

The Methodist News

27 May 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 June Hannah Brown, Campaigns and Church Engagement Officer for JPIT. 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 Alison Judd, local preacher, World President of World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women and former mission partner. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

News

The Methodist Justice Lecture The Rt Hon Gordon Brown



In the face of Covid 19, the climate emergency and global inequality, where are justice and hope to be found? In his lecture, "Justice and Hope" Former Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, will argue that change is possible, and that people of faith have a role to play. The Methodist Justice Lecture on Sunday 13 June at 7pm will mark the launch of the two year project, Walking with Micah: Methodist Principles for Social Justice, aimed at helping the Methodist Church to explore what it means to be a justice-seeking church. To book a ticket visit [here](#).

Life on the breadline



Even before the pandemic, poverty affected over 14 million people including 4.5 million young people. The pandemic has highlighted these pre-existing inequalities. We now have an opportunity to ask, if we took the words of Jesus about poverty, seriously and literally, how might Christians respond? Read a blog from our Church at the Margins Officer, Deacon Eunice Attwood and sign up for a series of events on this issue [here](#).

Chaplaincy



Methodist Presbyterian and hospital chaplain Philip Turner features in a film about the impact on staff of caring for dying patients during the pandemic.

'See it My Way' hears from staff members at the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust. Watch [here](#).

Methodist heritage sites reopen



With summer almost here why not start planning your next Methodist heritage trip? After lockdown, many sites are reopening and looking forward to welcoming visitors. In [this blog](#) you can learn a little more about some of the Methodist heritage locations that you can explore.

Cliff Festival 2021 Around the Campfire



Cliff College's Festival at Home 2021 takes place from 29 May to 31 May and will be online due to the ongoing restrictions. But you can still gather around the digital campfire with live sessions from the Festival at Home starting at 7pm on Saturday 29 May. You can watch on [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) or [here on the website](#).

Faith in Action: Sharing on Migration in the Mediterranean



Fiona Kendall is a mission partner working in Rome with Mediterranean Hope, the refugee and migrant programme of the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy. On Tuesday 1 June, Fiona will provide an overview of the varied projects in which the teams are involved and the key role of churches in supporting them as part of an online talk. You can register for the event [here](#).

Pride



June is Pride month when we celebrate the LGBTQI+ community. If your church, circuit or district is participating, do let us know what you are doing so that we can share your events and activities with the wider Church. Email us [here](#).

3Generate Volunteers



Volunteering for 3Generate can be an exciting and rewarding challenge; a chance to be part of a vibrant national project. It is an opportunity to meet new people, develop new skills, have fun and try something different. Many volunteers speak of the positive impact that it has on their faith - maybe God is nudging you to join in and be involved? Find out more [here](#).

BBC Young Chorister of the Year



Songs of Praise and Radio 2 have joined together to find the BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2021. Entries are now being accepted, so please share the details to those who may be interested in taking part. The closing date is Monday 14th June 2021. Read more [here](#).

Climate Justice For All



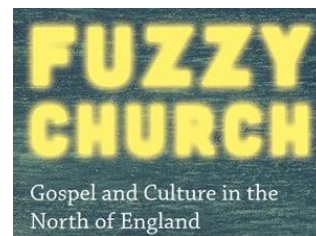
You are invited to join CJ4A for their upcoming 'Have Your Say' consultation sessions. As part of their campaign, CJ4A are asking Methodists to contribute their voice and thoughts to their consultation sessions which will help shape the call to action to the UK government that they plan to send ahead of the UN's COP26 Conference later this year. Find out more and register [here](#).

Global Relationships Survey



We would like to know how and if you have used the Global Relationship's worship resources, 'The Best of All' and web content. This survey is anonymous. All questions are optional. This survey should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete and will help us improve next year's resources. Submission deadline is Friday 28 May, 2021 at 12noon. Click [here](#).

Gospel and Culture in the North of England



What does the good news of Jesus look like in the North of England, and is there such a thing as a "northern gospel"? The Yorkshire Theological Educational Partnership invite you to the launch of Fuzzy Church: Gospel and Culture in the North of England, a new book by Nigel Rooms and Elli Wort. The research for this book was funded by the Susanna Wesley Foundation, and we researched with Methodist and Anglican churches. Read more [here](#), you can email for an invitation to the online launch [here](#).

Commemorating George Floyd



Doing Justice: A Service of Reflection

A special broadcast service 'Doing Justice: A Service of Reflection on the first anniversary of the murder of George Floyd' took place on Tuesday evening organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. You can watch the service again, featuring contributions from Revd Inderjit Bhogal and Methodist Youth President Elect Daud Irfan, on the CTBI Youtube page [here](#).

The service is to be re-broadcast on BBC Radio 4 at 8:10 am on Sunday 30 May for its Sunday Worship programme and across the BBC local radio network.

Prayers, reflections and essays

The Methodist Church marked the anniversary of the murder of George Floyd with [this collection](#) of prayers, essays and reflections from across the Connexion.

Contributors include the Revd Arlington Trotman, Bala Gnanapragasam, Revd Richard Teal, Revd Novette Headley, secretary of the Belonging Together Ministers' Group and The Revd Jill Marsh, Inclusive Church Implementation Officer.

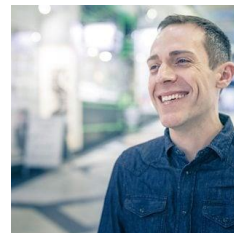
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The Methodist Podcast



As we continue to consider vocation, podcast co-presenter Revd Jenny Pathmarajah lets us accompany her on an average weekday ministering to the people of Jersey in the Channel Islands. Listen [here](#).

Pause for Thought



Director of Evangelism and Growth Trey Hall gave a Pause For Thought on Radio 2 this week: "The meaning of life isn't merely *knowing* about the meaning." Listen again [here](#).



A special Pentecost & Aldersgate service led by Revd Tony Moodie was heard on all 39 BBC Local Radio stations last Sunday with some of the music from the Methodist Central Hall Choir and congregation. You can listen again [here](#).

Sunday Night Live



Sunday Night Live with Pam Rhodes on Premier marked Pentecost Sunday with Revd Calvin T Samuel, the minister for Rayleigh, Rochford and Hockley Methodist Churches and Revd Michaela Youngson, a Chair in the London District. You can watch the programme [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](#).

'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](#)

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](#)