

The Methodist News

8 July 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.

Yours,
[The Communications team](#)

Year of Prayer



The last Year of Prayer service took place on Tuesday 6 July. This final service focused on some of the testimonies and reflections on rhythms of prayer in personal and church life.

Watch back [here](#).

The Methodist Conference

President's Address



Watch the Revd Sonia Hicks, President of the Methodist Conference, address the Conference [here](#), with BSL translation.

Vice-President's Address



Watch Barbara Easton, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, address the Conference [here](#) with BSL translation.

Watch Again



All public sessions of the Methodist Conference 2021 are available to watch again [here](#). See the [programme](#) for details of the business debated in each session.

Conference Business sessions will only be available to watch again until 6 August 2021.

If you'd like to download the Presidential and Vice-Presidential addresses from this year's Methodist Conference, you can find them, with BSL interpretation, on our Vimeo page [here](#).



Conference: Behind the scenes

The Revd Jenny Pathmarajah, stationed on Jersey, attended this year's Methodist Conference and met with many of those who gathered in Birmingham. Jenny recorded over 20 videos featuring the people and the discussions from Conference, along with those who produced the event. Watch [here](#).

Evangelism and Growth

God for All



The Connexional Strategy for Evangelism and Growth, God for All, has celebrated its first year. Discover what we have been doing and what we are yet to do in [this video](#). Read more about the strategy and the Church's work on evangelism and growth [here](#).

Hope and Anchor



Hope & Anchor is a new online chat show launching this autumn with guests from across Britain and around the world who are exploring spirituality and faith in different ways. It's for people who care about mission and evangelism, the spiritually curious and those who love a good natter and a good laugh. Produced by the Evangelism & Growth Team, mark your diaries for Tuesdays at 12:45pm starting 28 September. Email evangelism@methodistchurch.org.uk if you have an idea for a guest or an idea to explore.

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3Generate



3Generate, the children and youth assembly, will be going ahead at the NEC Birmingham from Friday 29th – Sunday 31st October 2021.

Young people can opt to stay overnight in camping villages for the weekend, travel to and from the venue daily but not be residential or join in, just for the day, on Saturday 30th October.

Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 14th July. More information is [here](#).

Wellbeing and Activism



The Agents of Change webinar in partnership with Leeds Methodist Mission takes place Saturday 17 July 2021, 4pm - 4.45pm. Ideal for children and young people who want to explore coping strategies as they seek to effect change.

Coronavirus guidance



The Property Team are reviewing the current Coronavirus guidance in light of the government's announcement on 5th July and will look to provide as much clarity as possible in the coming weeks, and especially after the data is reviewed on 12th July.

Keep up-to-date with our guidance [here](#).

Sea Sunday



This Sunday, 11 July, is Sea Sunday. You can find resources [here](#). The Queen Victoria Seaman's Rest (QVSR), the seamen's mission of the Methodist Church, will be appearing on this weekend's [Sunday Night Live](#) with Pam Rhodes on Premier.

One Programme



ONE Programme: Leadership has ten jobs available across Britain for ages 18-30 starting in September 2021. There are a variety of roles based around sharing faith in local churches and projects in year-long, paid, training-provided, full-time & part-time jobs. Read more [here](#).

Action for Children Sunday



This Sunday is Action for Children Sunday, but you can hold your service whenever you like. Resources in English and Welsh have been produced around the theme: "Peace within, peace around". They include activities that can be adapted for use in streamed or home worship.

For more information on this webinar, aimed at 8 to 14 year olds, and booking read [here](#). Leader/parent 'watch-along' tickets are also available [here](#). Read more [here](#).

Join the Communications Team!



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](#). The closing date for applications to both posts is Monday, 2nd August.

Climate Justice blog series



With just over 100 days to go to the UN climate conference, COP26, taking place in Glasgow, we have published the last in a series of blogs on the theology of climate justice. The final article which focuses on sufficiency, is here. Written by the Revd Simon Topping, we hope that churches will find the series a useful resource. Read more [here](#).

Climate Justice for All Uruguay



Climate Justice for All (CJ4A) have released the fourth in their series of monthly short films and worship resources. This month, the short film and worship resources focus on communities in Uruguay and their experience of the climate crisis. Find out more [here](#).

Media

BBC local radio



Sunday Worship across the BBC local radio network last week was led by Methodist minister, Revd Jenny Pathmarajah. Listen [here](#).

BBC Radio 2



Deacon Pru Cahill joined Good Morning Sunday for Pause For Thought to consider the theme "I was on the right track and would get home eventually." Listen [here](#).

The Methodist Podcast



The Revd Sonia Hicks, President of the Methodist Conference, discusses the Conference and the historic vote on marriage and relationships, with Jill Moody, Head of Communications with the Methodist Church. Listen [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

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



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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