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## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



*Hi everyone,  
and welcome to  
The Week  
Ahead.*

*Tomorrow,  
Friday 12  
August,*

is **International Youth Day**, which this year focuses on achieving the '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' and eradicating poverty. [Click here](#) for details and resources.

**Andy Jackson** will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on **0207 467 5111**.

*If it's not an emergency, please [pop us an email](#); we'd love to hear from you!*

*God bless,*

*Toby*



## On the box

**Songs of Praise**  
**Sunday 14 August**  
**BBC Two, 4:25pm**

Josie D'Arby meets Christians in the traveller community.

[An Hour to Save Your Life](#)

## The new Prayer Handbook

The **new** Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2016/17, **Freedoms to Share**, is now available to order from the [Methodist Publishing website](#). A large print edition is also available [here](#).

## Film Resources

**Ethos Media** has released a [collection of church resources](#) for all ages based on the Disney blockbuster **Pete's Dragon**, showing at cinemas from tomorrow (Friday 12). These ecumenical resources cover a range of activities and reflections based on the film and are **specifically aimed at churches and small groups**.

## Youth President Induction

The induction of **Tim Annan** as the new Methodist Youth President will be **streamed live** from Harrowby Lane Methodist Church in Grantham on **Sunday 14 August at 6:30pm**. [Click here](#) to watch the service.

## Echo Chamber

A [sound and photography exhibition](#) from the **Quakers in Britain** is being held to mark **100 years of conscientious objection**. The exhibition will be open daily from next Thursday (18 August) at Friends House in London. For resources and videos marking 100 years of conscientious objection, [click here](#).

## Sacred Activists

**Places still available**. Based in London, [Sacred Activists](#) is a programme funded by the Methodist Church for **young people aged 18-36** to inspire, encourage and develop a hunger for change. This nine-month **interfaith leadership programme** starts in September, and any applications should be [submitted asap](#).

## Mediterranean Hope

**Tuesday 16 August**  
**BBC Two, 9:00pm**

Medical science series exploring the life or death decisions facing doctors in the first critical hour of emergency care.

### [The Olympics](#)

**All Week**

**BBC One, Various**

If you hadn't noticed, the 2016 Olympics are taking place, featuring a variety of sporting events live from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## Radio

### [All Things Considered](#)

**Friday 12 August**

**BBC Radio Wales**

**12:10am**

Roy Jenkins meets Professor Alister McGrath and talks about science and faith.

### [Sunday Worship](#)

**Sunday 14 August**

**BBC Radio 4, 8:10am**

100 years on from the battle of the Somme we often remember those who fought, but what of those who were left behind bereaved?

### [Daily Service](#)

**Monday 15 August**

**BBC Radio 4 LW, 9:45am**

The first in a week-long series on famous hymn writers, starting with a focus on 19th century Irish hymn writer, Cecil Frances Alexander.

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

**Two young Methodists** from Swan Bank Methodist Church have **journeyed to Sicily** to help with the **Mediterranean Hope programme**, an ecumenical charity based in Italy devoted to caring for migrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea. Lucy and Charlotte have been **blogging about their experiences**, which you can read and share [here](#).

## Parliament

**Parliament** might be in recess for the summer, but politics never stops! For the **latest political updates** from a uniquely Christian perspective, be sure to check **the Joint Public Issues Team** [website](#).

## Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to **pray with** Christians in the Americas, the Middle East, India, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Prayer and Providence** written by the Revd Dr Richard Clutterbuck.

## Video Thursday: Missing Type

[This week's film](#) comes from the **Missing Type campaign**, highlighting the **importance of giving blood**. The campaign asks organisations to **omit the letters ABO** from your logo, website and social media posts to help raise awareness.

*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.