

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Inter Faith Week



#### Presidents' open letter

You can read an open letter from the Revd Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference and Carolyn Lawrence, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, to mark Inter Faith Week 2020 [here](#).

### JPIT



#### Hunger

Paul Morrison, a Methodist policy advisor with the Joint Public Issues Team, responds to the Government's announcement on winter food provision for families, [here](#).

### Wesley House Cambridge



#### Appointment

Wesley House Cambridge is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Dr Paul Chilcote as the Interim Director of Global Wesleyan Theology. Read more [here](#).

### Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks



#### Statement

Revd Ruth Gee, Assistant Secretary of the Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer, expresses her sadness at the death of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks [here](#).

### Global Relationships



#### Tropical Storm Eta

In Guatemala many staple crops, as well as coffee and rice fields, have been destroyed by severe flooding caused by tropical storm Eta. There are reports from Guatemalan media that nearly 25,000 families have been affected by the damage to agricultural land in several regions. Read more [here](#).

### JPIT



#### EU Settlement Scheme

### Central Methodist Church Preston



#### Virtual Open Day

### Action for Children



#### Thank You

JPIT have launched a booklet aimed at church leaders and those who work in the community to help them support those applying for EU Settled Status. Read more [here](#).

### Trinity Church Gosforth



### Culture Recovery Fund

The Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage has awarded Trinity Church, Gosforth £30,000 from the Government Fund. Read more about the grant [here](#).

### Methodist Publishing

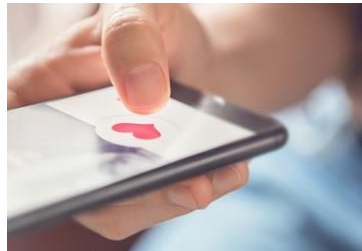


### Prayer Handbook

The theme for the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022 is 'a place for all'. You can find out more and submit a prayer by 11 January [here](#).

Central Methodist Church Preston took part in "virtual open days" throughout September. Included in the online event were some amazing 360 degree photography. View them [here](#).

### Evangelism and Growth



### Social Media

The Evangelism and Growth team are now on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). The team will be using these platforms to build a movement in the Methodist Church around evangelism, discipleship, mission and pioneering.

### Cartoons!



### Action for Children

Jim Godfrey worships at the Wesley Methodist Memorial Church, Oxford. His cartoons for the church's lockdown newsletter are now available in a book with proceeds supporting Action for Children. The book can be ordered for £5 by emailing [here](#).

Action for Children have thanked the Methodist Church for its on-going support with [this video](#) featuring the Chief Executive and the trustee and Methodist Minister Mike Long.

### Vice-President



### Reflections from Brazil

Earlier this year, before lockdown, Carolyn Lawrence visited the Methodist Church in Brazil. Here, she shares some of her reflections on a trip to see how a boat brings support to isolated Amazon villages. Read [here](#).

### Christmas Service

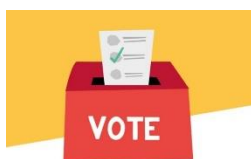


### CD

A special Christmas service on a CD is being produced by the Methodist Church for those who may not be able to join streamed services. The service features voices from around the Connexion sharing in song and conversation with bible readings, carols and interviews. The CD will be available free (P&P charges apply) from the [Methodist Publishing website](#).

# 3Generate 365

### Elections



We're counting down to elections for Youth President 2021/22 and 3Gen reps. Registration to vote has been extended to 5th December so get started [here](#).

### App



### 3GEN APP

The brand new 3Generate app is now available for download from your usual app store. It contains lots of ways for children and young people to record their 365 journey thoughts as well voting in the upcoming elections. Find out more [here](#).

### Tune In



Phoebe Parkin hosts this event for children and young people being broadcast on 3Gen TV and the 3Generate webpage on 21 November at 4pm. More information is [here](#).

# Year of Prayer

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

## Participate



Next week's prayers, 17 November at 12:45, are led by Elaine Lindridge, has worked as an Evangelism Enabler in the Newcastle upon Tyne District . Read more and register [here](#).

## Watch



If you missed Tuesday's prayer meeting featuring Rev Francis Itiiri, Northampton Methodist Circuit, you can watch again, with a BSL translation, [here](#).

# Media

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## Video



### Chaplaincy Everywhere

You can watch a video of the Chaplaincy, Well-being and Faith webinar that took place online [here](#)

## The Methodist Podcast



In this week's Methodist Podcast, we learn about the pilot of a new twinning scheme that brings together Muslims and Christians, we hear how families in Hull living in poverty will receive a hamper this Christmas courtesy of the Methodist Church and learn about the ministry of the Metal Methodist. Listen [here](#).

## Video



### Whitechapel Mission

The Whitechapel Mission has been taking care of London's most vulnerable people for almost 150 years. In [this video](#) the mission explains how the Coronavirus has affected its clients and the work of the mission.

## 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

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

# Guidance

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## 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

Further updates have been made to Covid guidance on the Methodist Church website. One significant change is that baby and toddler groups are now considered to be a support groups in England and can therefore continue to meet, subject to distancing. Links are now also included for the Isle of Man and Channel Islands. Read more [here](#).

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