it from coronavirus or not. Read more [here](#).

Climate Sunday, from 6 September, encourages us all to make a commitment to greater action in order to address climate change in our places of worship and community, and to raise our voice to urge bolder action from governments. Read more [here](#).

3Generate 365

Online



Launch

The year round initiative for children and young people to listen to God, discern what God is saying and deepen their faith kicks off on Monday 14 September. Join us for a live broadcast that evening at 7pm to hear from Phoebe Parkin, Youth President, with details of how to get involved! Find out more [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 in the service from Wellington Methodist Church which will be live streamed [here](#) at 3.30pm.

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

Radio



Year of Prayer

Covid-19, racial injustice and climate change are all part of the Methodist Church's Year of Prayer. Trey Hall,

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

In this week's [podcast](#) we get an update on the situation for refugees in Calais, hear about Climate Sunday and Eco-

Director of Evangelism and Growth for the Church was interviewed for Premier Christian News. Read it [here](#).

church, explore the Mission Planning toolkit and talk to Barbara Glasson about her chart success.

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](#).



Conferring and decision-making

As we move into the autumn, and prepare for the usual round of local church meetings and councils, we are offering a short, accessible resource to guide and inform local churches and those who lead them about how to approach this work in the current situation. You can find the resource [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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