

The Methodist News

14 January 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours

[The Communications team](#)

Guidance



Following the Prime Minister's statement on 4 January 2021, a new National Lockdown has been announced in England. This supersedes all previous government guidance, including the Tier system.

Please read the guidance [here](#), including links for other nations.

'Dial-a-Prayer' phonelines

We have added a pastoral message from the President and Vice-President of the Conference to our free 'Dial-a-Prayer' phonelines. You can download a print-and-cut-out sheet with details to send to others [here](#).

Prayer: 0808 281 2514

Pastoral message from the President and Vice-President: 0808 281 2695

Methodist Podcast: 0808 281 2478



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Methodist Central Hall Westminster



To mark the 75th anniversary of the first meeting of the United Nations General Assembly taking place in the historic Great Hall, Methodist Central Hall Westminster (MCHW) has launched a new 'timeline' page on its [website](#).

Covenant Service



You are invited to a Methodist Covenant Service online on Sunday 17 January at 4pm, led by Revd Dr Roger Walton. Join in with the Covenant prayer along with voices from our official international development agency, All We Can. The act of worship will be live on the [Methodist Church YouTube Channel](#) and available for you to catch up later.

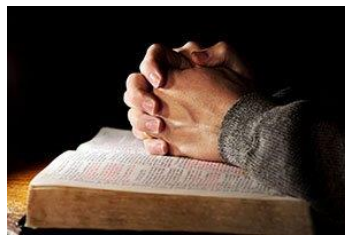
United Methodist Church



The President and the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have written a letter of support to the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, assuring them of the prayers of the Methodist people of Great Britain. You can read the letter [here](#).



How to live through lockdown, how to connect with your computer and learning lessons from the 'pandemic presidency' by Revd Richard Teal. That's just some of the key content in the latest edition of Roof 'n' Roots, the news publication of the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society. Download your free copy [here](#).



There are many different and exciting ways to pray. On the 27 January at 1:30pm, join us to hear some encouraging stories of how daily prayer has transformed lives. Discuss how you could encourage your community to pray daily, to draw strength and to draw closer to God. Register [here](#).



Thy Kingdom Come is an exciting global initiative that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Join us on the 15 February at 1:30pm if you're planning to engage your church, circuit or district this year, come and exchange ideas and inspiration with other Methodists across the country. Register [here](#).

Supporting parents through lockdown



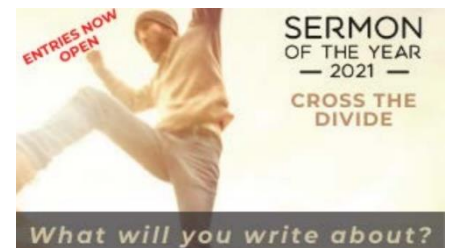
The demand for parenting support during lockdown has grown as families have struggled to balance home schooling, childcare and work. Ruth Stokes from Action for Children reports on how the charity has responded in this [blog](#).

MWiB



Methodist Women in Britain is seeking two volunteers to help this exciting and growing movement succeed during its second decade. A Communications Coordinator and a Website and Social Media Coordinator are sought to develop appropriate and ongoing strategies for the movement. Read more [here](#).

Sermon of the Year

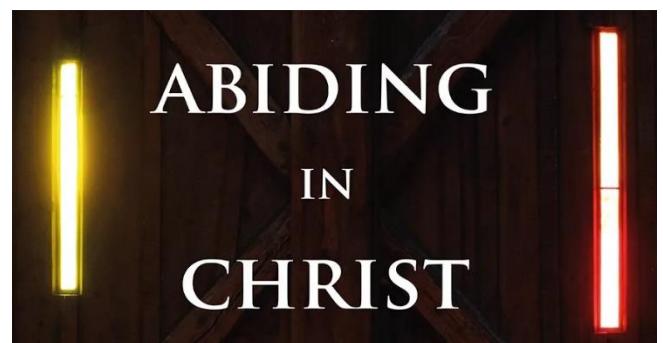


The Methodist Church is proud to be an associate sponsor for the Sermon of the Year. Have you ever thought about entering the Sermon of the Year competition? It's not too late. Closing date for entries is Sunday 21, February, 2021. Enter [here](#)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January



Join the [Methodist Ecumenical Office Rome](#), Centro Pro Unione, and Anglican Centre in Rome for a prayer vigil this Sunday, 17 January at 17:30 (Rome/+1 UTC) on the eve of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The prayer vigil will be streamed on [Facebook](#).



Resources are available to download from CTBI for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with materials prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. Download [here](#).

Year of Prayer

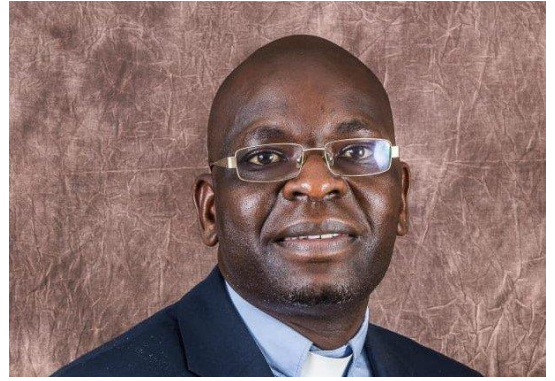
Join others across the Methodist Church to pray, every Tuesday from 12.45pm to 1.00pm

Participate



The Year of Prayer meeting for Tuesday 19 January at 12:45pm will be led by Revd Paul Wood, Interim Director of Ministries at the Methodist Church. More information about the Year of Prayer can be found [here](#) or use this [direct link](#) to register.

Watch Again



If you missed Tuesday's prayer meeting led by Revd Dr Jimmy Dube, General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe who is currently serving in the Sutton Park (Birmingham) Circuit, you can watch again, [here](#) with BSL translation.

Media

The Methodist Podcast



This week we continue to talk about how the Church is supporting those struggling with their mental health. We chat to a minister about how her personal journey with mental health helped her as a chaplain, we talk to the Methodist supported charity Peer Talk and hear from a Connexional Well-being Officer about work-life balance. You can listen to the Methodist podcast [here](#).

Spiritual sustenance in isolation



During this time of 'lockdown' a special page on our website signposts you to resources to help nourish your spiritual life.

These are mostly resources that are provided centrally but you can also check what your local church or circuit is providing.

Click [here](#).

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