

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


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

*This week we'll
be asking for
photos of your
church and we'll find out
more about this
weekend's **Freedom
Sunday**.*

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

*Wishing you all a wonderful
week,*

*Michael Ivatt
Lead Media Officer*

 On the box

[Tutankhamun](#)
Sunday 16 Oct
ITV1 9:00pm

A new four-part drama set in 1905, telling the story of Howard Carter, the eminent British archaeologist, and his expedition to the Valley of the Kings.

**[Who's Spending
Britain's Billions?](#)**

Tuesday 18 Oct
BBC2 8:00pm

Uncovering what is happening behind closed doors in cash-strapped Britain and the impact of local councils signing contracts with management consultancy firms.

**[Aberfan:
The Fight for Justice](#)**

Freedom Sunday

This Sunday, October 16, is Freedom Sunday with prayer, worship and action on **human trafficking**. The day encourages awareness and prayer to tackle human trafficking and highlights the **compassion** for the men, women and children who are trafficked and exploited around the world. For more information and resources click [here](#).

Church photos wanted

To help with a new church resources project, Andy Jackson, Director of Publishing and Communications, wants **pictures of your church**. He needs to see what your church looks like for people walking or driving past and photos of the **noticeboards** people see when entering the premises. Photos taken with phones are ideal. Please email the photos to publishing@methodistchurch.org.uk

Depression Awareness Days

Two events are being held to help churches support those living with depression and their **families**. The events consider **depression** from a **clinical, personal and pastoral perspective**. They take place on Saturday 29 October in Penrith and Saturday 5 November in Newcastle. You can read more about the events, run by charity Peertalk, [here](#).

Outcome newsletter

Outcome, the organisation supporting the **LGBTQ** community in the Methodist Church, has uploaded its latest **newsletter**. To read it click [here](#).

Mission podcast

The Revd Dr Val Ogden, who has been a Mission Partner in **Fiji** since August 2014, discusses some of the highs

Tuesday 18 Oct
BBC1 10:45pm

Fifty years ago, a coal tip crashed down on a village in south Wales, killing 144 people including 116 children. Huw Edwards traces the story of Aberfan's decades-long battle for justice.

Radio

[Song of the Singer](#)
[Sewing Machine](#)

Sunday 16 Oct
Radio 4 8:00pm

The song of the Singer has whirred its way through more than 160 years. Maria Margaronis considers the might of the sewing machine to make empires and to change lives for better or worse.

[Green Cities from Bricks and Mortar](#)

Monday 17 Oct
Radio 4 8:00pm

Historian Dan Cruickshank discovers whether the government's proposed new Garden Cities programme is the answer to our housing crisis or a blight on lifestyles and landscapes.

[Soul Music: Jerusalem](#)

Tuesday 18 Oct
Radio 4 11:30am

The programme considers "Jerusalem", a very English song that is held in the hearts and memories of people from different backgrounds and cultures.

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

and lows of her work and experiences during **Cyclone Winston**. To listen, click [here](#).

New Principal for LST

The **London School of Theology** has announced that the Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel will be its next Principal. Dr Samuel is currently Director of the **Wesley Study Centre**, Durham, and Academic Dean of St John's College within the University of Durham. For more information, click [here](#).

Connecting Disciples

Connecting Disciples 2017 is holding two events **next year**, 6-9 March at High Leigh Christian Conference Centre, Hoddesdon and 9-11 June at at Cliff College, Derbyshire. Connecting Disciples is the annual Methodist conference for all **lay employees** and **children & youth workers**. For more information and to book, click [here](#).

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 and the Americas, the Middle East, India and Asia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Doubting and Trusting** written by **the Revd Will Fletcher**.

Video Thursday: Christians in Aleppo

As airstrikes continue, this film offers a moving account of how Christians in Aleppo are bringing the message of **God's love** to those living in this war-torn place. To see the video from charity Opendoors, click [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.*