

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Women's Safety



Rachel Lampard, Team Leader of the Joint Public Issues Team, considers the way forward for women's safety following the death of Sarah Everard. Read Rachel's blog [here](#).

### Reset the Debt prayer and action



**RESET THE DEBT**  
DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION



**Friday 26th March**



Find out more at [resetthedebt.uk/prayandact](https://resetthedebt.uk/prayandact)

Since the pandemic began, millions of people have been forced into debt simply to make ends meet. One year ago, many families received their first unpayable bill because of Covid-19. On Friday 26th March, we're joining together in prayer for just and compassionate solutions to the debt crisis we now face in our communities. Find out more [here](#).

### A year of the pandemic



Reflecting on the pandemic a year on, the Revd Richard Teal and Carolyn Lawrence, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have released a message ahead of the anniversary of the first lockdown. Read the message [here](#).

### PeerTalk



The mental health charity PeerTalk will be holding a "Let's Have A Chat Day" on Wed, 24 March.

The morning event will discuss the benefits and value of PeerTalk groups. You can book [here](#). The afternoon session, A Personal Journey : Danny Sculthorpe - Former Rugby League Star, can be booked [here](#).

### JPIT - Internship



Apply to join the JPIT intern for 2021-2022. Learn more about this varied role making links between faith, politics and policy, ranging from climate justice, to disarmament, to economic equality campaigns. Read more and apply [here](#).

### ONE Programme



The ONE Programme is about equipping, empowering, and encouraging young people in their discipleship, vocation and leadership. You can read stories of how young people have developed and supported their churches through this extraordinary year [here](#). You can read more about the programme [here](#).



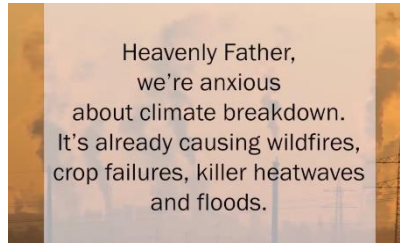
“By God’s grace we are renewed” is the theme of the March Memory Worship service from the Highlands Methodist Church, near Southend. The service is for people with and without dementia. Watch [here](#).

You can catch up on previous Memory Worship at home services following [link](#).

### World Methodist Council



The World Methodist Council is organising a webinar to pray with and for migrants and refugees during the Covid pandemic. During the event there will be stories of grief, pain, solidarity and hope with calls for prayer and action from around the world. You can register for the webinar, that takes place on the 25 March, [here](#).



A prayer for the environment - written and read by Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK. Watch [here](#).

### World Council of Churches



The World Council of Churches Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany (21 August – 10 September 2022) is accepting applications from young adults, 18 to 30, to serve as stewards.

You can read more information [here](#).



You can be a part of the change that is happening for families and communities around the world, and in your own journey with God.

You can still download your copy of a daily devotional for Lent 2021 below, or order a physical copy, for you to use at home, in small groups or with your whole church. Click [here](#).

### Defence



Church leaders across seven denominations, including the Methodist Church, have made [this](#) statement following the publication of the Government’s integrated review of foreign and defence policies.

### Wesley's Shoes

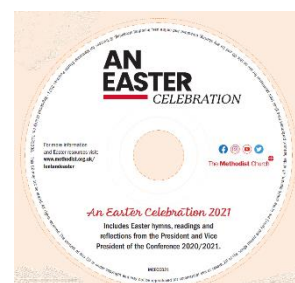


*“As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace...” Ephesians 6.15*

The Museum of Methodism at Wesley’s Chapel in London is curating an exhibition that will showcase through objects and stories the influence of Black British, Asian and British global diaspora leaders on Methodism. Can you help by nominating someone? We want to share stories of often unsung service, and by doing this, to nurture young leaders and provoke reflection on what leadership is in the Church today. Share your story with us and maybe like Inderjit Bhogal, your boots will join John Wesley’s to reveal the journey of our worldwide movement. Email your story to us [here](#).

## Easter Celebration Service

Our Easter Celebration Service is now available to download. It reflections from the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Church as an MP3 [here](#).



# 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 Tuesday's service will be led by Charlotte Rumble, School Chaplain at Hippings Methodist Primary School in Oswaldtwistle and community pastor in the West Pennine Moors Circuit. More information about the Year of Prayer can be found [here](#) or use this [direct link](#) to register.

## Watch Again



This week's Year of Prayer service was led by Sally Rush, community worker with young adults at Wesley's Chapel. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

# Media

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## The Methodist Podcast



As some children and young people return to school, the latest edition of The Methodist Podcast considers the impact of the pandemic on education. We talk to a head teacher, a parent, pupils, the Methodist Youth President and the principal of Cliff College. Listen [here](#).

## 'Dial-a-Prayer' phonelines



**Prayer:** 0808 281 2514

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

**Methodist Podcast:** 0808 281 2478

You can download a print-and-cut-out sheet with details to send to others [here](#)

## Emma Hardy MP



Emma Hardy MP has thanked Trinity Methodist Church, Hull for its work recycling & redistributing second hand school uniforms to local families. Emma was taking part in a Parliamentary debate on the Education Bill which addresses the cost of school uniform. Watch [here](#).

## Dales Podcast



The new Voices from the Dales podcast features chapels that were at the heart of village life in Wensleydale and Swaledale for around 150 years and discusses how Methodism is 'still very much alive' in places such as Gayle and Gunnerside. You can hear the podcast [here](#).

## BBC Radio 2



Revd Delyth Liddell made her Pause for Thought debut on BBC Radio 2 this week with stories of a mischievous and adorable puppy. You can listen [here](#) from around 2hrs 27mins.

### BBC Local Radio



The President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Richard Teal, appeared on two BBC local radio stations on Sunday 14 March to discuss his online visits.

You can hear Richard on BBC Radio Humberside [here](#) from 1hr 8mins and BBC Radio York, [here](#) from 2hr 48mins.

### Nuclear Weapons



The government's decision to increase the number of Trident nuclear warheads the UK can stockpile by more than 40 per cent has been condemned by Church leaders including those from the Methodist Church. You can read a report in the Church Times [here](#).

### Faith In Politics Podcast



In the latest Faith In Politics podcast, Meg and Rodney interview Labour MP Rachael Maskell. Rachel offers valuable insight into her political career, the role of her faith in politics and the contribution the UK can make by looking globally. Meg and Rodney muse on how looking globally ties in with the phrase 'charity begins at home' and whether it is compatible. Listen [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](#).

## Guidance



Government guidance for 'Out of School Settings for children' in England has been updated, which may affect some churches. You can read this guidance [here](#).

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