

# The Methodist News

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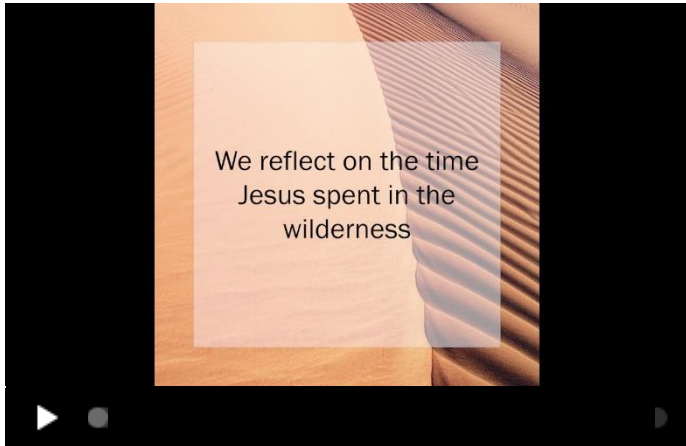
Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours

[The Communications team](#)

## Lent Resources

A prayer for the start of Lent from the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Carolyn Lawrence



Prayers, reflections and courses to help you to journey through Lent. [Click here](#)

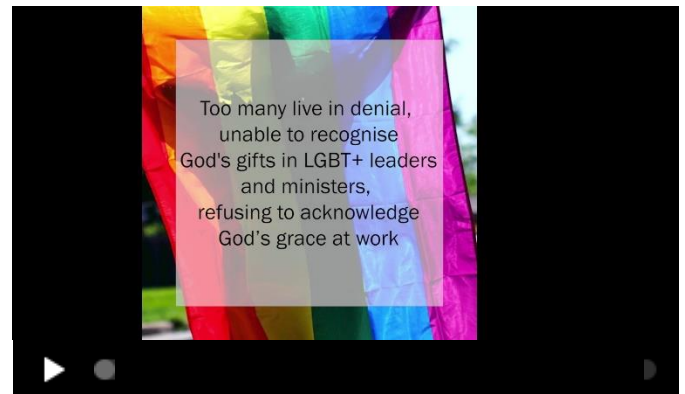


## Fairtrade Fortnight



Fairtrade Fortnight Fairtrade Fortnight begins next week. There is an online festival launching on Monday which includes an ecumenical service to which our Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, has contributed. [More details are here](#)

## LGBT+ History Month



The Methodist Church is celebrating LGBT+ History Month with prayer, reflections and discussion during February. This week's prayer is from the Revd Sam McBratney

## News

### Getting to know you



### Church leaders call for Government to stop housing asylum seekers in barracks



### Praying and Preaching for Racial Justice



We would love to learn more about you and what you are passionate about. This will help the Connexional Team to provide you with support and resources that serve you better.

If you haven't already please take 10 minutes to complete this anonymous survey [here](#).

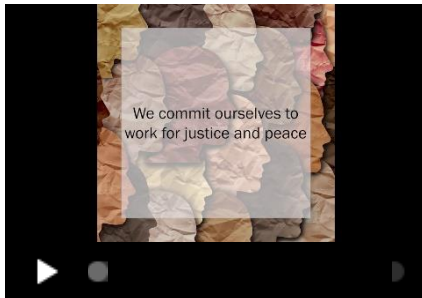
The Methodist Presidency have signed an ecumenical letter to the Home Secretary.

Read the letter [here](#).

"...we recognise that while we have expanded our efforts to eradicate the problem from our Church, it still exists"

Read a blog from the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Conference [here](#).

### In case you missed it



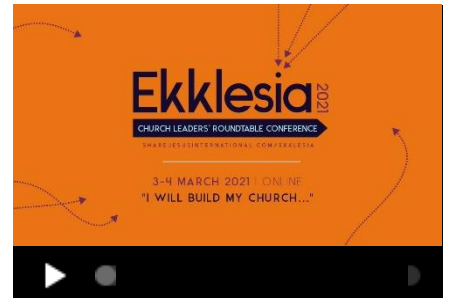
A prayer for Racial Justice Sunday by Rodney Coker, JPIT intern.

### Covid-19 & Church-21 survey What now and what next?



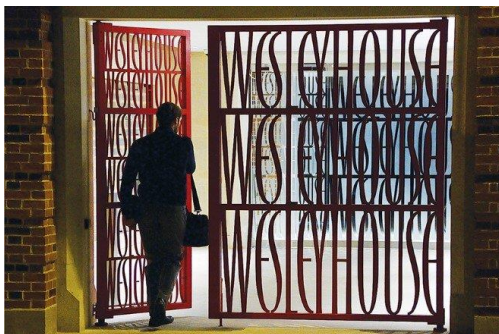
A follow up survey from York St John University. If you would like to take part you can visit the [Coronavirus, Church & You website](#) to find out more. [Click here](#) to take part in the survey.

### Church leaders' conference



The Ekklesia Church Leaders round table conference takes place next month. Find out more from [this short video](#).

### Wesley House job opportunity



A full time Vice Principal is sought for appointment by the Wesley House Trustee/Directors from 1 September 2021 to join the senior leadership of this globally significant Wesleyan educational institution at this exciting stage in its development. Applications are invited from committed and experienced theological educators who are members of a denomination belonging to the World Council of Churches. The college will consider job share applications: [More information here](#)

### Webinars



The Evangelism and Growth team have a programme of course and webinars for the Spring, from how to run a digital prayer room to community engagement beyond lockdown.

[Take a look here](#)

## Year of Prayer

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

### Participate



### Watch Again



Next week's service will be led by Joan Wager, a Local Preacher from Cumbria. More information about the Year of Prayer can be found [here](#) or use this [direct link](#) to register.

This week's Year of Prayer service was led by Sizwe Mkwanazi is a member and a preacher in training at Wesley Memorial Church in the Oxford Circuit. You can view it again You can watch again, [here](#).

## Media

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### COP26



Listen to our President, the Revd Richard Teal, and COP26 Worker, Mollie Pugmire on Premier Christian Radio discussing climate justice and why 2021 is the year for churches to engage with this crucial area: [Listen here](#)

### Valentine's Day



A creative Valentines in Cornwall, covered by ITV news: [Read about it here](#)

### 'Dial-a-Prayer' phonedines



A reminder that 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

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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

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