

The Methodist News

3 June 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 Revd Jane Wild, Superintendent Minister in the Preston Ribble Circuit. More information about the Year of Prayer can be found [here](#) or use this [direct link](#) to register.

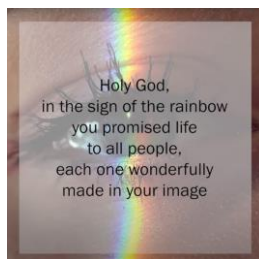
Watch Again



This week's Year of Prayer service was led by Hannah Brown, Campaigns and Church Engagement Officer for JPIT. You can watch the service again, [here](#).

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Pride Month



June is Pride month when the LGBTQI+ community are celebrated.

Written and read by the Revd Mark Rowland, Free Church Chaplain at the University of Warwick, you can watch a prayer for Pride [here](#).

Reconciliation and Mediation Pilot Project



The Methodist Church has launched a Reconciliation and Mediation pilot project in partnership with the charity Place for Hope. The pilot, running from 2021-2023, will provide a trained team of 20 accredited reconcilers and mediators to support groups and individuals at times of change or conflict, and to accompany sensitive or difficult group conversations. The pilot will deliver services within the Learning Network regions of Eastern England, London, North West and Mann. Read more [here](#) and listen to the [podcast](#).

MHA Sunday



Churches around the country will be holding special services to mark this year's MHA Sunday on the 13 June in what has been an extraordinary year for the charity. Resources for worship online and in person, as well as youth and children resources, are free to download.

At 4pm on 13th June, join Pam Rhodes as she presents MHA Sunday Live with stories from across the MHA family.

Find out more about MHA Sunday [here](#).

Joint Public Issues Team



There have been some changes to the way the Joint Public Issues Team are working together.

Read about changes to staff and how the Church of Scotland are becoming an Associate Partner of JPIT [here](#).

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 takes place on Sunday 13 June at 7pm. To book a ticket visit [here](#).

Global Relationships



Get the update on God's work around the world with partner churches, mission partners, events, and projects by signing up to the Global Relationships e-newsletter [here](#).

You can read the latest edition featuring evangelists from Brazil in the Newcastle upon Tyne District, twinning, and an update on the Global Church Youth Reps [here](#).

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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](#).

BBC Radio 2 Pause for Thought



Reverend Dawn Saunders contributed to this week's Pause For Thought and considered the theme 'Being myself'. Listen [here](#).

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Deacon Pru Cahill joined Good Morning Sunday for Pause For Thought and considered the theme that care for others extends beyond county or country boundaries. Listen [here](#).

BBC Local Radio



Deacon Maggie Patchett, Methodist Minister, South Lakes Circuit, spoke about her role in chaplaincy to the tourist industry when she spoke to BBC local radio stations last Sunday. You can listen to her interview on BBC Cumbria [here](#) from 1 min 23.

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](#)

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