

# The Methodist News

8 April 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Racism, Sewell and the Christian Response



Last month's Government Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities (Sewell) Report has generated a great deal of debate within society and church. A webinar on the 14 April offers an opportunity to hear from some of the keenest minds in church and society on the report, and for you to share your opinions on the issues. The event is hosted in partnership with the Racial Justice Advocacy Forum, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and CTBI. Click here for [more](#).

### Global Relationships



The World Mission Fund is supporting Church partners around the world. Here are two very different stories of how the World Mission Fund is supporting people. In [Equatorial Guinea](#) the fund is helping provide education after an accidental explosion destroyed homes and businesses in the port of Bata. In [Peru](#) community pharmacies are being supported to enable indigenous communities tackle coronavirus.

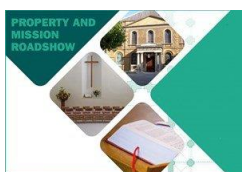
### COP26 - Climate Justice for All



A youth-led campaign calling on the global Methodist family to take climate action in the run up to the UN's COP26 has been launched by a group of workers from Uruguay, Britain, Italy, Zambia and Fiji.

'Climate Justice for All' (CJ4A) is a campaign which invites Methodist communities all over the world to engage in the issue of the climate crisis and declare 'we believe in climate justice for all'. Read more [here](#).

### Property and Mission Roadshow



A series of online roadshows to introduce strategic guidance for the use of property in mission are to take place over the coming months. The roadshows are planned on a regional basis, to address issues at a local level and build on the work already started by the Connexional Property Strategy 2018-2020. Full details and registration are [here](#).

### Religion & Media Festival "Exploring Belief"



The Religion Media Centre is holding the Religion and Media Festival "Exploring Belief" on 12 April. The keynote speaker is Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. Panel discussions include "What is British and French Islam" and "Who are the evangelicals." Sessions include how to make great podcasts and insights on reporting communities in Britain. You can book tickets [here](#) and see the full itinerary [here](#).

### Bullying, culture and positive relationships



The Methodist Church is to present three webinars looking at different aspects of anti-bullying action. They are designed for all 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. 20 April [Tackling Bullying, Changing Culture, Enabling Positive Relationships](#) 13 May [Reconciling communities: living well with difference](#)

17 Jun [Addressing Bullying through Justice, Dignity and Solidarity](#)

# 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 Kan Yu, Minister in the Teddington Methodist 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 Graeme Hodge, Chief Executive of All We Can, the Methodist relief & development organisation. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

# Media

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## The Methodist Podcast



In this week's podcast we consider prayer. We hear what defines prayer from The Revd Carole Irwin, Director of Studies at Wesley House. The Revd Dr Roger Walton discusses prayer and Methodism and we talk to experts about three distinct types of prayer; liturgical, meditative and extemporary. 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](#)

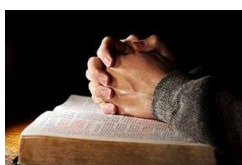
## Methodist Receives Maundy Purse



A lifelong churchgoer who has made outstanding contributions to his Gloucester community has been rewarded by the Queen. John Bell, a member at Lonsdale Road Methodist Church in Elmbridge, received a Maundy Purse from Her Majesty as part of Holy Week. Read more in this [newspaper report](#).

# 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 church or circuit is providing. Click [here](#).

# Guidance

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As the roadmap out of lockdown continues, read the latest guidance [here](#), including links for nations.

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