

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

Sunday 22 May is **Aldersgate Sunday**. [The Singing the Faith Plus website](#) has collated five useful hymns that help to tell the Wesley story. **What will you be singing this weekend?**

Andy Jackson will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on **020 7467 5111**.

If it's not an emergency, why not [pop us an email](#)? We'd love to hear from you!

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

[The Truth About Dementia](#)
Today 19 May
BBC One, 9:00pm

'I felt my heart strangely warmed'

Tuesday 24 May is Wesley Day, celebrating the **life-changing conversion experience** of John Wesley, 278 years ago. To mark the occasion, John Wesley himself will be appearing at his house in City Road, London, which will be open from 11am-4pm with free entry for all. [Click here](#) for more information.

'It's time to take disarmament seriously'

Faith groups have **responded in dismay** at the UK Government's **boycott of the UN Open-ended Working Group disarmament meeting** which finished last week, [including statements](#) from the Revd Steve Wild and Dr Jill Barber, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.

Conference is coming

The Conference is quickly approaching (only six weeks away!) and representatives should now have received their copies of the **Agenda Volume One**. For all those who aren't attending but would like to know what's coming up, you can download the agenda on the [Conference website](#).

Volunteers needed

Thank you to all who responded to our earlier call out for media volunteers at the Conference - you should have received an email from Mike Ivatt with some more details. If you've got experience with **social media, filming, photography or fun** (or would like to gain some!) and would like to help out, even just for a day, please get in touch with [Mike Ivatt](#) by **Friday 27 May**.

reIMAGINE

The reIMAGINE conference, **nurturing mission-shaped churches and circuits**, will be taking place between **3-5 October**. Early bird tickets are currently available at £150 per person [here](#).

The first of three powerful documentaries focusing on health matters.

[At Home with the British](#)

Monday 23 May
BBC Four, 8:00pm

Historian Dan Cruickshank, celebrates the picturesque Warwickshire countryside.

[The EU Debate](#)

Thursday 26 May
BBC One, 8:00pm

Victoria Derbyshire hosts a live debate from Glasgow on the issues that matter to young voters ahead of the EU referendum.

Radio

[Sunday Service](#)

Sunday 22 May
BBC Devon, 6:30am

Methodist minister the Revd Philip Wagstaff leads the Sunday Service.

[Faith Show](#)

Sunday 22 May
BBC Cambs, 7:50am

Denzil Fernandes of the Leys Methodist School will be talking about the remarkable achievements around the promotion of Fair Trade.

[Choral Evensong](#)

Wednesday 25 May
Radio 3, 3:30pm

Live from Manchester Cathedral on the Eve of Corpus Christi.

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

Pentecost and the Power of Listening

The **Revd Dr Barbara Glasson**, team leader of Touchstone, Bradford, **reflects on Pentecost and the importance of really listening** to people in [this podcast](#) (starting at 4 mins 45 secs).

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, Australasia, Northern Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Divine Revelation** written by the Revd Jennifer Potter.

Video Thursday: Omelette Homily

This week's [film](#) features Darlington District Choir, and former President of the Conference, **the Revd Ruth Gee**, speaking on 'loving our global neighbours' in support of Christian Aid Week... **whilst making breakfast...** in just 90 seconds!

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.