

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hello and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This weekend many people will be attending the [Greenbelt Christian festival](#) near Kettering. With good weather forecast, a great time should be had by all.

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

Have a wonderful week,

Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

 On the box

[Songs of Praise Celebrating Diana](#)

BBC 1, 4:00pm
Sunday 27 August

To mark the twentieth anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, Songs of Praise celebrates how she broke down barriers through her amazing charity work.

[In Solitary: The Anti-Social Experiment](#)

Channel 5, 9:00pm
Monday 28 August

Three members of the public are challenged to spend five days in solitary confinement, with no access to a phone or the internet, and are monitored by a team of experts.

[Awesome Beauty: The Art of Industrial Britain](#)

BBC 4, 7:00pm
Tuesday 29 August

Spanish attacks

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have shared their thoughts and **prayers for the people of Spain** following the recent **terrorist attacks**, calling the Methodist people to pray for peace in our world. To read, click [here](#).

Ministers' retirement courses

Places are still available on the **Practical Guide to Retirement** courses for 2017-2018. It is recommended that ministers attend this course 18-24 months **prior to retirement**. You can read more information or reserve a place on the course [here](#).

Fernley Hartley Lecture

The 2017 Fernley Hartley lecture will be delivered by the Revd Dr Nicola Price-Tebbutt and is entitled "**Methodism and experience: the role of personal narrative** in shaping the Church's theology." It will take place at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham on Monday 9 October 2017 at 7:00pm. For more information, click [here](#).

Day by Day

A selection of **resources** are available to support the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference with their theme of **daily steps on our journey** with God. Click [here](#) to take a look.

All We Can - Vacancy

All We Can, the Methodist relief and development charity, are looking for a **Churches & Volunteers Officer** to engage and grow support across London and the South East. You can find out more about the role [here](#).

An exploration of Britain's spectacular industrial landscapes, and the artists and artworks inspired by them.

Radio

[Boston Calling](#)

Radio 4, 11:30pm

Saturday 26 August

Benjamin Zephaniah explores the Lincolnshire town's growing immigrant population, and showcases poetry by residents from various backgrounds, describing what their home means to them.

[Something Understood](#)

Radio 4, 6:25am

Sunday 27 August

Mark Tully asks why people from so many different cultures are so devoted to games of skill, strategy and calculation.

[The Edge of Life](#)

Radio 4, 5:00pm

Sunday 27 August

Suicide is the number one killer of men under 50 in England and Wales. A 'zero suicide' approach to prevention first devised in Detroit is now changing attitudes to care in the UK.

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

World Alzheimer's Month

World Alzheimer's Month is the international campaign that takes place every September to raise awareness and **challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia**. To find out more and for resources, please click [here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Pacific, Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Work of the Spirit** written by the **Revd Carole Irwin**, Director of Studies at Wesley House, Cambridge.

Video Thursday: In conversation with... Martyn Joseph and Seth Lakeman

From a past Greenbelt, singer Martyn Joseph chats with Seth Lakeman about playing gigs, travelling to Malawi and his Methodist roots. 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.*