

The Methodist News

29 April 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.
Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

Year of Prayer

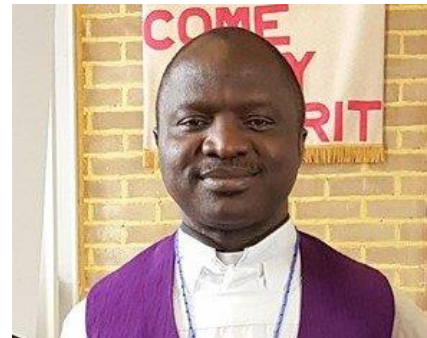
Join others across the Methodist Church to pray, every Tuesday from 12.45pm to 1.00pm

Participate



Next Tuesday's service will be led by Barry Sloan, Partnership Coordinator for Europe. 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 Revd Dr Deji Okegbile, Chaplain, Nigerian Methodist Chaplaincy UK and Ireland, and minister of Askew Road Church in the Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham Circuit. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

News

Announcement regarding the Methodist Conference, 24 June to 1 July 2021



The Hilton Birmingham Metropole has informed us that the hotel will remain closed until September, therefore they are no longer able to accommodate the 2021 Methodist Conference. Colleagues in the Connexional Team are working hard to find alternative conference facilities and accommodation in the Birmingham area. You can read more details [here](#).

Deaf Awareness Week
4-9 May 2021

India: Covid Crisis
All We Can

the Connexion
magazine



To mark next week's Deaf Awareness Week Anna Herriman, a local preacher with Oxford Methodist Circuit who has been profoundly deaf from birth, shares her experiences in [this blog](#) post.



As India grapples with the devastating impact of a Covid-19 second wave, please support vulnerable communities by giving generously to the joint Emergency Coronavirus Appeal. All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain will be responding through All We Can's local partner in Odisha to the unfolding crisis, helping rural communities in the state to pull together, and providing vital help at this most desperate moment.' Read more [here](#).



The latest edition of the Connexion magazine is available now, featuring inspiring stories of Christian calling with testimonies that demonstrate the breadth and depth of God's imagination as God calls people in so many and various ways to follow Jesus. Download a copy [here](#)

Bullying webinar



You can now watch the first of the three webinars looking at different aspects of anti-bullying action. They are designed for all church leaders within the Methodist Church and any other members and officers who are interested in how we can continue our journey of making churches and church work safer for everyone involved.

You can find resources and watch the first webinar, 'Tackling Bullying, Changing Culture and Enabling Positive Relationships', [here](#).

Vocations Sunday



This Sunday, 2 May, is Vocations Sunday.

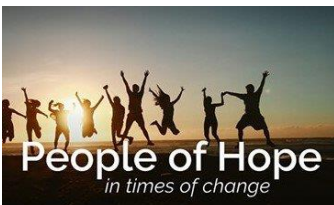
You can find more about the wide range of vocations within the Methodist Church and how to discern your calling, [here](#).

Vocations Children, Youth and Families



Penny Fuller, the Coordinator of the Methodist Children, Youth and Family Team, tells us the story of her calling in [this video](#).

National Conference for School and College Chaplains



Tickets are now on sale for 'People of Hope – in times of change', the National Conference for School and College Chaplains taking place online on 9 June. The themes for this year's event are the environment, chaplains as pastors for mental health & young people, diversity & inclusion and gender identity & sexuality. Find out more and book your place [here](#).

Global access to vaccines



The President and Vice-President, the Revd Richard Teal and Carolyn Lawrence, have added their names to this call for all the steps necessary to be taken to produce and distribute enough Covid vaccine for the entire global population. Read more in [this](#) article from The Guardian.

Climate and ecological emergency



You can join Bramhall Methodist Church for a series of seven online talks by scientists who are also Christians and whose work relates to the climate and ecological emergency. They will speak first about the science they are involved in and then how they reflect this in their prayers. The talks will be at 7:30pm on weekday evenings in May and June 2021. You can find out more and book [here](#).

