

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone,
and welcome to
The Week Ahead.


Our thoughts
and prayers are
with all those

affected by the **Grenfell Tower fire** and the response teams still dealing with the situation. The Chairs of the London District have written a [statement and prayer for the situation](#). The London District is also accepting **donations** for support and relief. Please contact [Sam Redding](#) for more information.

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

Pitch Battle
Saturday, 17 June
BBC 1, 7:30pm

Mel Giedroyc presents the new series of this choral music contest, which sees choirs of all sizes compete in a series of head-to-head challenges.

Brexit means Brexit
Wednesday, 21 June
BBC2, 9:00pm

Patrick Forbes goes beyond the headlines to film the battle to govern Britain, in the aftermath of last year's Referendum vote.

New Principal of Cliff College

Cliff College is pleased to announce the appointment of **the Revd Ashley Cooper** as the **next Principal of Cliff College**. For more information and background on what Ashley hopes to bring to the role, [click here](#).

Lambeth Cross award

Former Vice-President of the Conference, **Professor Peter Howdle**, has been awarded the Lambeth Cross for his "**outstanding contribution to Anglican-Methodist relations**". [Click here](#) to read more.

Refugee Week

Next week, **19-25 June**, is Refugee Week - a UK-wide programme of arts, culture and educational events **celebrating the contribution of refugees to the UK**. [Click here](#) for information and resources.

The Methodist Conference is coming

The Presbyteral Session of the Conference is only **one week away** (22-23 June), with the Representative Session following afterwards (24-29 June). **For highlights** of what to expect, [click here](#).

The Conference online

As with previous years, even if you're not at the Conference itself, you can still **join in from home** using the [live streaming page](#) and **share in the conversations** on social media using [#MethodistConf](#).

Ordinations at the Conference

[Who should we let in?](#)

Thursday, 22 June
BBC2, 9:00pm

As Brexit Britain prepares to draw up new rules on immigration, Ian Hislop explores how Britain has tackled border-control in the past.

Radio

[Prayer for the Day](#)

Friday, 16 June
Radio 4, 5:43am

Former Connexional Team Lead Media Officer, Anna Drew, offers a spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day.

[Daily Service](#)

Friday, 16 June
Radio 4, 09:44am

Spiritual reflection and prayers led by the Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel.

[Moral Maze](#)

Wednesday, 21 June
Radio 4, 8:00pm

Combative, provocative and engaging debate chaired by Michael Buerk.

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

Following the Reception into Full Connexion and Conference Worship in the morning, ordinations will be taking place in the afternoon of **Sunday 25 June**. For more details and to **order your free tickets**, [click here](#).

Exhibitors and Fringe Events

Details of Exhibitors and Fringe Events are **available on [the Conference pages of the website](#)**. While Fringe Events are free to attend, many must be **booked in advance** to avoid missing out. Please [see here](#) for more information, and for booking details please see the relevant [daily timetable](#) page (and scroll to the bottom).

Travelling concert

The First United Methodist Church Celebration Singers, from Illinois, USA, will be performing a collection of musical pieces to select audiences next week in London, Lincolnshire and Bristol - including Charles Wesley's "**And can it be?**" For times, addresses and booking information, [click here](#).

Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Middle East, India, Asia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **The Glory of the Lamb** written by **the Revd Dr Val Ogden**, Director of Theological Education by extension at the Pacific Theological College of Fiji.

Video Thursday: Reflecting on *Thy Kingdom Come*

[In this week's film](#), the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, reflects on the **10 days of prayer** across the world as part of **Thy Kingdom Come project**.

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.

