

# The Methodist News

25 March 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

## Holy Week and Easter

### Reflections



Holy Week and Easter reflections from the President and Vice-President will be available each day from Monday 29 March to Sunday 4 April. You can watch them on the [President and Vice-President](#) Facebook page, on the [Methodist Church](#) Facebook page and on [YouTube](#) each morning.

### Webinar



Sarum College Salisbury and The Queen's Foundation present the webinar 'When Did We See You Naked?': Holy Week Reflections on the Crucifixion and Sexual Violence. Taking place on 31 March, you can find out more and book [here](#).

### The Big Church Sing



The Big Church Sing is back! At 4pm on Easter Sunday, you can be part of [The Big Church Sing Easter Special](#) and raise your voices along with incredible Christian artists like Graham Kendrick, Noel Robinson, Celtic Worship and our very own National Methodist Choir. All performing to support All We Can's work with people in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. You will be able to watch on the day on [YouTube](#).

### An Easter Celebration



Our Easter Celebration Service is now available to download. It includes Easter hymns, readings and reflections from the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.

You can download the Easter Celebration Service as an MP3 [here](#).

### Methodist Modern Art Collection



Newly revised material is available for Palm Sunday, through Holy Week and Easter featuring selected images from the Methodist Modern Art Collection with poems written by exhibition visitors inspired by these wonderful works of art. Click [here](#) for more.

SADAO WATANABE - Christ enters Jerusalem from the Methodist Modern Art Collection, © Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP), used with permission.

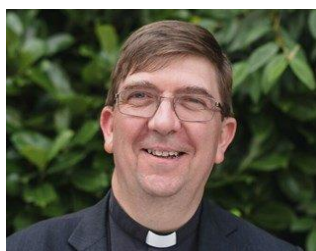
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## A justice-seeking Church



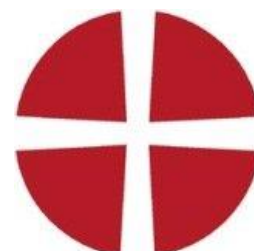
The Methodist Church is to start a major new project to become a justice-seeking Church. The Methodist Church is to commit to a two-year project looking at how the Church speaks out on social issues and challenges injustices. The project will be led by Rachel Lampard and aims to make the Church more effective in speaking and acting for justice and transformation. Read more [here](#).

## Day of Reflection



To mark the Day of Reflection held on the anniversary of the first pandemic lockdown, the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Conference, recorded [this](#) prayer.

## The Methodist Council Report



The Methodist Council met online between March 20th and 22nd and opened with reports from the Strategy and Resources Committee and the Connexional Team. The Revd Tim Swindell was nominated as Connexional Treasurer and Chair of the Finance sub-committee for another two years. Read the report [here](#).

## Reset the Debt

### TAKE A MOMENT

to Pray & Act for #ResetTheDebt

Friday 26th March



Are you planning to join us on Friday lunchtime for our LIVE prayer broadcast? We're gathering for a time of collective prayer for those weighed down by debt due to Covid-19. #ResetTheDebt

Get the details [here](#).

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.

## All We Can - Rohingya Fire



All We Can's partners in the Rohingya camps have confirmed that the fire which engulfed part of the Kutupalong mega camp, is estimated to have displaced more than 45,000 people and left 429 people unaccounted for. Those wishing to support the work of All We Can's partners in addressing the aftermath of the Rohingya fire, are invited to donate to All We Can's Emergency Relief Fund. Read more [here](#).

## Vocations



We all have a call to follow Jesus, and for each of us that is as unique as we are. For some, the last 12 months have been a time when our sense of calling has been hard to find, and for others new callings are emerging. The Love This Calling campaign is an opportunity to ask the Methodist community, and beyond, to explore our sense of calling in the time and place we find ourselves. Read more [here](#).

## Ordinations



Ordination services for those who were received into Full Connexion at Conference 2020, have been arranged for 3pm on Saturday 19th June 2021. Additional tickets for the services may be released in May depending upon government restrictions. Read more [here](#).

### Music



'Look Up' is the debut single from worship leader and founder of the National Methodist Choir of Great Britain, Matt Beckingham. The song expresses the hope, that even in the darkest times, there is still light, and it will not be overcome. A short clip can be heard on [YouTube](#).

### Digital evangelism for mind, body and soul



This Lent, Revd Jemima Strain, Pioneer Minister in the South Warwickshire Circuit is running a project called 'Stretch and Pray'. Every weekday, Jemima posts a new Stretch and Pray video for people to participate in as part of their evening routine as a kind of night prayer. Read her blog [here](#).

### VaccinAid



With more than a third of the UK population already vaccinated, now is the time to help communities in low- and middle-income countries with the same free access to COVID-19 vaccines through the "Give The World A Shot" campaign being coordinated by UNICEF. Find out more [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 Revd Sean Adair, Superintendent of the Derbyshire North East Circuit, minister of Chesterfield Central Methodist Church, and Deputy Chair of the Sheffield District. 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 Charlotte Rumble, School Chaplain at Hippings Methodist Primary School in Oswaldtwistle and community pastor in the West Pennine Moors Circuit. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

## Media

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### The Methodist Podcast



### 'Dial-a-Prayer' phonelines



An estimated six million people in the UK have fallen behind on one or more household bills as a result of Covid-19. With the biggest increases in debt amongst the poorest households, the Methodist Podcast hears from JPIT about the Reset the Debt campaign and talks to Methodists in Walsall and Newcastle about the practical and emotional impact of debt. Listen [here](#).

### Premier Radio



Hannah Brown, the Campaigns and Church Engagement Officer for JPIT, was interviewed on Premier Christian Radio on the need for the Reset the Debt Campaign to help those made financially vulnerable by the pandemic. Listen [here](#).

**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](#)

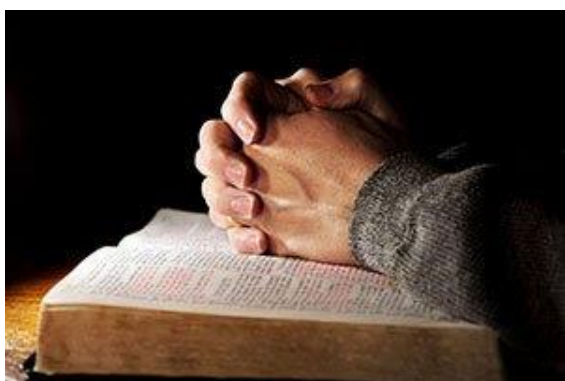
### BBC Radio 2



Revd Delyth Liddell shared her Pause for Thought on Tuesday morning during the OJ Borg show and considered how this has been an extraordinary year. You can listen [here](#) from around 2hrs 28mins.

## 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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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.