

# The Methodist News

19 November 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to The Methodist News.

Yours, in prayer,

[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Domestic Abuse



#### Webinar

The Methodist Church will be holding its first Domestic Abuse Webinar on Tuesday 24 November, 10.00 am to 11.30 am. The webinar aims to promote awareness of domestic abuse issues and consider how, as a Church, we can begin to tackle abuse and respond appropriately to victims and survivors. Read more and register [here](#).

### Global Relationships



#### Nicaragua and Guatemala

The Global Relationships Team have published [this update](#) on the response to the devastation of Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Nicaragua and Guatemala.

### Evangelism and Growth



#### Blog

Churches grow when they serve their communities. Recent research shows that when churches are socially engaged, people grow as disciples and churches grow in number. Emma Nash from the Evangelism and Growth team reviews the latest findings in [this blog](#)

### Evangelism and Growth



#### Blog

Revd Matt Finch, Pioneering and Church Planting Officer, talks of learning to trust our hunches in [this blog post](#).

If you sense a calling to be a pioneer and want to explore joining the Methodist Pioneering Pathways take a look at the team's [web page](#) and get in touch to talk through your hunches!

### MHA



#### Chaplaincy

[MHA](#) have appointed 12 part-time Area Support Chaplains across the UK. Part of their role is engaging with the wider church, sharing good practice in ministry amongst older people. Area Support Chaplains are available to present and share resources to Circuits and Districts. To make contact with your local MHA Area Support Chaplain please email [chaplaincy@mha.org.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@mha.org.uk)

### JPIT



#### Homelessness

For people who are homeless, this winter is going to be challenging. What can churches do differently this year, and how can we tackle long-term solutions to homelessness? [Sign up for our webinar](#) to join the discussion.

[Ethiopia](#)

[Action for Children](#)

[Christian British Sign Language](#)



### Prayer

The growing tension and danger in Ethiopia as the military continues operations in the Tigray Region has affected thousands of people.

You can share in a prayer for Ethiopia [here](#).



### Starry Night

On Tuesday 8 December, join Action for Children and families across the UK for an evening of Christmas carols, fun and festive cheer hosted by Channel 4 News' Jon Snow. Tickets are £10 per household and will give you access to exclusive entertainment, readings, and performances from celebrities including Angellica Bell and Call the Midwife's Jenny Agutter. Tickets and more [here](#).



### Carols

Six of the nation's most loved Christmas carols are coming to Christian British Sign Language this Christmas. You can download videos to include them in live-streamed/pre-recorded/in-building church services, Bible studies, school assemblies, workshops, and similar. Find out more at [christianbsl.com](http://christianbsl.com).

### Wandering Wise Men



### Advent

If you are looking for an alternative to the Elf on the Shelf, the Wandering Wise Men are here to follow the star. Each day they share a piece of the real story of Christmas with you or suggest an Act of Random Kindness you could do in the true spirit of the season. And occasionally they get up to something mischievous. You can download resources for your Wandering Wise Men [here](#).

### Methodist Publishing



### Christmas Service CD

This audio CD is available to pre-order from Methodist Publishing (free, P&P charges apply). Publication date is 7 December. The CD includes carols, bible readings, a Presidential Address, interviews and conversation. Order and read more [here](#).

### Carols on the Doorstep



### Mission

On Sunday 20th December, at 5:30pm, the whole country has the chance to join in Carols on the Doorstep with four carols for everyone to sing along with, the music played through your radio. The project comes with invitations and posters to engage your neighbours and communities. Find out more [here](#).

## 3Generate 365: Tune In





**4pm Saturday 21 November**

The Youth President, Phoebe Parkin will be leading the Tune In taking place this weekend. The online event includes interviews, worship, fun, challenges and a chance to interact. The Tune In will last an hour.

You can watch on [Facebook](#) and on the [3Generate](#) TV pages on [YouTube](#).

### 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](#).

### Registration



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](#).

### Elections



[Elections](#) for the next Youth President and 3Generate Youth representatives open this Saturday, 21 November.

## 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, Tuesday 24 November at 12:45, are led by Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel, a minister in the Southend & Leigh Circuit. Read more and register [here](#).

### Watch



If you missed Tuesday's prayer meeting with Elaine Lindridge, an Evangelism Enabler in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, you can watch again, with a BSL translation, [here](#).

## Media

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### The Methodist Podcast



### Dial a prayer and podcast



In this week's Methodist Podcast we hear how churches can support EU nationals who are looking stay in the UK after transition from the European Union, we preview this Saturday's 3Generate 365 Tune In from the Methodist Youth President and with, Christmas approaching, we hear about Carols on the Doorstep and the advent adventures of the Wandering Wise Men. Listen [here](#).

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.



### Guidance

National Restrictions have been 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, along with links to guidance for other nations, [here](#),

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