



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

The Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, **3Generate**, starts tomorrow! If you're not lucky enough to be going, our Youth President, **Tim Annan** has written some

helpful prayer points so you can support those who are. [Click here](#) to pray with us.

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough  
Media Officer

## Benefit cuts

Paul Morrison from the Joint Public Issues Team has written a new blog post following yesterday's **Autumn Statement**, discussing how inflation will **negatively affect** the **poorest in society**. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Thank you!

At the time of writing, the Methodist Haiti Hurricane Appeal has raised more than **£50,000** following the devastation of Hurricane Matthew in early October. So far, money has been spent on **essential food supplies** as well as **resources** to support the **rebuilding** of homes and schools that were damaged. Please [see the website](#) for the latest update.

## Thunderclap

On the **6 December**, the Joint Public Issues Team will be launching a short film: **A Very British Nativity**. The film will highlight the degrading treatment faced by asylum seekers in the UK through a lighthearted children's nativity.

They've set up a social media **Thunderclap** to help generate some buzz for the campaign and ensure as many people see it as possible. To sign up, [click here](#).

## Advent Offering near you

Advent starts **this Sunday**, 27 November, and many churches across the Connexion are celebrating with an **Advent Offering Service**. To find out if there is one happening **close to you**, or to add yours to the map, [click here](#).

## Now & Not Yet

The **Holy Biscuit** have produced a high-quality art publication exploring the season of advent **through art, writing and prayer**. For more information, and to order your copies, [click here](#).

## On the box

### [Who Do You Think You Are?](#)

**Thursday, 24 Nov**  
**BBC One, 8:00pm**

The first episode in the new series follows soap actor Danny Dyer as he explores his royal family tree.

### [Songs of Praise](#)

**Sunday, 27 Nov**  
**BBC One, 5:20pm**

For Advent Sunday, Connie Fisher meets a man who gave the precious gift of life to a stranger.

### **[Kids on the Edge](#)**

**Wednesday, 30 Nov**  
**Channel 4, 10:00pm**

Following the stories of two self-harming teenage girls and the support they received from Tavistock clinicians, in light of a problem that is on the rise in the UK.

### **Radio**

#### **[Prayer for the Day](#)**

**Friday, 25 Nov**  
**Radio 4, 5:43am**

A spiritual comment and prayer from the Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport.

#### **[Something Understood](#)**

**Sunday, 27 Nov**  
**Radio 4, 6:05am**

Mark Tully explores the attraction of the unfamiliar.

#### **[Thought for the Day](#)**

**Monday, 28 Nov**  
**Radio 4, 7:45am**

The Revd Dr Jane Leach, Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge, will be leading this week's reflective thoughts.

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

## Extraordinary gifts

**All We Can** are encouraging people to change lives this Christmas with **practical gifts** to help people in some of the world's poorest communities. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Song of the Week: Look at the World

[This week's song](#) is **Look at the World** by John Rutter, as performed by the Cambridge Singers. 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 the Pacific, Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Justice and Sacrifice** written by Vice-President Designate Jill Baker.

## Video Thursday: Meet the Candidates

[This week](#) we're highlighting **a series of films** introducing **the Youth President Candidates** for 2017/18.

***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.*