



Dear friends

Many of you will already be aware that Methodist Conference last week voted to confirm the provisional resolutions connected with the 'God in Love Unites Us' report to Conference 2019. A letter from the President and Vice President of Conference is on the other side of this page in response to that vote.

Information about the resolutions can be found on the Methodist Website or in the God in love Unites us booklets which used when we had discussions in the circuit on this topic in 2019/2020 (although the resolutions have, in some cases, been slightly amended). We will share the Conference Digest with you when that comes out, which should also give more information.

Among other things, this means that, in principle, the marriage of same-sex couples will be able to take place on Methodist premises and conducted by Methodist clergy.

Each Church Council will have the opportunity to consider the implications of this decision for the building of which they are managing trustees, and to decide whether these premises should be registered for marriages of mixed-sex couples, marriages of same-sex couples, or not registered for marriages at all. Resources will be provided to support Church Councils in this decision-making.

In the meantime, we invite you to hold in prayer all those who have been actively engaged in this decision-making process; those who have waited with hope for this decision; and those for whom this decision causes significant pain and anxiety.

Peace, Jo (on behalf of the Circuit ministers)

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The **Methodist Prayer handbook for 2020/21** is titled '**A place for all**' and is priced at £4.15 and can be purchased in standard or large print. It includes a prayer for each day of the month, a reading and hymn for each day of the year.

The **Methodist Diary for 2022** this year is only available as an extended edition in summer yellow or midnight blue or as personal organiser inserts, priced at £11.