

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



**Happy St Patrick's Day!**

*Not sure what's so special about St Patrick? You can find out on our [Singing the](#)*

*[Faith Plus website](#), with some helpful information, readings and hymns **for your reflection**.*

*I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (**07969 985 376**).*

*God bless,*

*Toby*

## On the box

### [Conscientious Objectors' Commemoration Service](#)

**Sunday 20 Mar  
Online, 2:15pm**

Live-streamed from Englesea Brook (see right) with the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal and Vice-President of Conference, Dr Jill Barber.

### [An Island Parish](#)

**Monday 21 Mar  
BBC Two, 8:30pm**

New series chronicling the life on Unst, Shetland, with the Revd David Cooper.

### [The Battle for Christianity](#)

**Tuesday 22 Mar  
BBC One, 10:45pm**

Professor Robert Beckford looks at how immigration, radical social action, conservative morality and charismatic worship are transforming the face of Christianity in this country.

## Risen

A **new film** about the last days of Christ, Risen, is coming to a cinema near you tomorrow, **Friday 18 March**. Damaris Media have created some [helpful resources](#) to complement the film for **churches, small groups and individuals**. Still not convinced? [Here's](#) what people are saying about it.

## Earth Hour

The **World Wide Fund for Nature** are encouraging people across the world to **turn off the lights** between 8.30-9.30pm on **Saturday 19 March**, to raise awareness of issues concerning energy and sustainability. For more information [click here](#).

## Transforming the world from the kitchen?

Epworth Old Rectory, in conjunction with Methodist Women in Britain and Methodist Heritage, are holding a [unique exhibition](#) from **19 March to 29 October** exploring the story of women working together in British Methodism.

## Conscientious Objectors' Service

A [Conscientious Objectors' Commemoration service](#) will be held at Englesea Brook on **Sunday 20 March**. The whole service will be **live streamed** [here](#). If you have any family ties to conscientious objectors we'd love to hear from you. Why not [email Jo Hibbard](#) or tweet at us using the hashtag #co100?

## Asbury 200

A man from the Black Country who helped shape America is to be celebrated this April with a family fun day of special events at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley on **Saturday, 9th April**. Early bird

## Radio

### [Act of Worship](#)

**Friday 18 Mar**

**BBC Radio 4 LW, 9:45am**

An act of worship, led by the Lord Revd Leslie Griffiths.

### [Beyond Belief](#)

**Monday 21 Mar**

**BBC Radio 4, 4:30pm**

Ernie Rea and guests discuss fixing a date for Easter.

### [Lent Talks](#)

**Wednesday 23 Mar**

**BBC Radio 4, 8:45pm**

Dr Julian Litten takes listeners to Kensal Green Cemetery in North-West London.

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

tickets are [available here](#) for a special **reduced price**. Events include story-tellers, 'flash mob' choirs and special commemoration services from the President and Vice-President of Conference.

## TV Choice Awards

The **Sandford St Martin Trust awards 2016** are now open, giving you the chance to vote for **your favourite religious television show** from the past year. Simply [click here](#) and make your choice.

## 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, Australasia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Behold the Lamb** written by the Revd Catrin Harland.

## Video Thursday: Passion in Paint

The **Methodist Modern Art Collection** is exhibiting at [Lincoln Cathedral Chapter House and The Collection](#) until 27 March. Watch an [introductory film](#) showcasing some of the pieces.