

Nel says: "These are unprecedented days for us and I am surely holding us all prayer-fully as we journey together. However, our collective worship does not need to cease even when we are unable to attend church services - and there are many ways we can create a worshipful space within our own homes within which we can still share together.

*'The Church of Christ in every age
Beset by change but Spirit led'*

Fred Pratt-Green—Singing the Faith 415



Telephone & Text

~ arrange a time each day or week to phone a chapel friend; have a good chat and then pray with one-another. This may feel a little odd & awkward at first if this is new to you so here's a simple blessing you could share...

*'Dear Lord, please keep us company in these days.
May we know the blessing of Your peace beyond our own
understanding, the assurance of Your loving presence and
a strength greater than our own.*

*In the Name of Jesus, who calls us friend, we pray.
Amen'*

~ send a text to a chapel friend with an encouraging Bible verse.

~ use FaceTime or Skype to have an on-screen face to face conversation with someone. It's always lovely to see a smiling face.

On-Line

~ a worship sheet for a service at home can be found each week on the Methodist Church website: www.methodist.org.uk

Wesley's Chapel in London offers live-stream worship.



Wednesday 12:45

Thursday 12:45

Sunday 9:45 and 11:00.

All these services will be available on YouTube (search for Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission)

Social Media

~ staying connected via Facebook is a very helpful way to communicate, network and worship during these days of isolation. There are many excellent Facebook communities offering excellent worship opportunities and resources.



Here are a few of my recommendations (just search on Facebook to find them)...

Singing The Faith Plus

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

The Methodist Church

The Iona Community

Read a passage of Scripture (I suggest reading slowly through Luke's gospel, just a few verses or a chapter at a time)

Think or make notes of any thoughts, ideas or images that come to mind from the reading.



Thank God for his presence with you.

Phone a friend and chat together about your thinking and discuss any questions you may have.

Radio & Television



~ there are daily Pause for Thought reflections on both Radio 4 and Radio 2. Also, Radio 4 offers a Daily Service every weekday morning at 9.45am on LW and Sunday Worship on Radio 4.

And Songs of Praise is on BBC1 every Sunday afternoon.

Email

Sending out an email each Sunday morning with prayers, links to hymns and a short reflection to enable a simple time of worship at home. Also there can be further thoughts to use over the following week. Share these resources with others in chapels and the Circuit so that we can stay connected and email one another with any insights & thoughts you may have from your time with God.



In addition here is a simple way to create a moment of devotion at home, daily or once a week...



Light a candle and be still. In the quietness accept that God is with you. Sing a favourite hymn or a few remembered lines of a worship song. Or listen to a piece of music either on a CD, a download or via Spotify.

Pray for your family, friends & the wider world.

