

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,  
[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Climate and environment



With less than 100 days to go until COP26 and seeing extreme weather events in the news most days, what is your church doing to combat climate change? We have resources to support you [here](#) and would like to hear about your plans. Maybe it's a Climate Sunday service or Eco Church application – please share your news to inspire others.

Contact [mccruma@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:mccruma@methodistchurch.org.uk)

### Seafarers Vaccinated



More than 600 visiting seafarers in the UK have been vaccinated in the last month at the Port of London, thanks to determined efforts by the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest (QVSR), the Methodist mission charity which runs the seafarers' centres at the Port of Tilbury and DP World London Gateway. Read more [here](#).

### Join the Communications Team!



The closing date for applications to these posts is Monday, 2nd August. As part of our work as a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church, the Communications Team are seeking two people to join them and develop the Church's digital presence. The positions offered are for a [Director of Digital Engagement](#) and a [Digital Training Officer](#).

## Evangelism and Growth

### Sticky Theology



The next Sticky Theology session takes place on the 5 August and asks, Does everything happen for a reason? Hosted by Revd Simon Sutcliffe, Learning & Development Officer; with panellists Revd Clive Marsh, Principal, Queen's Foundation and Deacon Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer with Evangelism & Growth. Join them on [Facebook](#) at 12:15.

### Watch Again



Watch last week's Sticky Theology discussion 'Why is Jesus relevant today?' with host Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling and panellists Revd Dr. Raj Patta and Revd Ashley Cooper [here](#).

### Community of Evangelists



We are seeking diverse Evangelists to join the Community of Evangelists - a small group of Methodists connected, equipped and supported in their calling. Whatever way you carry out your evangelism, whether in your day-to-day life at work, or in a particular ministry, we encourage you to apply. Find out more [here](#).

# God's World, Our Home

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We've launched a new resource to encourage, equip and enable children and young people to take action for climate justice. Watch an introductory video from Phoebe Parkin, Youth President, [here](#).

Find the resource God's World, Our Home [here](#).

## Features

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### Community Radio



How does your church serve its community? Find out how a local radio station was born from a rural chapel considering its future.

The station, Leven Online, is now a key hub for Stokesley, a village on the edge of the North York Moors. Learn more [here](#).

### All We Can



More than 418,000 Covid-19 deaths have been recorded in India so far – with the true toll thought to be much higher.

Since April, All We Can's local partner based in Odisha, a state in the east of India, has been working tirelessly to ensure that the most vulnerable families in their region have access to the emergency resources needed. Read more [here](#).

### RE:uniform



Find out how Trinity Methodist Church in Hull created RE:uniform, a free school uniform service which has benefitted over 1000 local children in the last two years. [Watch here](#).

### From Brazil to Barley Mow



[Fabio and Aline Vilela](#) are from Brazil, and through a Global Relationships partnership with [CIEMAL](#), they are now working with the Chester-le-Street Circuit in Newcastle upon Tyne District.

Read an honest and moving testimony of their ongoing work, [here](#).

## Media

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### The Methodist Podcast

In this week's Methodist podcast, we chat with Paul Chilcote, a Methodist theologian and the Director of the Centre for Global Wesleyan theology at Wesley House Cambridge.

Paul has written a new course, Living the Wesleyan Way, that evaluates and explores the Wesley's impact on our lives. Listen [here](#).

# Spiritual sustenance in isolation

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During this time 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

**Methodist Podcast:** 0808 281 2478

**Pastoral message** from the President and Vice-President: 0808 281 2695 (Please note - content on this phonenumber will resume in September and there is currently a holding message to that effect)

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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