

In this time of Social Distancing, here are some websites, Apps and Twitter Feeds that you may find useful:

Useful Websites:

Worship during the coronavirus pandemic. These Service Sheets. Offering short acts of worship have been produced for you if you are unable to attend church. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you?:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/>

The following link will take you to the updated Methodist Churches lay employment advisory information, regarding the CoronaVirus Job Retention Scheme and FAQ's, which came out yesterday:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/employees-and-volunteers/lay-employment-advisory-information/?fbclid=IwAR39AEPobH9avhrTh3HqwFTeMI-SPNXRosCa4qUPydyq0GwrQed9qsAevtM>

COVID-19 pandemic presents immense challenges. This is a regularly-updated hub from YouthScape is dedicated to helping youth leaders respond: <https://www.youthscape.co.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.youthscape.co.uk/services/youth-work-news/social-distancing>

24-7 Prayer International // Sign-Up // The 247 International virtual prayer room for the Coronavirus Pandemic:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/7d2116>

Coronavirus - How to pray Resources:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/coronavirusprayer>

<https://bit.ly/comms-coronavirus> - A crowdsourced index of useful digital communication tools for church leaders, communications teams and church staff to refer to during the coronavirus outbreak.

Ministry Architects - Ideas for Virtual Outreach:

https://ministryarchitects.com/ideas-for-virtual-outreach/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=What+if+the+Church+%3F&utm_campaign=We+re+in+this+together

Youth Specialities Blog: <https://blog.youthspecialities.com/the-trends-of-a-pandemic-a-culture-journal-for-youth-workers/>

Youth for Christ - <https://yfc.co.uk/>

Youth Cartel: instigating a revolution in youth ministry
<https://theyouthcartel.com/>

Roots on the Web – Free Resources:

https://www.rootsontheweb.com/?utm_source=Roots%20For%20Churches%20Limited&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11410865_Social%20isolation%20resources%20March%202020&utm_content=Landing%20page_Se%20free%20ROOTS%20resources&dm_i=1C7U,6SKOH,P5ZPXK,R6PFI,1

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<https://www.creativebiblestudy.com/kids-Bible-lessons-heroes.html>

LifeWay - Free The Gospel Project Digital Curriculum:

<https://ministrygrid.com/gospelproject>

Youth for Christ – free resources and tutorials:

<https://yfc.co.uk/together/>

Share Jesus International:

<https://www.sharejesusinternational.com/>

Easter YouTube Videos from SJI:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtGoNiFBkzgg21liX5gTyQopy8FK0HsJa&mc_cid=0a54b2a4dc&mc_eid=7005f38df4

Coronavirus: A youth ministry liveblog | Youthscape:

<https://www.youthscape.co.uk/coronavirus>

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Mission during the corona virus pandemic – talking to young people:
https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus-guidance/mission-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/talking-to-young-people/?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11411620_Week%20Ahead&dm_i=BVI,6SL9G,HVG6QN,R6RVF,1

Host a Netflix Party – watch a film from Netflix with your children, young people or young adults and their families. See links below about how to do it:
<https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/science-technology/1257839/netflix-party-how-to-host-netflix-tv-binge-with-friends-google-chrome> and
<https://www.netflixparty.com/>

Eden Online Christian Bookshop – free resources:
<https://www.eden.co.uk/coronavirus/>

ThinkuKnow are producing Home Activity packs to support parents and carers during COVID-19 and the closure of schools. Each fortnight, they will be releasing new home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-55215429

ThinkuKnow have also produced Parent Help sheets. To support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online while they are off school, they have produced two help sheets with advice and links to Thinkuknow resources they can use at home.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/parents-helpsheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-55215429

Useful Apps:



YouVersion Bible App

Within the app search for the bible study: *I Declare War* by Levi Lusko. Bible studies within the App can set up to be done as a group



Inner Room: A Prayer App from 24/7 Prayer



Lectio 365: Devotional App



OverDrive: eBooks and Audiobooks – This App allows you to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming video from your local library. So you'll need a Library Card

Who to Follow on Twitter:

Children&Youth – Children, Youth, schools and family news from the Children, Youth & Family Team of the Methodist Church

YouthScape – Working with young people in Luton and resourcing youth work everywhere.

The Youth Cartel – instigating a revolution in youth ministry

YouTube You Can Use:

Below you will find a list of YouTube videos that you can use with your children, young people, young adults and families. These can either be used as links to be just sent out to them to watch whenever they want. Or they can be used as the basis of a WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook online discussion.

Virtual Reality Church https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_bkNkrWdz8 –

Jon Jorgenson's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAnimaSeries> features playlists which include: spoken word, live speaking, can a Christian.....?, 7 minute sermons, a day in the word, coffee time and out of context. I have found these short videos encouraging and challenging in both my life and ministry.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Who You Are: A Message To All Men
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTAn-tk2pDA&t=6s>
- Who You Are: A Message To All Women
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWi5iXnguTU>
- Godless Generation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zng2piCy4RA>
- Good Friday Spoken Word
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fM34Kruv0tM>

Jefferson Bethke's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/bball1989> features loads of spoken word poetry, family vlogs and teaching videos. A highlight is the spoken word poem Why I Hate Religion, But Love Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IAhDGYlpqY>

Rend Collective: The Socially Distance Worship Club

Social distance is good for our health and the health of others. We believe in it and support it. But it's not really good for our souls. We've never done anything quite like this before, but it was good for our hearts. We had house church as a band and streamed it live so you could join us in real time. We plan to do this regularly over the coming days and weeks until this blows over so keep a wee eye out! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVIGO6_2Lw

Friends and Heroes – Children’s Animated Bible Stories:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=friends+and+heroes

Share Jesus International: Easter YouTube Videos for young people and young adults:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtGoNiFBkzgg21liX5gTyQopy8FK0HsJa&mc_cid=0a54b2a4dc&mc_eid=7005f38df4

Saddleback Kids YouTube Videos: including ones for early childhood, junior school (what they call elementary), animated bible stories and worship videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEbM1vIWVubIANRR54YuS0g>

Also the Saddleback Kids curriculum can be found here:

<http://nextgentogo.com/>

Ethos by Youth for Christ: Ethos is a ground-breaking series of films for young adults.... And it’s free!! Produced by Youth for Christ between 2013-2017. Ethos covers a wide range of relevant topics for young adults. Here you'll find animations, spoken word pieces, music tracks and bible studies all aimed at helping reach and disciple young adults in your church.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/YFCYoungAdults>