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## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



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

*Remember to  
watch the new  
video [A Very  
British  
Nativity](#) being  
released  
tomorrow by  
the JPIT team.  
If you use social*

*media, you can sign up for  
the [Thunderclap](#) to help  
spread the word!*

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

*Wishing you all a wonderful  
week,*

**Michael Ivatt**  
Lead Media Officer

## On the box

[Lawful Killing: Mark  
Duggan](#)

**Mon, 5 Dec**  
**BBC 1, 8:30pm**

Drama documentary about  
the police shooting of Mark  
Duggan in Tottenham in  
August 2011. The incident  
triggered the worst riots in  
modern British history.

[Slum Britain:  
50 Years On](#)

**Tues, 6 Dec**  
**Channel 5, 10:00pm**

Documentary contrasting  
the lives of people who  
lived in the slums of the  
1960s with those living

## 3 Generate: another huge success

The **Methodist Youth and Young People** event that  
took place last weekend was a **huge success** with more  
attending than ever before. You can read about it [here](#).  
The new Youth President Designate was elected and has  
been announced as Michael Pryke, 17 from Stamford.  
You can read more about him [here](#).

## Call for action on Aleppo

**Mass starvation** in Aleppo is a real prospect if aid is not  
allowed in. Leaders of the Methodist Church are among  
those that have issued a statement calling for the **UN  
and UK Government to act**. You can read the  
statement that was released on Monday [here](#).

## Sharing Christmas

Premier Christian Radio is creating a database of **events  
taking place on Christmas Day**, other than the  
morning service, open to those who are **lonely or  
homeless**. To register your event, click [here](#)

## World Aids Day

World AIDS Day is held on the **1 December** each year  
and today is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite  
and show their **support for people living with HIV**  
and to remember those who have died. For information  
and resources, click [here](#).

## A homemade Christmas

**Action for Children** is encouraging young people to  
make their own fun this Christmas. On its [website](#) you  
can find ideas for **cards, baubles and decorations**.

## Song of the Week: Do not be Deaf

We bring you **Christian music, song or hymns to  
inspire and encourage** you during the week. This week

through the housing crisis of today.

### [Six Wives with Lucy Worsley](#)

**Wed, 7 Dec**

**BBC 1, 9:00pm**

Documentary series featuring dramatic reconstructions in which Lucy Worsley revisits key events in the lives of Henry VIII's six wives, revealing how each attempted to exert influence on the king and the Tudor court.

## Radio

### [Daily Service](#)

**Fri, 2 Dec**

**BBC Radio 4LW, 9:45am**

Spiritual reflection and prayers on a topical subject led by the Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel, Methodist minister and Director of the Wesley Study Centre, Durham.

### [More or Less](#)

**Fri, 2 Dec**

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

Tim Harford explains - and sometimes debunks - the numbers and statistics used in political debate, the news and everyday life.

### [Something Understood Watching the River Flow](#)

**Sun, 4 Dec**

**BBC Radio 4, 6:05am**

John McCarthy explores the therapeutic benefits of watching the river flow and assesses the spiritual significance of rivers as sites of ritual and prayer.

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

we feature The **Epsom Methodist Music Club** with [Do not be Deaf](#).

If you've got a song that you'd like to share, please do [get in touch](#).

## 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 Europe, West Africa, Britain and Ireland and All Creation. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Vision and Promises** written by the **Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson**.

## Video Thursday: ReThink Sanctions Mannequining

Mannequining is very "on-trend" at the moment. If you don't know what this is, the **Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Methodist District** have made a good example highlighting the need to reconsider the **benefits sanction regime**. To watch, 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.