



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

This week, we
invite you to
celebrate

Aldersgate Sunday and
look forward to the start of
Thy Kingdom Come. There
is also an opportunity to
express your views about
The Week Ahead with our
reader survey.

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

God bless,

Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

On the box

[Saints and Sinners: Britain's Millennium of Monasteries](#)

**Saturday, 20 May
BBC4, 7:00pm**

Dr Janina Ramirez
explores how
monasteries evolved
from a cult of extreme
isolation and self-
deprivation into
powerhouses of Anglo-
Saxon art, industry and
learning.

[RHS Chelsea Flower Show](#)

**Sunday, 21 May
BBC 1, 5:00pm**

Coverage of the Chelsea

Leaving the Familiar: MWiB Creativity Day

Six workshops are being **held in Liverpool** as part of
the Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) creative day
taking place on the 20 May covering how to facilitate
spiritual conversation in church groups and secular
workplaces. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Aldersgate Sunday

This Sunday is Aldersgate Sunday. How will you be
celebrating? Share your photos and stories with us on our
social media platforms Facebook and Twitter. Use the
hashtag #Aldersgate or [email](#) our Marketing Executive,
Sanya Strachan.

Global Day of Prayer to End Famine

More people face famine today than at any time in modern
history. Around 20 million people are **at risk of starvation**,
while millions more suffer from drought and food
shortages. The World Council of Churches (WCC) and the All
Africa Conference of Churches are promoting Sunday 21
May 2017 to be observed as a 'Global Day of Prayer to End
Famine' in faith **congregations worldwide**. Click [here](#) for
more.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday, 25 May is Ascension Day and also the start of
Thy Kingdom Come, a **global prayer movement**, which
invites Christians around the world to pray between
Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to

Flower Show begins with a preview of the gardens and exhibits, before the event is officially open to visitors. Sophie Raworth and Joe Swift reveal how the show is put together in just three weeks.

[Broken](#)

Tuesday, 23 May
BBC1, 9:00pm

Drama series about a well-respected Catholic priest presiding over a large parish on the outskirts of a major city in northern England.

Radio

[Something Understood](#)

Sunday, 21 May
BBC Radio 4, 6:05am

Mark Tully asks priest and stand-up comedian, Maggy Whitehouse, how humour can puncture hypocrisy and piety in religious leaders and their congregations.

[Being Lost](#)

Sunday 21 May
BBC Radio 4, 4:30pm

Roger McGough presents a selection of listeners' requests for poems about being lost. Suggestions range from poems that guide you through the forests' depths, to those reflecting inner labyrinths.

[Beyond Belief](#)

[Religion in Germany](#)

Monday, 22 May
BBC Radio 4, 4:30pm

As former President

know Jesus Christ. You can discover resources and pledge your prayers as a church or an individual [here](#).

Day of Prayer for the media

With the media playing a greater role than ever in **influencing society**, a special day of prayer will take place on the 28 May to empower those working in the media to tell the **whole story**. To read more about the Day of Prayer for the media, click [here](#).

Week Ahead Readers' Survey

To ensure that the Week Ahead continues to provide you with **useful information** regarding the life of the Church, we have created a simple survey to **gather your views**. Your thoughts are very much appreciated. Click [here](#) to take part.

Korean ecumenical gathering

Churches in Britain are holding conversations to facilitate **Korean peace**. Taking place on 27 June at the **House of Lords**, Westminster, places are limited. If you would like to take part or to read more click [here](#).

Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Asia, Australia and New Zealand, in the Pacific and Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Church in Action** by the **Rev'd Jennifer Potter**.

Video Thursday: Thy Kingdom Come, the Light

What happens when the light of Christ shines into the darkness?

Obama joins Angela Merkel to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Ernie Rea and guests discuss the religious climate in Germany.

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

Watch artist Luke Bradford's extraordinary new film narrated by Archbishop Justin Welby, click [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.*