

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

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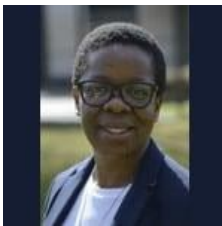
[The Communications team](#)

## 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 Deacon Lemmy Nkwelah, Minister in the North Norfolk 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 the Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden, Chaplain at the Queenswood School. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

### Share your reflection on the Year of Prayer

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 us](#) or record a quick video on The Story Project [here](#).

## News

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### Gordon Brown lecture



Over 1200 people registered for the inaugural lecture from our new justice project, Walking With Micah last weekend. Former Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Gordon Brown, delivered an inspiring talk on a wide range of issues and answered questions from the audience at the end.

You can [watch the event again here](#).  
[Find out more about Walking With Micah here](#).

### Date for 2022 – Platinum Jubilee



Next year sees HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which includes a four day Bank Holiday from 2 - 5 June.

We're joining with HOPE Together to encourage church communities to help celebrate!

[Save the date and find out more here](#).

### Seeking the mission-hearted



Do you have a vision for a Church where young people are empowered & released for evangelism in diverse expressions? With Cliff College we are seeking a mission-hearted individual to be a catalyst for evangelism amongst young people in the Methodist Church.

[Read more here](#).

## Join the conversation around climate justice



Gordon Brown mentioned our young COP26 workers' project Climate Justice 4 All in his lecture last weekend.

You can keep up to date with the group, their work, resources and videos by [giving them a follow on Twitter here](#).

Take a look at [our web pages on climate and the environment](#) too, including all our latest news in this area.

## Action for Children webinar



Action for Children invites you to an online webinar, 'Childhood during coronavirus: protecting children from the effects of poverty' on 7th July. Staff will talk about the impact of the lockdown on families drawing on research in their report, 'End Childhood Crisis' and their campaigning work.

They will also explain what they are asking the Government to do and how you can add your voice. [To sign up, click here](#).

## All We Can update



As we here in the UK begin to look toward the future, and tentatively think about a post-covid world, it is more important than ever that we don't forget about our global neighbours, and that we walk alongside them on the road to recovery and resilience. All We Can have launched its Next Steps campaign. [Find out more and how you can support it here](#).

All We Can is delighted to welcome four new trustees to its board, pending the approval of Methodist Council later in the year. [Find out more here](#).

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## Tolpuddle Martyrs



The New Room in Bristol are hosting a 'Wes Talk' on the Tolpuddle Martyrs: How does their story still speak today on 21st June.

You can [register to join the event here](#).

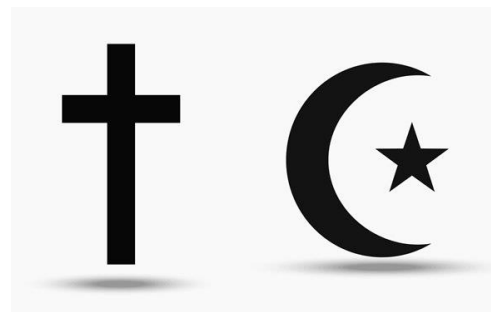
## Sermon of the Year



Preach Magazine's grand final of the Sermon of the Year competition is on 24th June.

Find out [more about the finalists and how you can join here](#).

## Christian/Muslim dialogue



The Revd David Butterworth spoke as part of a Christian-Muslim dialogue event on the theme, My Religion, My Life. Other speakers included Anglican, Sunni and Shia representatives.

You can [watch a recording of the event here](#).

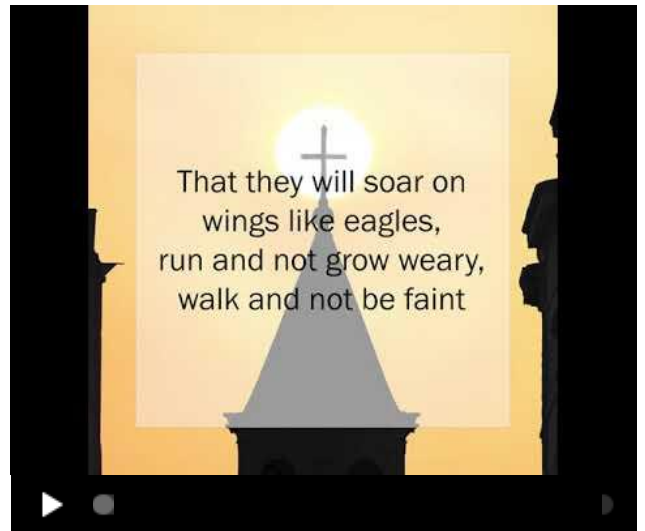
# Video Prayer

A special prayer following the extension of lockdown restrictions earlier this week is from Jude Levermore, Head of Mission at the Methodist Church in Britain

Download an mp4 video file [here](#)

Download an mp3 audio file [here](#)

You can also download the transcript [here](#).



# Media

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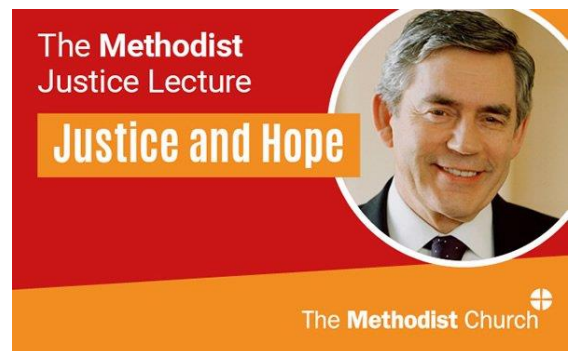
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## **The Methodist Podcast**

A special podcast for Refugee Week, highlighting the challenges that people seeking sanctuary face and including conversations with those who advocate for them. Listen [here](#).



## **Gordon Brown lecture**



The Revd Michaela Youngson leads a service on Storytelling - God's Story, Our Story, Every Story, woven together because God is interested in the smallest detail of our lives. [Listen again here](#).

Read coverage of the Gordon Brown lecture (see News, above) [here](#).



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 Guidance for Weddings & Civil Partnerships in England following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday.

It states: From 21 June, there will no longer be a maximum number cap for attendees set out in law. Instead, the number of attendees at weddings, civil partnerships and receptions will be determined by how many people the venue or space can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place. This will be based on the COVID-19 risk assessment of the venue or outdoor space, and the measures put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19.

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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