

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello and welcome to The Week Ahead.

*With **Pentecost** this weekend, we start looking*



towards Aldersgate and Wesley Days on 22 and 24 May.

*I will be staffing the **emergency** out-of-hours support line this week (07881 783812).*

If it's not an emergency, why not pop us an email? We'd love to hear from you!

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

World Fair Trade Day

Saturday, 14 May, is World Fair Trade Day celebrating the **difference** we can all make to the world by how we source the things we **buy**. You can find out more [here](#).

Healing Conference

On Saturday, 14 May, the annual Healing Conference takes place at **Methodist Central Hall Westminster**. Keynote speaker the Revd Dr Russ Parker, former Director of Acorn Healing Foundation, will speak on "**Re-discovering the Power of Blessing**". Admission £5 at the door. See [here](#) for further details.

Christian Aid Week

This year's **fundraising** week takes place from 15 to 21 May with more than 20,000 churches taking part across the UK. Christian Aid aims to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from **poverty**. Last minute ideas, resources and information are available [here](#).

Transforming the World

On 19 May Methodist Vice President Jill Barber will formally open the exhibition 'Transforming the World from the Kitchen' at the **Old Rectory**, Epworth. The exhibition celebrates women's movements in Methodism, the contemporary work of **Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)** and examines the role of Susanna Wesley as the 'Mother of Methodism'. Click [here](#) for details.

Secret Life of John Wesley

Special events are being planned at Wesley's Chapel in London as part of celebrations on Wesley Day, 24 May. Wesley's home on City Road will be brought back to life with **costumed** volunteers telling the story of life at the house in the 18th century. You can learn more about the Chapel, house and museum [here](#).

On the box

[Let's Do It: Tribute to Victoria Wood](#)

Sunday 15 May
ITV1, 7:30pm

A celebration of the life of one of the nation's most loved comediennes with tributes from friends and colleagues.

[BBC Young Musician 2016 Final](#)

Sunday 15 May
BBC4, 7:00pm

Finalists face the challenge of performing a concerto alongside the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

[Upstart Crow](#)

Monday 16 May
BBC2, 10:00pm

The new sitcom based around the life of Shakespeare.

Radio

[Shared Experience](#)

Tuesday 17 May
BBC Radio 4, 3:30pm

Fi Glover talks to three people where the simple accident of falling has had a dramatic impact on their lives.

[The Power of Cute](#)

Tuesday 17 May
BBC Radio 4, 11:00am

From babies in buckets to kittens in cardigans - what is the science behind why we find these images "cute".

[Dennis Skinner V Dementia](#)

Tuesday 17 May
BBC Radio 2, 10:00pm

One of the nation's most vocal politicians talks about how he wards off his family's predisposition for dementia.

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

Tearfund Volunteers

The Christian **antipoverty** charity, Tearfund, is offering those aged 18-25 a chance to spend three months volunteering abroad in **Bangladesh** or **South Africa** on development projects. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 Caribbean, the Americas and India as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Work of the Spirit** written by the Revd Dr Cindy Wesley.

Video Thursday: This is Christian Aid

Discover how Christian Aid works globally for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty to ensure equality, dignity and freedom for all. To watch click [here](#).

