

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to The Week Ahead.


Our **hearts, thoughts and prayers** are with the people of [Jakarta](#) and [Turkey](#) following the devastating attacks today and earlier this week.

This **Monday** (18 January) is [Martin Luther King Jr Day](#) and the start of the [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#). Click on the links above to find out more.

Andy Jackson will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (020 7467 5111).

God bless,

Toby

 On the box

Songs of Praise
Sunday 17 Jan
BBC ONE, 4:25pm

John Craven visits Sandylands Methodist Church to uncover acts of kindness and community spirit in the aftermath of the recent devastating floods.

Britain's Muslim Soldiers
Monday 18 Jan
BBC WORLD NEWS
5:30pm

Documentary telling the story of Muslims who gave their lives fighting for Britain.

Dying for a six pack
Tuesday 19 Jan
BBC ONE, 10:45pm
Reggie Yates investigates

Christian-Muslim conversations

All are invited to attend a **public lecture and reception** on Friday 22 January at St Katharine's, London, outlining the latest developments in Christian-Muslim relations in Africa. The event is free to attend but **RSVPs must be in by tomorrow** (Friday 15). [Click here to find out more.](#)

Je suis Refugee

Methodist ministers in London will be holding a vigil outside the French Embassy on **Monday 18 January**, 12 noon until 3pm, **in protest at** the poor conditions of refugee camps at Calais and Dunkirk. All are welcome to join. [Please contact the Revd David Haslam](#) for more information.

Good news galore!

I've collated a **Bumper Buzz Special** to celebrate the wealth of **good-news stories** received from across the Connexion last year, which you can [read for yourself here](#). For more good-news stories from the Methodist people, why not follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

Podcasts

We've got **two new podcasts** up [on the website](#) for you: 1) the Revd Dr Paul Glass talks to Michael Ivatt about **life at Kent College** and 2) Toby Fairclough speaks to mission partners Paul Collins and Maura Cook about their work in **El Salvador**.

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

the impact that male body culture is having on young British men.

Radio

Sunday

Sunday 17 Jan
BBC Radio 4, 7:10am

A look at the ethical and religious issues of the week.

The Great Hymn Writers
Sunday 17 Jan
Premier Christian Radio,
7:00pm

Wendy Craig looks at the life and work of the great hymn writers of the past.

Choral Evensong
Wednesday 20 Jan
BBC Radio 3, 3:30pm

Choral Vespers live from the Church of the London Oratory.

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

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible study is **Glory and Power**.

Video Thursday: One Programme

[Today's video](#) features previous One Programme Participants (OPPs) **sharing their stories** from their placements. The One Programme is a paid year of work for young people aged 16 to 23, working for local projects and the Connexion. **Applications for hosts are now open**, and if you have a church or project that could benefit from an OPP, why not [visit the website for more details](#).

***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.*