

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,  
and welcome  
to The Week  
Ahead.

Cliff College  
are seeking  
to appoint a  
new

Principal. Why not check  
out the [job description](#) and  
see if you've got what it  
takes?

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

God bless,

Toby



## On the box

**Question Time**  
Today, 10:35pm,  
BBC One

David Dimbleby chairs this  
topical debate with a panel  
of politicians and celebrity  
guests.

**Panorama**  
Monday, 8:30pm,  
BBC One

Prof Tanya Byron and  
Tazeen Ahmad investigate  
the recently released  
findings of the most  
detailed study of child  
sexual abuse in the UK.

**The Truth About Child  
Sex Abuse**  
Tuesday, 10pm,  
BBC Two

The Pakistan City of  
Karachi has become one of  
the most dangerous cities  
in the world. This episode  
follows Superintendent Ijaz  
and the police as they try  
to regain control of the  
city.

## Pray for Paris

The world was shocked by the horrendous attacks in France on Friday. [Click here](#) to read **statements of response** from the Methodist Church in Britain, the World Methodist Council, the United Methodist Church in Central and Southern Europe and for a special hymn by Andrew Pratt.

## A Gift of Christmas

In a time where your Advent calendar is more likely to feature a pet than Jesus, and almost half of people in the UK feel the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas, the Methodist Church has produced [a new booklet](#) going **back to the roots** of the festive season. Why not order today and make the most of Methodist Publishing's [free postage offer](#) - **today only!**

## 3Generate 2015

**This weekend** is 3Generate 2015 - the Children and Youth Assembly. This year **almost 600 young people** will be descending on Swindon for a great time of fun, faith and friends. For a taste of what they have in store [click here](#), or to follow the event live search for [#3Gen2015](#) on Twitter.

## Grace Filled Leadership

CODEC Research Centre are to hold a series of seminars at St John's College, Durham, starting on **Tuesday 24 November**. Dr Martin Ramsden will be looking into the thinking behind the variety of theological disciplines **shaped by the Wesleyan and Methodist traditions**. For more information, please contact [Penny Bissell](#).

## Living Advent Calendar

St Mark's Church, Tattenham Corner, will be launching a special **event-a-day advent** series this year, starting with the turning on of the Christmas Lights on **Saturday 28 November**. For more information, [click here](#).

## Radio

### **Pause for Thought**

**Monday, 5:45am,  
BBC Radio 2**

The Revd Tony Miles on Hope.

### **Beyond Belief**

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

Ernie Rea discusses some of the benefits and challenges of interfaith marriage.

### **Hallelujah**

**Tuesday, 6:30am,  
BBC Radio 4ex**

Composer Jocelyn Pook celebrates the music and meaning of the words Hallelujah through history.

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

## Methodist Parliamentary Service

The annual [Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service](#) will be taking place at St Mary Undercroft Chapel on **Tuesday 12 January**. Led by the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, this service will be an opportunity to **worship in the beautiful Chapel** at the heart of our national life.

## 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, East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **New Life in Christ** written by the Revd David Rhymer.

## Thank you and goodbye

After 11 years it is time for me to move on from the Connexional Team and the Methodist Church. In clearing out my files, I found my original paper proposing a brief weekly email to be called 'The Week Ahead'. It has been a success thanks to the work of Anna, Karen, Eve and Toby F, but above all because of you, the readers, and the way you have embraced and responded to it. Thank you, and may God bless you in all you do.

*Toby Scott, Director of Communications*

## Video Thursday: Can laughter bring you closer to God?

This week's [short film](#) follows Christian comedian **Tom Elliot** as he visits **Wimbledon Methodist Church** as part of his UK tour.

*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.

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