

# The Methodist News

5 November 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Lockdown



The Revd Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference, has written a pastoral message following the announcement of a second national lockdown in England. Read the message [here](#).

The President of the Conference responds to the latest lockdown guidance [here](#).

### Guidance



New national restrictions were brought into effect from 5 November 2020 in England. As part of these new restrictions, places of worship and their ancillary accommodation will have to close or remain closed for congregational worship with some exceptions. Read more [here](#).

### Columbia and Venezuela



#### Migrants

Colombia hosts almost two million Venezuelan migrants and refugees. The Church in Columbia, with the help of the Methodist Church in Britain, are supporting the migrants. Read more [here](#).

### Cameroon



#### In solidarity

The President, Vice President and Youth President have expressed solidarity with Cameroon in a letter to the Head of the Council of the Protestant Church. The letter expresses their shock and solidarity after students were shot dead. Read more [here](#).

### Inter Faith Week



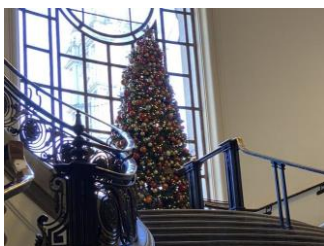
8 - 15 November

Inter Faith Week 2020 will take place from Sunday 8 - Sunday 15 November. The week is intended to strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels, To increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. Read more [here](#).

# Christmas Campaign: God Is With Us

The Methodist Church-wide Christmas campaign, #GodIsWithUs, aims to help Methodist people reach out to those who aren't part of our Church with the Christmas message of Emmanuel, the good news that God is with us. Each day of Advent will see a new story shared about an individual's walk with God in this extraordinary year.

### Christmas CD



We are excited to announce that we are currently recording a special Christmas Service which features carols and readings from around the Connexion and the Methodist family, and reflects on this year's Presidential theme God Is With Us. It will be available to download from our website and to order free of charge on CD. You can pre-order a CD copy from [Methodist Publishing](#) and it will be distributed in mid-December.

### Resources



The Methodist Church-wide Christmas campaign in 2020 #Godiswithus seeks to share people's stories about their walk with God in this extraordinary year.

There is a range of FREE resources for you, your church and your community. P&P charges apply. More information and resources [here](#)

### Video



Join panellists: Holly Adams (Evangelism and Contemporary Culture Officer), Sanya Strachan (Marketing Executive), Oli Morriss (Digital Content Officer), Nel Shallow (Methodist Presbyter and Notts and Derby District Arts Enabler), Chris Briggs (District Mission Enabler Nottingham and Derby District) as they explore mission at Christmas this year, specifically through the Methodist Christmas campaign #GodIsWithUs. Watch [here](#).

## Remembrance



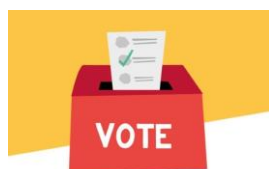
Revd B Gates, a Royal Navy chaplain, reflects on the significance of Remembrance for him and for the armed forces in [his blog](#).



The Methodist Church on Jersey invite sign language users to an act of worship for the fallen on Remembrance Sunday with Pat Bougard, Revd Jenny Pathmarajah and Revd Dawn Saunders. The pre-recorded service can be seen [here](#)

## 3Generate 365

### Elections



### Candidates



### Tune In



Voting opens to elect the Youth President for 2021/22 as well as the 3Generate representatives on 21 November for a whole month through to 21 December. Children and young people need to be registered by a group leader or parent/carer. Find out more [here](#).

Meet Zariel, Mary and Daud who are all standing to be Youth President 2021/22. Get to know them and their presidential year plans by watching their videos [here](#).

The Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, warmly invites all children and young people to join in this Tune In event on 21 November at 4pm. It will be broadcast live via 3Gen TV on youtube and the 3Generate main page. More details [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, 10 November at 12:45, are led by Revd Francis Itiiri, Northampton Circuit. Read more and register [here](#).

### Watch



If you missed Tuesday's prayer meeting featuring Revd Felicity Al-Hassan, minister of the Redhill and Horley churches in the Redhill & East Grinstead Circuit, you can watch again, with a BSL translation, [here](#).

## Media

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### The Methodist Podcast

In this week's Methodist Podcast, the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference responds to news of the return of lockdown, we talk to a superintendent whose circuit is on the English Welsh boarder and, ahead of Remembrance Sunday, we hear from a local preacher and Commander in the Royal Navy and learn what remembrance means on the Island of Jersey. Listen [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

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.

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