

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,  
and welcome to  
The Week  
Ahead.


This week, we  
look at the  
discussions of  
the Methodist  
Council,  
Christmas and  
welcoming  
refugees to our  
churches. Next

week it is also [One World Week](#), promoting a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike Ivatt  
Lead Media Officer

 On the box[Bad Habits, Holy Orders](#)

Channel 5, 10pm

Thursday, 19 October

Documentary in which five party girls abandon booze, boys and smartphones by moving into a Catholic convent for four weeks of spiritual guidance.

[Panorama: Life at 100](#)

BBC 1, 8.30pm

Monday, 23 October

One in every three babies born now is likely to live to be at least 100 years old. This Panorama special follows 7 people who have reached 100 years or more, looking at their lives, needs and expectations.

[Handmade: Glass](#)

BBC4, 8.00pm

Tuesday, 24 October

## Raising funds for churches

The annual conference Raising Funds for Christian Charities and Churches 2017 takes place on Tuesday 21 November at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. It provides an opportunity to hear from Christian funders, inspirational church and charity leaders and experts in fundraising for Christian causes. For more details and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

## Methodist Council

The Methodist Council, the body which undertakes work on behalf of the Methodist Conference, met at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, on 16 and 17 October 2017. You can read about their discussions [here](#).

## Photography and Spirituality in Rome

Bookings are now open for this opportunity to explore how photography and spirituality can inspire each other. The tour takes place in Rome from 24 to 29 May 2018. You can read more [here](#).

## Christmas Alone

Premier Radio has produced resources for those churches planning Christmas Day events for those who are alone. You can also register events to be included on an interactive map. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Train named after John Wesley

A new train on the Great Western Railway is to be named after John Wesley. The announcement comes following a competition to find "the 100 greatest Westerners of all time" run by the *Bristol Post* and the Great Western Railway. You can read more [here](#).

## Welcome Churches

The Welcome Churches initiative is offering support to equip churches to provide a better welcome for refugees

Filmed in real time, this series examines the crafting of handmade objects. The first programme observes the process of blowing and rolling glass to make a simple jug.

## Radio

### [Streets Ahead](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 9.00pm  
Friday, 20 October**

Exploring the ideas and issues around the trend of building upwards to meet housing needs. The programme also discusses the effects of Margaret Thatcher's 'Right To Buy' policy.

### [Sunday Worship](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.10am  
Sunday, 22 October**

A morning service marking the anniversary of the Reformation from St Salvator's Chapel, University of St Andrews.

### [Living with the Gods](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 9.45am  
Monday, 23 October**

New series about the role that systems of belief and rituals have played in the creation, and sometimes in the destruction, of societies.

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

with training and resources. You can sign up [here](#) and take a free, online survey to review your local landscape in welcoming refugees. (See Video Thursday below)

## Thy Kingdom Come

Registrations are open for the global wave of prayer, Thy Kingdom Come, taking place on 10 to 20 May next year. The initiative, that started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. You can read more about how to get involved [here](#).

## All We Can

All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain are seeking support for the refugees displaced by violence in Myanmar. You can read more and how you can help [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 and Northern Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is One Eternal Sacrifice written by the The Revd Joanne Cox-Darling.

## Video Thursday: Welcome Churches

You can watch a recording of the official launch of the Welcome Churches initiative to support refugees [here](#). The event took place at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster last month.

*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.