

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



Hello and welcome to The Week Ahead.

*The news this week is being dominated by **Donald***

***Trump's inauguration** as the President of the United States, taking place tomorrow.*

*In this issue we highlight **Homelessness Sunday** and take a look at how society continues after genocide as we mark **Holocaust Memorial Day**.*

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

*Michael Ivatt
Lead Media Officer*

On the box

[President Trump: The Inauguration](#)
Friday 20 January, Various Channels, 4pm

The BBC and ITV will follow the ceremony as the new President take his oath of office in Washington.

[Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand](#)

Friday 20 January, BBC Four, 9pm
West Side Story, Fiddler on the Roof, A Chorus Line and Oliver are some of the shows lovingly discussed on the programme.

Presidential Inauguration

This Friday, 20 January, is the inauguration of Donald Trump as **America's 45th President**. You can read how American Methodists are preparing for his presidency by reading [this article](#) from the **United Methodist Church**.

Homelessness Sunday

Homelessness Sunday takes place on **22 January**. The day **challenges** the conditions that create the homelessness and **celebrates the work** being undertaken to tackle it. For resources and more information, click [here](#).

Holocaust Memorial Day

'**How can life go on?**' is the theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day, **on Friday 27 January**. This year we are being asked to think about what happens after genocide and our **own responsibilities** in the wake of such atrocities. You can read more [here](#).

Called to Volunteer Abroad?

The World Church Relationships team is seeking committed Christians with a **sense of adventure** to volunteer overseas on 6-12 month placements. They are looking for resourceful, flexible and sensitive people who are keen to work with those from different cultures and faiths to take part in their **Encounter Worldwide programme**. For more information about volunteering overseas, click [here](#).

Reformation 500

This year is the 500th anniversary of **Martin Luther** posting his theses on the door of the castle chapel in Wittenberg – an event that has become known as the **beginning of the Reformation**. You can read about events planned to mark the anniversary by clicking [here](#).

[Call the Midwife](#)

**Sunday 22 January,
BBC1, Sunday 8pm**

At the start of the new series, the midwives return from their philanthropic trip to South Africa, despite the conspicuous absence of Trixie.

Radio

[How Marx Made the Right](#)

**Saturday 21 January
BBC Radio 4, 8pm**

Tim Stanley marks the 150th anniversary of Karl Marx's Das Kapital by arguing that the political right owes almost as much of an ideological debt to Marx as its eternal opponents, the liberal left, do.

[Clare Teal](#)

**Sunday 22 January
BBC Radio 2, 9pm**

The jazz singer presents a nostalgic review of the age of swing, featuring music by the big bands of Britain and America, from Benny Goodman to Quincy Jones.

[Revisiting the 14 Day Rule](#)

**Monday 23 January
BBC Radio 4, 9pm**

For more than 25 years, since the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act came into force, it's been illegal in the UK to research on human embryos in the test tube beyond 14 days. But with recent scientific developments, the debate over changing the limit has been rekindled.

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

One Friday seeks Passion stories

The One Friday initiative has launched a challenge to encourage new ways of telling the **Good Friday story**. One Friday helps local inter-church groups engage with their community through **retelling and reflecting** on the story of the Passion of Jesus. For more information, click [here](#).

Cliff College and BRF Partnership

Cliff College, near Sheffield, has announced a **new partnership** with the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF). The two organisations hope to develop important training resources for the Church and lay leaders, with a particular **focus on sharing the Christian message**. You can read more about plans for the partnership [here](#).

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, the Pacific, Northern Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Returning to the Lord** written by the **Revd Dr Stephen Mosedale**.

Song of the Week: Jesus shall reign where're the sun

[This week's song](#) is the hymn **Jesus shall reign where're the sun** to the tune **Rimington**. The piece is performed on the Wadsworth & Co organ at Gee Cross Methodist Church in Hyde, Cheshire.

Video Thursday: Mission matters... in Sri Lanka

[This week's video](#) takes a look at three ways **mission partners** are working and living alongside people in **Sri Lanka**.

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.