

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours

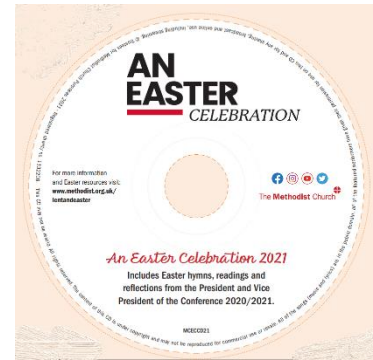
[The Communications team](#)

Easter Celebration CD

Due to huge demand, and in order to ensure Easter delivery, it has been necessary to bring the pre-orders closing date forward to **Wednesday 10, February at 3pm.**

We have currently received around 13,000 pre-orders for the Easter CD and we want to make sure that everyone receives their CD on time. You can still [pre-order your free copies via Methodist Publishing](#) but you now have until Wednesday 10, February, 3pm. (P&P applies).

Please note, the CD will be distributed week commencing Monday 8 March.



LGBT+ History Month

The Methodist Church is celebrating LGBT+ History Month with prayer, reflections and discussion during February.



Revd Delyth Liddell is Coordinating Chaplain at Cardiff University and Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer for the Wales Methodist Synod, as well as being on the Connexional EDI Committee. In [this blog](#), she gives us the background to LGBT+ History Month.



Revd Delyth Liddell talks with Mandy Briggs, Education Officer at the New Room, and Anna Malnutt to reflect on their experiences of supporting LGBT+ communities through Pride. Watch [here](#).

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Survey



Evangelism and Growth webinars



Methodist Publishing



We would love to learn more about you and what you are passionate about. Please could you take 10 minutes to complete this anonymous 'getting to know you' survey.

By completing this survey you will be assisting the Connexional Team of the Methodist Church in Britain to have a better understanding of your needs, experiences, behaviours and goals. You can find the survey [here](#).

Inspire



Inspire Chemnitz is a fresh expression initiative operated in Germany by Mission Partners Barry and Gillian Sloan. Inspire has had to cancel almost all events due to the Covid pandemic. But they still found ways to connect with people as you can see in [this video](#).

Register for an upcoming webinar to share good practice and start new initiatives within your church. The programme includes mission planning with children in mind, preparing for Thy Kingdom come, pioneering a digital community and green evangelism: Find our more [here](#).

Global Relationships



The spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa has been unpredictable.

Read more in [this blog](#) by Dr Olubunmi Olayisade, Africa Partnership Coordinator with the Global Relationships team.

This pack of postcards shares some of the ways in which ministry is expressed by the Methodist Church in Britain.

Perfect for when we meet again, these postcards can be used in small groups as conversation starters, used in worship and used on your own as you ponder about a calling to serve within Methodism. Find out more and order from [here](#).

3Generate 365



We're looking for children and young people to help plan 3Generate this year. Their views and voices are an essential part of making the event happen! They can be part of 'satellite groups' which plan different aspects of the event and there are lots to choose from. If you're a parent/carer, group leader or minister you can find out more about how those you know can get involved by emailing 3Generate@methodistchurch.org.uk

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 9 February at 12:45pm will be led by Gill Dascombe, a retired hospital pharmacist, a local preacher in the Farnworth and Worsley circuit, and a former Vice-President of the Conference. 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 by Revd Henry C Ohakah, minister in the Sheffield. You can watch again, [here](#).

Media

The Methodist Podcast



The podcast is now available fortnightly. In last week's special edition we explored vaccination and faith. We talk to a Methodist working in an A&E unit about the importance of all communities participating in the Covid19 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](#).

'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

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.

Email: mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk