

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



Hi everyone,  
and welcome to  
The Week  
Ahead.

This week we  
wish a happy  
birthday to Her Majesty the  
Queen and we "launch" a  
very special poster!

I will be staffing the out-of-  
hours support line on  
0788 178 3812 for  
emergencies, otherwise  
[do pop us an email.](#)

Wishing you all a great  
week,

Mike



## On the box

[Louis Theroux:  
Drinking to Oblivion](#)  
Sunday 24 April  
BBC2, 9:00pm

A look into the worrying  
lives of those who drink to  
the extreme.

[Never Again:  
Fear and Faith In Paris](#)  
Tuesday 26 April  
BBC1, 10:45pm

Documentary on the spate  
of recent antisemitic  
attacks in Paris and the  
impact on the faith of the  
city.

[Mary Beard's  
Ultimate Rome](#)  
Wednesday 27 April  
BBC2, 9:00pm

The first of four  
programmes exploring the  
history of the Roman  
Empire.

## The Queen's birthday

Today, Thursday 21 April, marks the **90th birthday** of Queen Elizabeth II. You can read a letter of **congratulations** to Her Majesty from the President and Vice President of the Methodist Church by clicking [here](#).

## Connexional vacancies

A number of positions are available within the Connexional Team. Currently being advertised are a **Political Adviser and Team Coordinator** with the Joint Public Issues Team and **One Programme Internships** for eleven young people, including one in Rome. You can look [here](#) for more information.

## Conscientious Objectors

Resources for services to mark **International Conscientious Objectors Day** on 15 May 2016 are now available by clicking [here](#). Many churches are holding services on 8 May to avoid clashes with Christian Aid Week and Pentecost the following Sunday.

## A Mcboatface welcome

A **special poster** has been "launched" for churches featuring the poll to name a research ship, as won by "[Boaty McBoatface](#)". Designed to encourage those **new to church**, the poster is available to download [here](#).

## Called by Name relaunch

The book *Called by Name* has been reissued with a **fresh** new look. *Called by Name* is a fully illustrated resource featuring hymns, prayers, Christian art and images from contemporary life for those **considering membership**. To read more about the new version, click [here](#).

## Radio

### [Why I Changed My Mind](#)

**Sunday 24 April**

**Radio 4, 1:30pm**

Trevor Phillips, former head of the Commission for Racial Equality, on why he abandoned support for multiculturalism. First in a series talking to those who have changed their opinion.

### [The Force of Google](#)

**Tuesday 26 April**

**Radio 4, 8:00pm**

Is it healthy that one company has such a massive impact on our lives and on society?

### [BBC Radio Folk Awards](#)

**Wednesday 27 April**

**Radio 2, 7:30pm**

Now in its 17th year, the awards celebrate today's thriving folk scene.

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

## the connexion Magazine

The latest issue of **the connexion** magazine is out now. Focusing on spirit-led **enthusiasm**, the issue is available in hard copy and online [here](#). You will also find details of how to order free magazine holders for your church.

## 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 East Asia, Australia & New Zealand, the Pacific, Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Fulfilling the Law** written by various authors.

## Video Thursday: re:form Traditions Youth Ministry

This week's video is from our friends at the United Methodist Church in the USA who have produced this animated guide to Methodism for beginners. 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.