

## 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.