

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This week we have two events around

the topic of peace, conscience objectors and a rally against nuclear weapons. There are also work and volunteer opportunities within the Connexion.

I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (0778 626 6739).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike



On the box

Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages
Saturday 20 Feb
Channel 4, 8:00pm

This week Penelope Keith explores Cumbria discovering the area's rich heritage.

Songs of Praise
Sunday 21 Feb
BBC1, 1:15pm

A look at ways in which the Church of England is reaching out to attract new members.

Life and Death Row
Tuesday 23 Feb
BBC1, 10:45pm

Capital punishment viewed through the eyes of those on death row.

Lent Reflections

Methodist Women in Britain have published a series of Lent **reflections** for use privately, in church and in large or small meetings. Discover more [here](#).

Stop Trident Rally

Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) Leader and Methodist Vice President designate, **Rachel Lampard**, will be meeting the crowd at the Stop Trident rally being held on Saturday 27 February in London. The rally is organised by **CND**. To find out more, and for details of interfaith prayers beforehand at Hinde Street Church, click [here](#).

Later Life Conference

The **'One Day'** conference, organised by MHA, brings together special guests including Dame Esther Rantzen, Dame Denise Platt and the BBC's Alison Holt to explore why later life matters. Being held on **29 February** at Central Hall Westminster, you can find out more and book tickets [here](#).

Conscientious Objectors Service

A service to reflect on those who **refused** to fight in war will be streamed live **online** on Sunday **20th March**. Broadcast from Englesea Brook near Crewe, tickets to attend the service in person and details of how to watch online are available [here](#).

Job Opportunity

An exciting role is being offered in the Connexional team to help shape the future of discipleship. The **Officer for Worship and Local Preachers** will ensure that ministries are equipped to deliver in a modern world. For more information about this opportunity click [here](#). Closing date Monday, April 4.

Mission Podcast

Radio

**Williams on the
Wireless** Saturday 20
Feb

**BBC Radio 4 Extra,
7:00pm**

A collection of classic radio programmes paying tribute to one of nation's leading comedians, Kenneth Williams.

**Infinite Monkey
Cage** Monday 22 Feb

BBC Radio 4, 4:30pm

The team, including Brian Cox and Dara O'Briain, discuss the evidence for climate change.

Lent Talks: The City
Wednesday 24 Feb

BBC Radio 4, 8:45pm

Architect, historian and recently ordained Minister Maxwell Hutchinson considers Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem.

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

In a new podcast, Mervyn and Raing McCullagh talk about their upcoming journey to become **mission partners** in Sri Lanka and discuss how mission has changed over the years. To listen to the podcast click [here](#).

Media Volunteers for Conference

The Methodist Church

House **Communications team** are looking for people to help them at this year's Methodist Church Conference, held in **London** from 30 June to 7 July. Food and travel is provided. Would you like to know more? Then click to [email](#) the Media Office for information.

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 Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Faithful in Adversity**, written by the [Revd Neil Stubbens](#).

Video Thursday: Epic Thanks

This week's film features an inspiring little girl from Tanzania, thankful for so much in her life. To view the video click [here](#).