

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


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

It is with  
deep sadness that the  
Methodist Ministers'  
Housing Society (MMHS)  
has [announced](#) the sudden  
death of **Debbie Faulkner**,  
Chair of its board. Her  
family and friends are in  
our thoughts and prayers.

**Andy Jackson** will be  
staffing the out-of-hours  
media support line this  
week on **020 7467 5170**.

God bless,

Toby Fairclough  
Media Officer

 On the box[Abortion on Trial](#)

**Monday 16 Oct**  
**BBC Two, 9:00pm**

Fifty years after the  
Abortion Act was passed,  
Anne Robinson brings  
together a group of nine  
people with conflicting  
views on abortion.

[The Most Dangerous  
Man in Tudor England](#)

**Tuesday 17 Oct**  
**BBC FOUR, 11:30pm**

Melvyn Bragg explores the  
dramatic story of William  
Tyndale and his mission to  
translate the Bible into  
English.

[Army: Behind the New  
Frontlines](#)

**Wednesday 18 Oct**  
**BBC Two, 9:00pm**

## Challenge Poverty Week

Next week, **15-21 October**, marks Challenge Poverty Week 2017. The Church of Scotland has produced a **free resource** offering prayer suggestions for each day of the week. For more information, [click here](#).

## History maker

Methodist Central Hall Westminster will be celebrating **500 years** since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, with **music, drama and preaching** on **29 October**. This event is free to attend and more information can be found [online here](#).

## Britain's Broken Promise

On **Tuesday 31 October**, the Balfour Project will be holding a special event marking the **centenary of the Balfour Declaration**, in words, film and music at Methodist Central Hall Westminster. Speakers at the event will include MPs and religious leaders. The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have welcomed this event as a "**serious and reflective attempt to appraise the outcome of political decisions taken a century ago**," consistent with the spirit of memorials accepted by this year's Methodist Conference.

[Click here](#) for more information and to book your tickets.

## ICAN win Nobel Peace Prize

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference congratulated the **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** (ICAN) on being awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** last Friday. [Click here](#) to read on.

## Prayer requests

The editor of the **Methodist Prayer Handbook** is looking for prayer suggestions for next year's edition, **A World Transformed by God's Love**. Please submit your prayers and ideas to [prayerhandbook@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:prayerhandbook@methodistchurch.org.uk). For

This new series goes into the heart of the British Army, told through the eyes of the soldiers and officers themselves.

## Radio

### [Something Understood](#)

**Sunday 15 Oct**  
**BBC Radio 4, 6:05am**

Mark Tully considers the wisdom of trying to keep things simple.

### [Sunday Worship](#)

**Sunday 15 Oct**  
**BBC Radio 4, 8:10am**

The Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp leads today's service anticipating St Luke's Day, the patron saint of Physicians.

### [Choral Evensong](#)

**Wednesday 18 Oct**  
**BBC Radio 3, 3:30pm**

Live from Gloucester Cathedral on the Feast of Luke the Evangelist.

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

submission guidelines and for more information, visit [the website](#).

## Congratulations Victoria!

The first winner of the coveted **Bill Seddon Scholarship award**, from the **Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**, has been announced as **Victoria Watson**. Victoria, a student at Oxford University, won the £6,000 award for her impressive essay on a Christian approach to ethical investing. [Click here](#) to read more.

## This week in Parliament

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

## Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Caribbean, the Americas, the Middle East, India, Asia, Britain, Ireland and around the world. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **the Eternal Priest** written by the Revd Helen Cameron and Anna Drew.

## Video Thursday: All Together Now

On Tuesday 10 October, the Methodist Church and the Bible Reading Fellowship held a conference exploring **intergenerational Church**, which was live-streamed to hundreds of people **around the world**. If you weren't able to join us, you can catch up for yourself [here](#).

***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.*