The Methodist Church is monitoring the situation around Coronavirus (COVID-19), and to assist the ministers, local preachers, stewards and the congregation of our churches within the district, we recommend the use of these practical precautions to prevent the spread of infection.

**We would ask that:**

* Older Members of the Church and those with underlying health issues should consider not attending the church for the time being particularly if they are worried about the infection.
* You do not attend Church if you are feeling unwell or display symptoms of a cold or have members of their family or household unwell until they have been cleared of any infection.
* You refrain from using Hymnbooks and Bibles and where possible follow the service from screens in the church where available to reduce cross infection
* You currently discontinue offering or taking refreshments following the Service.
* Good hand hygiene is maintained through washing with soap and water or the use of sanitiser gel.
* You refrain from close contact such as shaking hands, hugging or kissing.
* If you cough or sneeze always use tissues, throw them in a bin and wash your hands.
* Offerings are given through a retiring collection on leaving the church.

Due to the nature of this virus our guidance is likely to be amended at short notice.

Further Guidance is available from the Methodist Church Website: Methodist.org.uk