

# The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News.  
Yours,  
[The Communications team](#)

## News

### Supporting families through the school holidays



With recent news reports indicating that increasing numbers of families [struggle with paying for food and other necessities during the school holidays](#), Morvyn Sanderson, Youth Worker for the [Darlington Methodist Circuit](#), shares how [The Well](#) in Darlington is supporting the local community over the summer months. Read [here](#).

### 250th Anniversary of Francis Asbury



This year Methodists here and in the USA will commemorate 250 years since Francis Asbury sailed to the US as a travelling preacher having been commissioned by John Wesley. Find out more about what's happening to mark the anniversary [here](#).

### Youth President



Candidates are invited to register for the Youth President elections. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for a Methodist aged 18 - 23 to travel and work around Britain and overseas supporting children and young people. The work is challenging and varied. Read more [here](#).

## Take Part

### World Council of Churches Communicators



The World Council of Churches (WCC) invites communicators from around the globe to be part of a professional online communication team to support the WCC 11th Assembly in 2022. They are looking for young communicators aged between 18 and 30 years old and senior fully -fledged communicators. Read more [here](#). Applications close 15 August 2021.

### Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum



[Englesea Brook](#) Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism is holding an activity day for all ages on Saturday 14 August, entitled 'Banner of Hope'. It is a drop-in day inspired by the museum's collection of banners and the focus is 'hope'. There will be an opportunity for all to contribute using different techniques such as cross-stitch and silk-painting to create a mega-make community banner made up of fabric jigsaw pieces. Find out more [here](#).

### Forced Labour



Over 20% of the world's cotton is produced in Xinjiang province, China, where thousands of Uyghur Muslims are being forced to labour in garment factories. Ask UK companies to challenge this situation with the help of [this](#) report from JPIT.

# Evangelism and Growth

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## Webinar archive



Don't forget we have an archive of webinars available to watch on topics relating to mission, evangelism, prayer, leadership, pioneering - and so much more! The two most recently added are on poverty in the UK and the ways the Church can respond as part of our Church at the Margins work. Check them out at the bottom of [this page](#).

## Methodist Way of Life



We're looking for stories about how the Methodist way of Life has inspired and supported individuals and communities. A circuit prayer buddy scheme in Lancashire that encourages prayer and fellowship is just one such initiative. What's your story? Find out more [here](#).

# Features

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## Church and Ice Cream



Vincent and Wilfrid are the two buses from where The Ark Bus provides alternative ways of sharing God's love and demonstrating faith through the medium of ice-cream. Jenny Bourne, the co-ordinator for this pioneering project, explains [here](#)

## Climate Justice for All



Climate Justice for All (CJ4A) have released the fifth in their series of monthly short films and worship resources. This month, the short film and worship resources focus on communities in India and their experience of the climate crisis.

Find out more [here](#).

# Prayer

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Andy Dye, Programme Team Leader with Global Relationships, shares this prayer for the Covid vaccine to be available to all.

Watch [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](#).

## Pause for Thought



The Reverend Dawn Saunders Paused For Thought on Radio Two on Monday morning to consider this week's theme 'What I Like Most About The Internet'. You can listen [here](#).

# Spiritual sustenance in isolation



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



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](#)

