

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to The Week Ahead.

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with those affected by yesterday's deadly earthquake in Italy. The Revd Dr Tim Macquiban, minister of the Ponte Sant' Angelo Church Rome, has written a prayer which you can

read [here](#).

Toby Fairclough will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on **07969 985 736**.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Toby

 On the box

[The 'Good' Terrorist](#)
Saturday 27 August
Channel 4, 8:00pm

Documentary revisiting the controversial crusade of John Harris, an anti-apartheid campaigner in pursuit of equality in South Africa.

[Songs of Praise](#)
Sunday 28 August
BBC1, 5:15pm

Aled Jones presents this Rugby League special edition.

[America's Busiest City](#)
Tuesday 30 August

Greenbelt

Set in the grounds of the Boughton Estate near Kettering, [Greenbelt](#) brings **top Christian thinkers and musician** together with **20,000** festival goers of all faiths and none, to spend the August bank holiday weekend reflecting on **faith, justice and culture**.

Michael Ramsey Prize

Congratulations to the **Revd Prof Frances Young**, who is a finalist for the [Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing](#) with her book **God's Presence**. The winner will be announced at Greenbelt on Sunday 28 August, so wish her luck!

Creation Time

Thursday 1 September marks the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of **Creation Time 2016**. As well as [the prayer](#), written by President of the Conference the Revd Dr Roger Walton, [a variety of resources](#) are available to download from **Churches Together in Britain**.

Poldark and the New Room

If you're a **Poldark** fan, I'm sure you're well aware that the new series starts on BBC1 on **4 September**. But did you know that the first episode will feature the **Bristol New Room**, the oldest Methodist building in the world? For more information, [click here](#).

Change the Story

Christian Aid are encouraging people across the country to help **change the negative perception of refugees** in the media - by [writing to their local newspaper](#).

'Through sharing stories of hospitality, and the positive contributions that refugees make in our communities, we demonstrate our **commitment** to a United Kingdom that

BBC2, 9:00pm

A closer look at rush hour in New York.

Radio

John Wesley Unplugged **Monday 29 August** **Premier Radio, 3:00pm**

In the 225th anniversary of Wesley's death, Ian Britton examines John's life and legacy alongside the Director of the Wesley Study Centre at Durham University.

Daily Service

Monday 29 August **BBC Radio 4, 9:45am**

The first in a special week of programmes from the Greenbelt Festival.

John Wesley Celebration **Monday 29 August** **Premier Radio, 4:00pm**

A unique service from Springwell Methodist Chapel, telling Wesley's story using prayers, readings and extracts from his journal.

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

refuses to turn a blind eye to suffering and affirms that **everyone deserves a safe place** to call home.'

Learning Disability Friendly Church

Prospects, seeks to equip churches to offer accessible worship and Bible teaching for people **with learning disabilities**. To promote churches that have taken positive steps to welcome and include people with learning disabilities, they have launched a new initiative to **share the good work**. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parliament

Parliament might be in recess for the summer, but politics never stops! For the **latest political updates** from a uniquely Christian perspective, be sure to check **the Joint Public Issues Team** [website](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Healing Faith**.

Video Thursday: Conference Highlights

This week sees the launch of [the Conference Highlights video](#), giving a **brief overview** of some of what happened this year. If you're still planning your District Synod, or perhaps have a spare 10 minutes in a Circuit meeting, why not consider including it as a summary for those who didn't attend?

For a written overview of events, [click here](#) for **the Conference Digest**

***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.*