

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

News

Holiday Hunger: A letter to government



The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference are signatories to a letter from faith leaders to the Prime Minister that calls on the government to address the issues of child poverty and hunger. You can read the letter [here](#).

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have also responded to the issue of holiday hunger in [this blog](#).

Cameroon



We join our brothers and sisters in The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon to mourn the death of eight school children, killed in their classrooms by unidentified gunmen. Learn more and pray for those affected by the Cameroon crisis [here](#).

Bullying



Vice-President Blog

Carolyn Lawrence, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, reflects on her experience of bullying in [this blog](#).

Whitechapel Mission



Thanksgiving Service

The [Whitechapel Mission](#) invite you to join the annual service of thanksgiving on Sunday 15 November 2020 at 3:00pm. The thanksgiving service is an opportunity to give thanks for the work that is making a real difference to people's lives. You will be able to watch the service on YouTube [here](#).

Cliff College



Revd Dr Andrew Stobart

Cliff College is pleased to announce the appointment of Revd Dr Andrew Stobart to the role of Programme Lead (Learning Innovation) at Cliff College. Andrew will be starting the role on 1 January 2021. Read more [here](#).

British Methodist Youth Choir



Rehearsal

The Susanna Wesley Foundation



online conference

Free Churches Group



The Revd Helen Cameron

The [British Methodist Youth Choir](#) recording of Once in Royal David's City will be the focus for the MHA Virtual Carol Service. The next rehearsal on Zoom is on Friday 6 November at 7pm. Please email admin@bmyc.info for the joining details.

The Susanna Wesley Foundation, with the [MODEM](#) Leadership Hub, is facilitating a one-day, online conference on the 1 December entitled 'Beyond Blame: Accountability Now?' exploring the challenges of accountability for leaders. Find out more and register for this online event [here](#).

The Revd Helen Cameron, Chair of the Northampton District of The Methodist Church, has been elected as the next Moderator of the Free Churches Group. Read more [here](#).

Black History Month

October is Black History Month

Website



The Black History Month [page](#) of the Methodist Church website includes personal testimony and blogs from BAME members of the Church, prayers and information on events. Olaudah Equiano, born in what is now Nigeria and sold into slavery before the age of ten, is known as the writer of the first slave autobiography and was a key figure in creating the Sons of Africa - the first black organisation campaigning for the abolition of slavery. Read more [here](#).

Podcast



During Black History Month a series of special podcasts have been produced featuring black and ethnic minority voices from the Church.

This week's BHM podcast is in video and features young, black Methodists in conversation about leadership. Watch [here](#).

Year of Prayer

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

Participate



Next week's prayers, 3 November at 12:45, are led by Rev Felicity Al-Hassan, minister of the Redhill and Horley churches in the Redhill & East Grinstead Circuit. Read more and register [here](#).

Watch



If you missed Tuesday's prayer meeting featuring Methodist Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, you can watch again, with a BSL translation, [here](#).

Media

Facebook Live



President and Vice-President

On Monday Richard Teal and Carolyn Lawrence hosted the first in a series of Facebook Lives. You can catch up with it using the link below and please do join them again, next Monday, at 12.45pm when they will be reflecting on evangelism. Watch [here](#).

Podcast



The Methodist Podcast

In this week's Methodist Podcast, following the tragic deaths of refugees crossing the English Channel we hear from the Southeast District of the Methodist Church, we discuss holiday hunger, young Methodists consider leadership in the Church as part of Black History Month and we hear praise for the communications work of the Methodist Church on the Isle of Man. Listen [here](#).

Trans World Radio



Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons

Steve Hucklesby, policy advisor to the Joint Public Issues Team, takes Dave Piper from Trans World Radio through the provisions of the UN's treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons, which has now been ratified by 50 countries – and shares what it will mean for nuclear-armed states, like the UK, who haven't signed the treaty. 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

As England has moved to a tiered system for lockdown and different restrictions are in place for Scotland and Wales, the [coronavirus guidance](#) on the website has been updated to reflect this.



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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