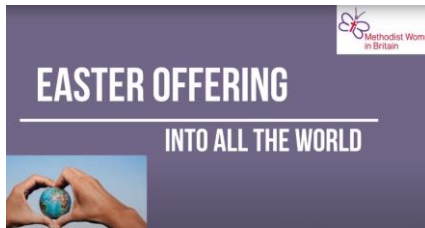
Take your next steps in evangelism and growth

Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering service

Global Relationships North Macedonia



[This new booklet](#) provides an overview of some of the key programmes and resources to help you take an intentional step into action. You'll find descriptions of what's on offer – from discipleship to evangelism to pioneering to digital mission and more – and ways to get connected.



A video of the Easter Offering service from Methodist Women in Britain is available online along with resources to use in your church. All money donated via the Easter Offering service is given to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain. Visit the MWiB website and watch [here](#).



In North Macedonia, food prices have soared. The 'Miss Stone Centre' is helping vulnerable people during Covid, ensuring that 170 elderly or disabled people receive a hot meal, delivered to their houses five times a week and is supported by the World Mission Fund. Read more [here](#).

'Leadership on a Journey' Wesley's Chapel



The [Museum of Methodism](#) at Wesley's Chapel in London is curating an exhibition in conjunction with the national Church that will showcase, through objects and stories, the influence of Black British, Asian and British global diaspora leaders on Methodism. Read [here](#).

JACEI volunteer member



The Methodist Church is seeking a new volunteer member of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI). JACEI provides advice on ethical issues – such as climate change, food, the media, tax justice and human rights - and helps the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church reflect the values and positions of the Methodist Church in its investment policies. Find out more [here](#).

5:17 Prayer



Join Youth President Phoebe Parkin for Fridays@5:17 on the [3GenTV YouTube](#) channel. It is a chance for children and young people across the Connexion to come together to pray, tune in to God and listen to what God might be saying. This Friday, Phoebe will be reflecting on the month of April, and how we can reflect on how God has been at work in our lives over this month. Don't miss it!

Media

The Methodist Podcast



In this podcast to mark Earth Day, we hear about the eco-district initiative and the importance of the COP 26 climate summit. The youth president tells us how young Methodists feel about the planet they are going to inherit and we consider meta ethics, faith and the environment over the kitchen table. Listen [here](#).

'Dial-a-Prayer' phonedines



Prayer: 0808 281 2514
Pastoral message from the President and Vice-President: 0808 281 2695
Methodist Podcast: 0808 281 2478

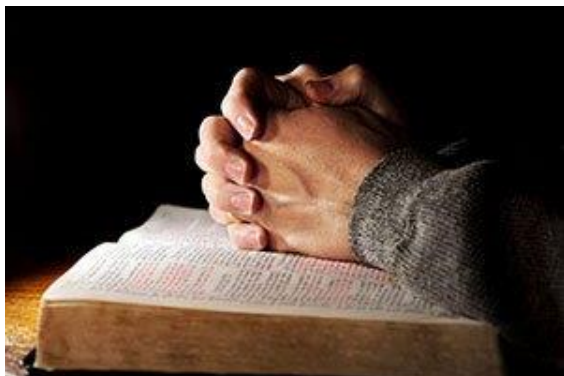
You can download a print-and-cut-out sheet with details to send to others [here](#)

Global Relationships Cuba



Sandra Lopez, the Methodist Church Partnership Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, talks with Dave Piper from Transworld Radio about the change in leadership in Cuba and the ongoing challenges the country faces with the Covid-19 pandemic. Watch [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



The government has updated the [Safe Use of Places of Worship](#) guidance to include details of how restrictions will be lifted for churches in England. Updates for [Step 2](#) on 12 April 2021 included:

Funerals are limited to 30 people, weddings & civil partnership ceremonies, wakes and wedding receptions are limited to 15 people. Children and youth activities are allowed.

Further information can be found on [Coronavirus Guidance for Property](#). Please note that this is only for England. In Scotland, please refer to the [Timetable for Easing Restrictions](#). In Wales, please refer to the [Restrictions during our Gradual Move Out of Lockdown](#)

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