

## 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.*