

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


Today is **A-level**

results day! Whatever the grades, well done for all of the hard work you've put in. If you didn't get what you were hoping for, [here's an article from the BBC](#) to help.

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

[Taxi of Mum and Dad](#)
Thursday 17 Aug
Channel 4, 9:00pm

A one-off documentary exploring the joys and challenges of parenting teenagers today.

[Songs of Praise](#)
Sunday 20 Aug
BBC One, 2:45pm

Sally Magnusson is in Edinburgh to celebrate 70 years of its world-famous international festival.

[The Pacemakers](#)
Thursday 24 Aug
BBC Two, 8:00pm

A documentary following men over the age of 90 as they pursue their dreams of becoming gold-medal winners.

Sierra Leone

Earlier this week, Sierra Leone's capitol, Freetown, was struck by extreme flooding and a landslide which has led to more than 300 confirmed deaths and hundreds of people still missing.

Our Africa Partnership Coordinator, Dr Olubunmi Olayisade, and the President of the Conference, the Revd Loraine N Mellor, have offered their **reflections and prayers** [here](#).

If you would like **to make a donation** toward the relief effort, the World Church Relationships Team and All We Can are collecting funds to be passed directly to our partners in the area. [Click here](#) to find out how you can help.

Embrace love

As people of faith struggle to make sense of the recent **racial violence** in Charlottesville, America, **the United Methodist Church** has responded with [a statement and resources](#), **embracing love and denouncing racism**.

New Chair for MHA

Methodist Homes, MHA, has announced the appointment of **John Robinson** as the new Chair of its Board of Trustees. [See here](#) for more details.

Creation Time

This year's [Creation Time](#) theme is **Journeying with God**, exploring God's invitation to join the journey of care for all creation, with contributions from the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Church, the Salvation Army and the Scottish Episcopal Church. Marking the start of the month of reflection, the Pope has also called for Christians around the world to join in a [Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#) on September 1.

Prayer and fasting

As well as being the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 1 also marks the **new Methodist Connexional Year**. To mark the occasion and encourage us to share the love of God, the 2017 Methodist Conference called on churches to share in a

Radio

[Daily Service](#)

Friday 18 Aug

BBC Radio 4LW, 9:44am

A spiritual reflection and prayers from the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins.

[The Listening Project](#)

Sunday 20 Aug

BBC Radio 4, 2:45pm

Fi Glover introduces conversations between young people about recognising the needs of others.

[Choral Evensong](#)

Wednesday 23 Aug

BBC Radio 3, 3:30pm

Live from Edington Priory during the 2017 Festival of Music within the Liturgy.

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

day of prayer and fasting. Resources and reflections can be found [here](#).

Changing church

The **Susanna Wesley Foundation** is holding their annual conference on **Wednesday 6 September**, providing an opportunity to explore the importance of **change and transformation**. Practitioners, church leaders and academics will be providing thoughtful debate and reflections. To register your place for this free event, [click here](#).

Chirp for Joy!

All We Can, Methodist relief and development, has a range of new materials to help you celebrate this **harvest time**. Including videos, posters and more, [the campaign](#) aims to help inspire your church to 'chirp for joy' at God's creation and make a **practical difference** in the world.

All Together Now

It's not too late to register your interest for the **All Together Now Conference**. This free-to-attend, online event will explore what it means to be an inter-generational Church, featuring a variety of speakers. For more information and to register your interest, [click here](#).

Advent Offering

Did you know, it's only 130 days until Christmas? That means it's 108 days until the beginning of Advent! With that in mind, the Fundraising Team are hard at work on producing **new Connexional resources** to help you reflect on the great works of chaplains and the Mission in Britain Fund. [Click here](#) to find out more and sign-up for updates.

Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in India, Asia, Australasia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **One True Foundation** by the Revd Judith Rossall.

Video Thursday: 2017 Conference Highlights

[The 2017 Methodist Conference Highlights](#) video is finally here (**just in time for autumn Synods!**), bringing you a 6 minute round-up of just some of the great things that happened at this year's Methodist Conference.

This video is available to **watch online or download** to make it easier for showing at your Synod.