

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


*This week we
look at the
urgent need to
support All We
Can's East
Africa Famine
Appeal and a
range of
upcoming*

*training courses and
seminars.*

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

*Wishing you all a wonderful
week,*

*Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer*

 On the box

**[Tonight: Famine
Millions on the Brink](#)**
Thursday, 16 March
ITV, 7:30pm

Featuring Knaresborough's
Gracious Street Methodist
Church fundraising to
support the All We Can
East Africa Famine Appeal.

**[Countryfile Spring
Diaries](#)**
Sunday, 19 March
BBC1, 2:00pm

A look at the impact of the
arrival of spring around the
nation, with John Craven
and Keeley Donovan
kicking things off by
investigating what makes
the season's weather so
special.

East Africa Famine Appeal

All We Can and the World Church Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain are calling for help to **meet the needs of many in East African countries**. To read more about the appeal and how you and your church can contribute, click [here](#). The appeal is featured on the Tonight programme this evening on ITV1 at 7:30pm.

International Day of Happiness

Cheer up, as 20 March is the **United Nations** International Day of Happiness! To see how you can fulfill the pledge to "**create more happiness in the world**", click [here](#).

Heart Strangely Warmed

The Lutheran, Moravian and Methodist Churches are pleased to invite you to a day of **music, workshops, academic discussion and worship**. The event takes place on 20 May 2017 at the Moravian Church and School at Fulneck, Pudsey, West Yorkshire. The theme of the day is "My Heart Strangely Warmed", with a special focus on music and hymnody. Click [here](#) for booking information.

Thy Kingdom Come - Roots resources

New resources are available on the Roots website as part of the Thy Kingdom Come **global wave of prayer** to take place 25 May to 4 June. Roots is an ecumenical partnership, involving the Methodist Church, to help plan **inspiring worship, encourage discipleship** and nurture children and young people in their faith. To access the resources, click [here](#).


Five Days of Heaven

A five-day community event for **Spiritual Formation** takes place in Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne, Northern Ireland from Sunday 28 May to Friday 2

[Inside Porton Down: Britain's Secret Weapons Research Facility](#)

**Tuesday, 21 March
BBC Four, 9:00pm**

Dr Michael Mosley investigates Britain's most secretive and controversial military research base, Porton Down, on its 100th anniversary.

 **Radio**

[Friday Night is Music Night](#)

**Friday, 17 March
BBC Radio 2, 10:00pm**

Comedian, conductor, writer and musician Rainer Hersch prepares for this year's Comic Relief appeal with a concert recorded at the Watford Colosseum, in which he sets out to prove that classical music does not have to be 'serious'.

[From Savage to Self](#)

**Saturday, 18 March
BBC Radio 4, 9:00pm**

Farrah Jarral looks at the complex and controversial relationship between anthropologists and armed conflict.

[Something Understood](#)

**Sunday, 19 March
BBC Radio 4, 6:05am**

Mark Tully discusses religious piety, questioning what is understood by the term and how achievable it is.

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

June. The theme for the week is "living lightly in today's world". For more information click [here](#).

Mental Health Matters

Taking place at Cliff College on the 2 June, this event provides **training, support and advice** for people in the Church wanting to learn about **mental health** issues. Booking details can be found [here](#).

Staunen!2018

Tickets are now on sale for the **Staunen!2018 festival in Germany**. Organised in cooperation with the European Methodist Council, the Festival takes place from 9 to 13 May, 2018. Events are held in German, English and other languages. Click [here](#) for more details.

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 India, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Preaching and Example** written by **Anna Drew**.

Video Thursday: Behind the Scenes at the Methodist Conference

This week's [film](#) is Behind the Scenes at the Methodist Conference (2016) with Amy Green, a Media Volunteer. If you would like to get involved as a conference media team volunteer email us [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.