

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


What will you
be reading next

Thursday for [World Book Day](#)? To celebrate the occasion the [Methodist Publishing website](#) will have 10% off all items on March 2nd, when using the voucher code BOOK.

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box**[Has Political Correctness Gone Mad?](#)**

Thursday 23 February, Channel 4, 9:00pm

Trevor Phillips explores the theory that the fear of offending has stifled legitimate debate and led to a rise of populist leaders such as Donald Trump.

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 26 February, BBC One, 4:00pm

Josie d'Arby joins girls from inner city London on a farm in Dartmoor for a taste of rural life.

[Meet the Lords](#)

Monday 27 February, BBC Two, 9:00pm

A new series of documentaries filmed over

East Africa Famine Appeal

All We Can and the World Church Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain are **calling for generous support** for [this urgent appeal](#), responding to the **immediate need** in South Sudan and to help **avert famine** in other countries on the verge of disaster.

Grant awards

Details of the successful applications for the **Mission in Britain Fund** winter grants have now been announced, with **more than £800,000** having been granted to churches and organisations across England, Wales and Scotland. For an **overview** of the funded projects, [click here](#).

A place to call home?

The Joint Public Issues Team, in collaboration with Housing Justice and Scottish Churches Housing Action, have launched a series of **six bible studies** on the British **housing crisis**. [This resource](#) aims to facilitate reflection and discussion.

Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February - 12 March is Fairtrade Fortnight, highlighting the issues behind exploitation in the food production business. Fairtrade has produced some **helpful resources** for churches to get involved, including **sermon notes, prayers and more**. [Click here](#) to see for yourself.

For a range of Fairtrade gift ideas, please visit the [Methodist Publishing website](#).

Returning Home this Lent

With next **Wednesday 1 March** being **Ash Wednesday**, Lent is fast approaching. If you're still looking for ideas for a personal reflection this Lenten period, why not consider this year's **Churches Together in Britain and Ireland** offering '[Returning Home](#)'? With contributions from the Methodist and United Reformed

a year following life in the House of Lords.

Radio

[Moral Maze](#)

Saturday 25 February, BBC Radio 4, 10:15pm

Michael Buerk chairs this week's debate on the morality of fake news.

[Daily Service](#)

Wednesday 1 March, BBC Radio 4, 9:44am

The Revd Roy Jenkins leads the Ash Wednesday and St David's Day reflection.

[The Pearl of Great Value](#)

Catch Up, BBC Radio 4

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, introduces a series of radio resources starting 5 March, based on his 2017 Lent book 'Dethroning Mammon'.

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

Churches, this year's resource explores how our Christian faith has been **deepened and enriched** by other faiths.

One Encounter

Applications close **this Tuesday**, 28 February, for a life-changing trip to **Haiti** with the Methodist Church this summer. If you're **18-23 years old** and would like to find out more, [click 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](#).

Song of the Week: I will offer up my life

[This week's song](#), by **Matt Redman**, is a beautiful piece reflecting on the **great cost** Christ paid in going to the cross. For **other song suggestions** during the Lenten period, please visit the [Singing the Faith Plus website](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Australasia, Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Restoration and Unity** written by the Revd Catrin Harland.

Video Thursday: Sue's Story

[This week's video](#) is brought to you from the **Great Commission** project, an Evangelical Alliance initiative encouraging people to share their faith stories. In this video, Methodist minister, **the Revd Sue Pegg** talks about her life as a minister in a rural community.

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