

The Methodist News

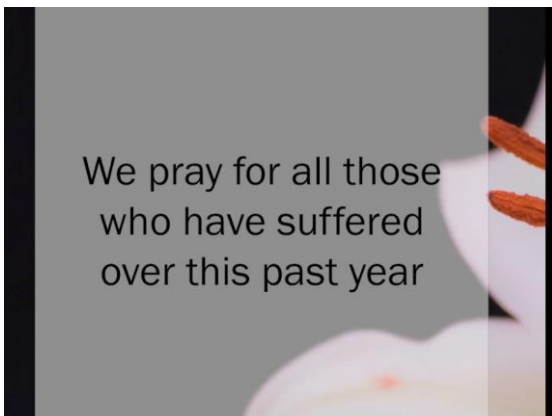
28 January 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.
Yours

[The Communications team](#)

Covid 19

Prayer to mark Covid deaths



A prayer of grief as the number of Covid related deaths in the UK rises above 100,000. Written and read by Carolyn Lawrence, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. Watch [here](#).



A call to join together in prayer



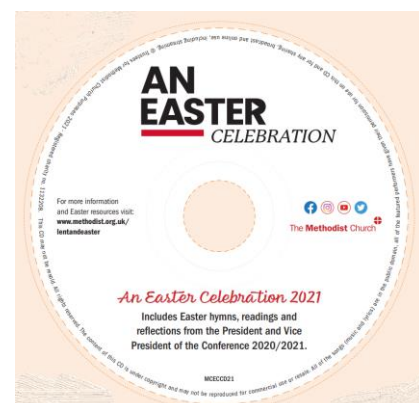
Following the announcement that over 100,000 people across the UK have died as a result of Covid, the President and Vice-President join a call for the nation to pause, pray and reflect at the end of each day. Read more [here](#).

Vaccination: A Methodist Podcast Special

In this special edition of the Methodist Podcast, we explore vaccination and faith. We talk to a Methodist working in an A&E unit about the importance of all communities participating in the Covid vaccination programme. We hear from a Methodist Church that has become a vaccination hub. We learn about the science behind the vaccination and a theologian explores the relationship between God and inoculation. Listen [here](#).

Easter Celebration CD

After the success of The Methodist Church's Christmas Service CD, we are delighted to announce that we will be producing an Easter Celebration CD which will be available to order from Monday, February 1st. The service can be used as part of your worship or to give to those who aren't able to access online worship. It includes Easter hymns, readings and a reflection from the President of the Conference. You can pre-order your free copies via Methodist Publishing from next Monday until Monday 18 February at 3pm (P&P applies) Please note: the CD will be distributed week commencing Monday 8 March. Pre-order [here](#).



Audio and Video Resources



We are pleased to launch a new resource today sharing a selection of our video and audio content that can be downloaded and used in online worship, e-newsletters or social media. We are aiming to update the pages twice-weekly with audio reflections and prayers from the President and Vice President and interviews from our weekly podcast. We will aim to give you notice of the podcast topics, although this is not always possible if we are responding to a major story. You can find the page [here](#).

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PPE Pilot



Captain Paul Curtis is a member of St Aubin Methodist Church in Jersey. A pilot, Paul is now part of the important network bringing medical supplies and PPE from one side of the world to another. He chats to the Revd Jenny Pathmarajah and we join him for a flight across the night sky, [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth



The Evangelism and Growth Team has recorded a set of video sermons for you to download and use in your church. You can include them as part of a digital service or perhaps show them on the screen at an in-person service? Themes cover church at the margins, pioneering, testimony to prayer and more. Find out more [here](#).

JPIT



JPIT invites you to join in praying daily for justice issues. Each day they point you towards different social justice areas; local, national and global, which you might like to pray about. Just follow JPIT on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)! More information is [here](#).

All We Can - Lent



Methodist relief and development

The All We Can Lent resource for 2021 is Change Begins. Contributors include Ashley Cooper, Tony Ashley, Sonia Hicks, Paul Harcourt and Barbara Easton. You can follow this [link](#) to download your free copy materials immediately, or put in an order for physical copies of the resources to be sent to you (you will be asked to make a donation to help cover postage).

Holocaust Memorial Day

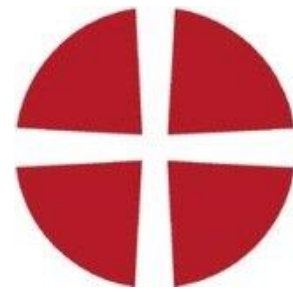
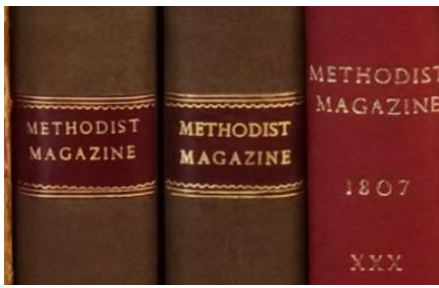


A prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day - written and read by the Revd Dr Jonathan Dean, Director of Learning for Ministry in the Connexional Team. Listen [here](#).

New Room Bristol



How did John Wesley speak out against the slave trade? The New Room is pleased to welcome Revd Dr Catherine Okoronkwo, Dr Madge Dresser and Gary Best sharing in an online conversation on this important movement for change in the 18th century. Taking place on the 15 February 2021 at 7:30 pm, you can book this "Wes Talk" [here](#).



Audio recordings of a selection of the papers from the Methodist Studies Seminar, hosted by The Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History in December 2020, are now available on their [YouTube channel](#).

A digital exhibition on the theme of Methodism & Monasticism is also available, and can be accessed [here](#).

The Methodist Church are seeking a Chair of the Law and Polity Committee from 1 March 2021, for an initial term of three years. Do you have a gift for chairing meetings and working collaboratively to enhance the mission of the Church? Could you make a significant contribution to a vital area in the Methodist Church's life? Read more [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 2 February at 12:45pm will be led by Revd Henry C Ohakah, minister in the Sheffield. 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 Paul Donnison, Superintendent Minister of Mid Glamorgan Mission Circuit, you can watch again, with a BSL translation, [here](#).

Media

BBC Radio 4 - Thought for the Day



Revd Professor David Wilkinson, Principal of St. John's College, Durham University, undertook the Thought for the Day on BBC Radio 4's Today programme on Monday 25 January to consider the vaccine.

You can listen to it [here](#).

'Dial-a-Prayer' phonedines



We have added a pastoral message from the President and Vice-President of the Conference to our free 'Dial-a-Prayer' phonedines. 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

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](#).

Guidance



As restrictions continue, read the latest guidance [here](#), including links for other nations.

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