

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,
and welcome to
The Week
Ahead.


Monday 14
March marks
the beginning

of [National Spring Cleaning Week](#). We give a special **'thank you'** to all those who work behind the scenes, week-in, week-out, at keeping our churches clean and tidy all year round.

Michael Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on 07881 783812.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Toby

 On the box

[The Secret History of My Family](#)

Tonight 10 Mar
BBC 2, 8:00pm

A new documentary charting 200 years of social history through the lives of four families.

[Digging for Britain](#)

Monday 14 Mar
BBC 4, 8:00pm

Visiting archaeologist digs across Britain, beginning with recent developments at Salisbury Museum.

[Britain's Holiest Places](#)

Tuesday 15 Mar
BBC 4, 7:30pm

Exploring the myths and legends behind Britain's most holiest places.

Community Land Trust

The Community Land Trust has launched a **radical new housing scheme** which offers brand new homes for a third of the market value to local people. To find out more, you can [click here](#) to watch Methodist minister, the Revd Paul Regan, talk about the initiative on the BBC's Sunday Politics programme.

Connecting Disciples Catch Up

If you weren't able to make the Connecting Disciples Conference this week, you can **catch up** on some of the sessions [online here](#), including **keynote addresses** by President of Conference, the Revd Steve Wild, and Vice-President, Dr Jill Barber.

Your deeds don't define you

From **Friday 11 March until Saturday 2 April**, the [Holy Biscuit](#) - a Methodist arts organisation based in Shieldfield, Newcastle - will be curating a **community art exhibition** all about forgiveness and reconciliation. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Strength in Diversity

Monday 21 March marks the [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#). In the lead up to the day, people across Europe are taking part in activities to raise awareness from **12-21 March**. [Click here](#) to see some of the events **taking place near you**.

Your will is your legacy

If you are considering **leaving a gift in your will** to the Methodist Church in Britain, the Legacy Team would like to [hear from you](#). Offering **free, personal and confidential advice**, the team can talk you through what's involved and how legacies can go a long way toward furthering the calling of the Methodist Church.

Radio

Sunday

Sunday 13 Mar

BBC Radio 4, 07:10am

Vice-President Jill Barber speaks on the heritage and history of conscientious objectors in the lead up to the 100th anniversary service next week.

Sunday Breakfast

Sunday 13 Mar

BBC Stoke, 08:08am

Presenter Liz Ellis speaks with Jill Barber about the upcoming 100th anniversary service for legal conscientious objection next week.

Syrian Voices

Monday 14 Mar

BBC Radio 4, 12:04pm

Lyse Doucet explores the effects of the conflict in Syria five years after it began.

See [The Radio Times](#) for further listings.

This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** online [here](#). If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, [click here](#) and the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales [click here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Americas, the Middle East, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Gathering Storm**, written by local preacher Naomi Oates.

Video Thursday: Sandylands update

Sandylands Methodist Church, Kendal, was one of the many buildings affected by last year's **flooding** across the North of Britain. [This week's video](#) shows how their building work is progressing and is a **stark reminder** of the effects that the floods are still having many months on.

The Week Ahead is a regular mailing that aims to give people a heads up on upcoming events and opportunities, as well as highlighting new information and resources. We don't always remember everything, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.