

Leader's Notes

This order of service can be used as it is or adapted for your own church service. It gives ideas for how to use the resources on this year's theme of additional needs within your JMA Commissioning Service.

Suggested hymns, prayers, Bible reading, talking points and other resources can be downloaded by clicking on the link, or visiting www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs. Copies of the Commissioning Service Sheet can be downloaded (in normal or large print) or ordered from the [Methodist Publishing](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs) website, where it is also available to order in braille.

Suggested Order of Service

Welcome and overview of JMA

How about introducing the theme by asking how many grown-ups in the congregation were JMA collectors as children? If time allows, ask a few adults to talk about their experiences as JMA collectors. What are the similarities and differences between how things were done then compared to now? Use the [information on our website](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs) to summarise JMA's history, promise and mission.

Hymn

See the child-friendly [Suggested Hymns](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs), which complement the additional needs theme.

Opening prayer

Use the [Suggested Prayers](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs) to link to the theme of inclusivity and additional needs.

Bible reading

Our [Memory Verse](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs) provides a suggested Bible reading to introduce the theme.

Hymn

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Commissioning service

Download or order the [JMA Commissioning Service Sheet](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs).

PowerPoint presentation

We strongly recommend you share the [PowerPoint](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs) presentation with your church. This talks about the key theme of inclusivity, as well as giving examples of projects that work with children with additional needs, including King George VI (KGV) School in Zimbabwe.

Extra activity

We have provided three **Sign Language** activities. You could also use the **Drama Script** to act out Jesus healing a paralysed man, the **Quiz** to match the celebrity to the disability, and the **Talking Points** to prompt discussions on how your church could be more inclusive.

Video

Share the **Video** of KGV schoolchildren singing *This is Me* and get the children in your church to sing along! The song is also available as an **audio file**.

Prayer

Use the **Prayer** resource to help guide your prayers for KGV School, as well as praying for inclusivity in your church.

Offering prayer, collection and hymn

Make use of the **Prayer** and **Hymn** resources for your service.

Sending out prayer

Use the ready-made **Prayer**, or close the service by screening the video of the **Lord's Prayer** in sign language.

Blessing

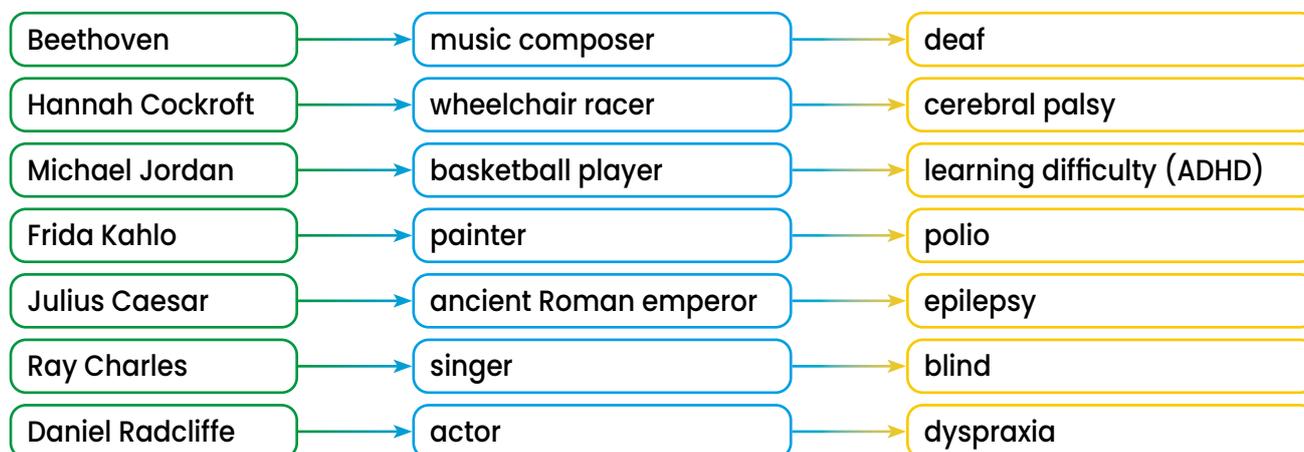
Extra activities

Use these extra activities to encourage your JMA group and congregation to think about how they can be more welcoming towards people with additional needs.

1. **Sign language:** print out enough copies of the British Sign Language **BSL Greetings** and/or the **BSL Alphabet A-Z** for two people to share, downloadable from www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs Get children to pair up and practise using some greetings together. Can they spell their name out? When you regroup, ask children to come to the front and demonstrate what they have learnt.
2. **Lord's Prayer in sign language:** do you have someone in your congregation who could teach the Lord's Prayer in sign language? If not, watch the video of the **Lord's Prayer** in sign language together. Now play it again and get the children to try and imitate some of the sign language. You can follow up with questions like: which words did they find the easiest to understand? Which words did they enjoy learning the most? You could also close the service by getting everyone to say the Lord's Prayer together in sign language.
3. **Drama:** download the **Script** for children to act out *Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man* from www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs Your group could rehearse beforehand and perform the play on the day of the commissioning, or you could get them to perform it another time.

4. **Match the Celebrity Quiz:** Print out copies of this **Quiz** and see how many celebrities people can match up to their role and disability. Answers below.
5. **Talking Points:** Add a ramp, create a 'safe space', introduce sign language to your services... this sheet provides practical ideas to get your church talking.

Answers: Match the Celebrity Quiz



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