

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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



This
Sunday
(23


October) is **Bible Sunday** - encouraging people across the world to **celebrate the Bible**. [Click here](#) for videos, stories, ideas and more to use **any day of the year**.

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

As always, if it's not urgent, please do [pop us an email](#): we'd love to hear from you!

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

[The School That Got Teens Reading](#)

Saturday 22 October, BBC 2, 8:00pm

Documentary charting a Lancashire school's efforts to inspire reluctant teenagers to take up reading for pleasure.

Churches demand action on Aleppo

The Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church in Wales, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and Quakers in Britain **released a statement today** (20 October) calling upon the Syrian and Russian Governments to **stop their bombardment of Aleppo**. [Click here](#) to read the full statement.

Job Opportunities

There are a variety of **job opportunities** open to work with us **in the Connexional Team**, including positions in Fundraising, Finance and IT. For adverts, job descriptions and application forms, [click here](#).

'I, Daniel Blake'

The award winning film 'I, Daniel Blake' **depicting the difficulties of life in the benefit system**, will be released nationally in cinemas tomorrow (21 October). **Deacon Tracey Hume** has organised a demonstration outside of Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon, using handcuffs to highlight the restrictions that the current benefits system places on people.

Sleep Out for the Shelter

West London Day Centre, part of the West London Mission, will be holding their second sleep out to **raise money** for the Westminster Churches & Synagogue Night Shelter **tomorrow** (21 October). If you'd like to take part, [click here](#), or to donate to those sleeping out, [click here](#).

'Queen of Katwe'

Ethos Media have created [some helpful resources](#) for churches and small groups to **discuss and reflect** on the themes of Disney's latest film 'Queen of Katwe', released tomorrow (**21 October**). This true story tells the tale of **Phiona Mutesi**, a young girl from Uganda, who fought the odds to become a national chess champion.

[Songs of Praise](#)

**Sunday 23 October,
BBC 1, 4:15pm**

The Revd Irving Penberthy joins others in marking the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster.

[Be Your Own Doctor](#)

**Sunday 23 October,
Channel 4, 8:30pm**

Kate Quilton is joined by Dr Tamal Ray to investigate the latest online 'solutions' to pressing medical needs.

Radio

[Aberfan: Memory and Meaning](#)

**Friday 21 October,
BBC Radio Wales,
6:30pm**

Dai Smith visits Aberfan 50 years on from the disaster.

[The Archive Hour](#)

**Saturday 22 October,
BBC Radio 4 Extra,
8:00am**

Jean Seaton explores how the BBC has coped with the nation's religious sensitivities.

[Sunday Worship](#)

**Sunday 23 October,
BBC Radio 4, 8:10am**

Manga artist, Siku, recounts the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, in celebration of Bible Sunday.

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

Christian Perspectives on Death and Dying

A series of **free-to-attend day conferences** are being held across the UK to explore the issues of death and dying from different Christian perspectives. The first event will be held on **Saturday 5 November** in Gloucester, featuring the Secretary of the Methodist Conference, **the Revd Gareth J Powell**. [Click here](#) for more information and to reserve your place.

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 and Europe. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Messiah and Lord**, written by the Revd David Rhymer.

Song of the Week: You Are My Vision

In this section we're hoping to bring you a **Christian song or hymn** that you might not have heard before to **inspire and encourage** you during the week. [This week's song](#) is a **modern version** of the classic hymn 'Be thou my vision', performed by Rend Collective. If you've got a song that you'd like to share, please [do get in touch](#).

Video Thursday: #GetToChurchOnTimeSunday

[This week's film](#) comes from **Kingsland Church**, Colchester, who made a short sketch to remind people that the clocks will be **going back an hour** on **Sunday 30 October**.

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.