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# The Methodist News

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10 June 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.  
Yours,

[The Communications team](#)

## This weekend

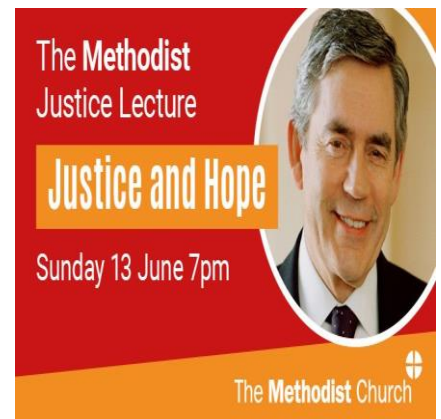
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### Justice and Hope

In the face of Covid-19, the climate emergency and global inequality, where are justice and hope to be found?

In the first Methodist Justice Lecture former Prime Minister Gordon Brown will argue that change is possible and that people of faith have a role to play. All are welcome to join us for this event.

[Register for your free ticket 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

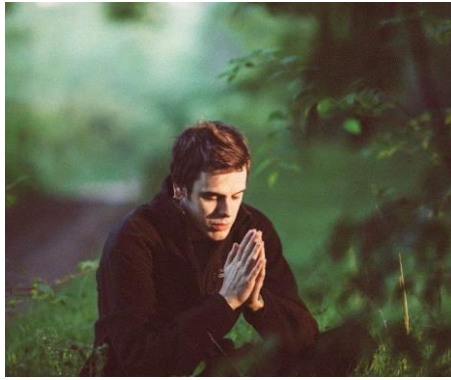


Next Tuesday's service will be led by Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden, Chaplain at the Queenswood School. More information about the Year of Prayer can be found [here](#) or use this [direct link](#) to register.

### Watch Again



This week's Year of Prayer service was led by Revd Jane Wild, Superintendent Minister in the Preston Ribble Circuit. You can watch the service again, [here](#).



## Share

We'd love to hear what difference the Year of Prayer has made for you. What impact does it have on your week? How have you seen prayers answered? Have you been inspired to embed rhythms of prayer in your own life? Let us know: [email](#) or record a quick video on The Story Project [here](#).

# News

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## A church eco-journey



Paul Heppleston from Wellspring Church in Wirksworth, Derbyshire shares his insights into church and community action on environmental issues in [this blog](#).

## National gathering of chaplains



A national gathering of chaplains is to be hosted by the Southern and Islands Region in partnership with the Ministries Team of the Methodist Church. The event takes place on Tuesday 15 June and asks the question "how can chaplains effectively challenge racism in their context?". Bevan Powell, Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Advisor for the Methodist Church is participating. You can book and read more [here](#).

## Climate Change Ride



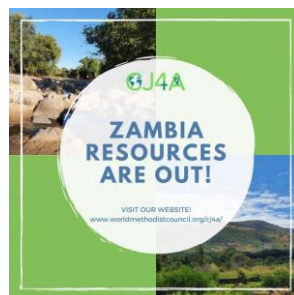
The Gloucestershire Methodist minister Revd John Kime, has completed his cycle ride visiting 42 cathedrals. John was bearing a letter from the Bristol District Chair, the Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, highlighting the urgent issue of Climate Change and Climate Justice. Read more about his journey [here](#) and watch [this](#) short reflection on his adventure.

## Methodist Public Issues Team Leader job vacancy



An excellent people and project manager with expertise in public policy issues, social justice campaigns and team management is sought to serve as Methodist Public Issues Team Leader in the ecumenical Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) for a period of two years. More details can be found at [Jobs with the Connexional Team](#).

## Climate Justice for All Resources



Climate Justice for All (CJ4A) have launched the third in their series of monthly short films and worship resources. This month, the short film and worship resources focus on communities in Zambia and their experience of flooding and drought. To find out more about CJ4A, visit their [website](#) and make sure to check out their new short film and worship resources [here](#).

## Showcasing climate and environment action



Has your church, circuit or district done something amazing to combat climate change or to protect nature? Find out how your good news stories could feature in a video to be launched during the #COP26 in Glasgow in November. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### EU Settlement Scheme



The 30 June 2021 is the deadline for applications to be made to the EU Settlement Scheme. All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 should apply without delay so that they can continue to work, study, and access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021. For more information click [here](#).

### MHA Sunday



The Revd Kate Le Sueur, Head of Chaplaincy in the North Region with MHA, shares [this prayer](#) ahead of this weekend's MHA Sunday.

Read more about [MHA Sunday](#) here.

### Loneliness Awareness Week



Despite the easing of lockdown measures over recent weeks, there remains significant concern about the future health and wellbeing of many individuals of all ages for whom loneliness and social isolation is a daily reality. The 14-18 June is Loneliness Awareness Week. Read more [here](#).

## Media

### The Methodist Podcast



In this podcast we discuss the Reconciliation and Mediation pilot project being rolled out by the Church and consider the need for the service, how it is going to operate and talk to those who will be managing and volunteering as part of the scheme, listen [here](#).

### Sunday Worship BBC Radio 4



The Revd Michaela Youngson leads a service on Storytelling - God's Story, Our Story, Every Story for this week's Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4. The service is broadcast at 8:10 and will be available afterwards [here](#).

### Premier Christian Radio



The Methodist policy adviser in areas of poverty and inequality, Paul Morrison, will be on Premier Christian Radio on Saturday at 5.30pm. Paul will reflect on how the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in society and on his work, life and journey of faith. Paul's interview will be available [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

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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 3](#) on 17 May 2021 included:

Capacity for funerals are limited to building capacity, weddings & civil partnership ceremonies, wakes and wedding receptions are limited to 30 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 Scottish [Guidance for the Safe Use of Places of Worship](#). In Wales, please refer to the [Guidance for Re-Opening Places of Worship](#).

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