

The Week Ahead

Hi everyone,

*It feels like
Autumn is well
and truly here
so I hope you're
all wrapped up warm.*

*We've got some fantastic
resources, events
and opportunities for you
this week.*

*Toby Scott will be staffing
the out-of-hours support
line this week
(07976208360).*

*Wishing you all a wonderful
week,*

Anna

Sunday Morning Live Sunday, 10am, BBC1

As Sunday Morning Live celebrates Faith in the World Week, Sian Williams is joined by a panel of guests to discuss the moral and ethical issues of the day.

Antiques Road Show Sunday, 8pm, BBC1

Fiona Bruce presents from Plymouth's Royal William

Hope is coming this Advent

A **free advent resource**, 'Keeping Hope Alive', has just been released by the Methodist Church. Focusing on the significant works of the Church's Mission in Britain Fund, the resources include real-life stories, leader's notes, a service outline and suggested prayers. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Further progress on safeguarding

The **Methodist Council** has heard of the progress made by the Church in addressing the concerns of the Past Cases Review. This includes the creation of a draft supervision policy for ministers, guidance on best practice for record-keeping and storage and a review of the Church's safeguarding training material. Click [here](#) for more info and [here](#) for the full list of Council papers.

The band is recruiting

Do you know someone aged between 12 - 18 who is associated with the Methodist Church and plays a brass instrument? The **Methodist Youth Brass Band** are recruiting new members now. For more information [email the band](#), visit them on [Facebook](#), or join them at Littleover Methodist Church on 17 October for their next concert.

Wellbeing for One Mission

On 20 October, the Birmingham District will be hosting a day for all those who have a heart for God's mission, **lay and ordained**. The day will include time for worship through silence and prayer, a celebration of holy

Yard. Items to be valued include painting 'The Preacher' by Stanhope Forbes, brought in by Plymouth Superintendent the Revd Dave Martin.

Born in the Wrong Body

**Tuesday, 11:05pm,
Channel 4**

Documentary about a controversial American camp for transgender adolescents and their parents, where the teenagers face huge dilemmas, including whether or not to start taking hormones to stop the onset of male puberty.

Is Britain Racist?

**Tuesday, 11:35pm,
BBC1 (12:05am in
Wales, 12:35am in
Scotland)**

Mona Chalabi sends Jewish, Muslim and black reporters undercover to conduct a series of experiments designed to see how they are treated by the public.

Sunday Worship

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

Sunday Worship marks the beginning of National Adoption Week with a service of readings and music reflecting the joys and challenges of life for adoptive families.

communion, story sharing and discussion of models of wellbeing. Click [here](#) to find out more.

World Federation Day

On Saturday **24 October** Methodist Women in Britain will celebrate World Federation Day, marking the founding of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. There will be a World Federation event at Towcester Road Methodist Church in Northampton, which will focus on the Millennium Development Goals and the progress that has been made towards achieving these targets. More details [here](#).

Get creative

The **Premier Digital Conference** will take place on 14 November in London. In partnership with the CODEC Research Centre in Durham, the Conference aims to enable people to make an impact online through what they create. Whether your interest is websites, social media, theology, blogging, communications, digital arts or evangelism - there's something for everyone. Find out more and book your place [here](#).

Church insurance made simple

Methodist Insurance has created a new set of easy to follow guides to help you understand your church insurance cover. The Made Simple guides cover the main topics they are asked about by customers, in a straightforward way. Each guide includes links to more information including simple checklists, template forms and more detailed guidance. You can find them all [here](#).

This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** online [here](#). Scottish Parliament is currently in recess but for the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales click [here](#).

Pause for Thought

Monday, 5:45am,

BBC Radio 2

With the Revd Michaela Youngson.

Faith in the World

Monday, 10pm,

BBC Radio 2

In this special programme for BBC Radio 2's Faith in the World Week, Nelufar Hedayat considers the challenges facing young people in today's multi-media, multi-faith world.

Daily Service

Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:45am, BBC Radio 4 LW

A space for spiritual reflection led by the Revd Peter Whittaker (Tues) and the Revd Roger Hutchings (Wed).

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

Reflections

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 studies is **Fullness of Life**, written by the Revd Caroline Wickens.

Video Thursday: What makes you happy?

We've seen lots of takes on Pharrell Williams' massive hit 'Happy', but [this week's video](#) takes a different angle, challenging the **stigma of mental illness** and focusing on what makes people happy.