

## REMEMBERING OUR FUTURE PRAYER POD

NIGHT

DAY

20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010

### Remembering Our Future - Resource Pod

Give thanks for Methodist values and traditions:

A simple biblical message proclaimed.

A new way of communicating truth through hymns.

Accountability and discipleship through small group meetings

A concern for social justice... to look after the poor and provide education for the marginalised.

#### **Prayer action:**

Create a graffiti wall or space on the floor using the back of old wall paper rolls or large bits of card. Give people an opportunity to express their praise to God for the things they appreciate about their local Church and the Methodist Church they are part of.

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#### Reflection on tradition. Tradition is....

*passing on customs or beliefs from one generation to another.  
a long established belief or custom  
the method or style established by an artist / writer or movement and  
followed by others.*

“If your traditions do not inspire your children, decide which you really need to keep.” What traditions can you identify in your local church?

Spend some time reflecting on those traditions.  
Are there any that definitely need to be preserved?  
Are there any that can be adapted to serve the church today?  
Are there any that should stop?

#### Prayer Action:

Time capsule – if you were to leave behind some objects/words/phrases that would give people in the future an idea of what you are about as a Church what would they be? Write/draw on the time capsule 1.

Reflect on what people have written/drawn, is this what you want to be known for as a church? On the second time capsule write/draw what you would like to be known for as a Church.

Ask God to help you as the Body of Christ become what you believe He wants you to be.

### Praying for the Methodist Church

That the church would be renewed in worship, witness and wholeness to serve God's Kingdom today.  
That good traditions would not act as a block to mission and outreach today.

Pray for wisdom in preserving the helpful and dispensing with that which is no longer helpful.

#### Links for more information:

[www.irishmethodist.org](http://www.irishmethodist.org)  
[www.wesleyhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.wesleyhistoricalsociety.org.uk)  
[www.methodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurch.org.uk)

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