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in the Isle of Man



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To the Methodist People of the Isle of Man.

Dear friends,

Along with this letter you will have received, Manx Methodists at Service Together (MMAST) sheets for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of September. These sheets have a dual purpose. If you are connecting with the recorded services on our YouTube channel at [www.methodist.org.im](http://www.methodist.org.im) they will help you to follow the service. If you are not able to do this they act as a stand-alone resource to assist you in your devotions. New versions of MMAST are added each Sunday and can be accessed at any time. I am grateful to all those who are doing the work necessary to make this possible.

The year 2020 will be remembered as the Covid year. However, the Methodist Conference this year, meeting on line, designated the year 2020/21 as a year of prayer. This is the year in which, as a church, we launch *"God for All"* our new Evangelism and Growth strategy.

"Evangelism" comes from a biblical Greek word that literally means "good news". All Christians – not just some – are called to live out the good news of Jesus, who came into the world to set us free and longs for a personal relationship with us and tell others about him. We all have good news to share!

If you have access to the internet you can find out more here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/>

If you don't then watch out for materials in your local church or if you are isolating and would like more information get in touch with me.

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Please pray for all those who are facing an uncertain future at the moment and for those who carry responsibilities for the well-being of others.

Pray most of all that we will be open to God's leading in all that we do as a church on the island. These are exciting times as we see a deepening relationship with SUMT and an increase in our work with young people. We see the development of family friendly church in Peel, Pulrose and other places. We build deeper relationships with other denominations, particularly through the project working with the URC in Ramsey and we await the arrival of a new minister for the south of the island, to build on the good work already done there.

We must not be distracted from our main purpose as expressed in "God for All".

*"The Methodist Church is committed to being a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church – so that new people become disciples of Jesus Christ, faith deepens for everyone, and diverse communities and churches experience transformation".*

Everything we do, every decision we make should be judged against this background.

God Bless.



**A prayer for God to break through in the life of our churches:**

God of love, God for all,  
your purposes are more beautiful than we can possibly imagine.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit.  
Help us let go of all that holds us back.  
Open our lives and our churches to new seasons of humility and faith, of change and growth.  
Shake us up with the Good News of Jesus and show us the way.

**Amen**



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