

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hello everyone,
and welcome to
The Week Ahead.

This week, you
can read
reactions from
the Methodist Church, at
home and abroad, to the
attack in Manchester. We
also mark the start of Thy
Kingdom Come, the global
prayer project.

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

God Bless

Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

 On the box

[The Truth About HIV](#)
Thursday, 25 May
BBC1, 9:00pm

HIV/AIDS has claimed
around 35 million lives
worldwide. But now, as Dr
Chris van Tulleken reveals,
cutting-edge science can
keep the virus at bay or
even prevent infection
altogether.

**[Jane Austen:
Behind Closed Doors](#)**
Saturday, 27 May
BBC2, 9:00pm

Lucy Worsley explores the
different houses in which
Jane Austen lived and
stayed, to discover just
how much they shaped
Jane's life and novels.

[Springwatch](#)
Monday, 29 May
BBC2, 8:00pm

Chris Packham, Michaela

Response to Manchester attack

The Revd Dr Roger Walton, President of the Methodist Conference, and Vice-President, Rachel Lampard, have **responded** to last Monday's **attack** in Manchester. **Prayers** from Andrew Lunn, Chair of Manchester and Stockport District and Paul Martin, Chair of Bolton and Rochdale District along with a statement from Youth President, Tim Annan and **prayers from around the world** are available on our website, [here](#).

Thy Kingdom Come

Today marks the start of Thy Kingdom Come, a **global and ecumenical wave of prayer**, taking place until the 4 June. For further information, prayer walls and resources [click here](#).

World Hunger Day

World Hunger Day takes place on 28 May celebrating the success stories of women and men ending **their own hunger** to create a better future for their children. The campaign empowers people to become **agents of change**, lifting themselves, their families, and their communities out of poverty. For more information please [click here](#).

Week Ahead Reader Survey

There is **still time** to take part in the Week Ahead reader survey that ends on the **2 June**. To take part, [click here](#).

ONE Programme: Amelia Trust Farm

An opportunity to work at Amelia Trust Farm, Barry, Wales as part of the One Programme is open for applications until 5 June. The post is open to those aged between **16-23** to help the farm improve links with local communities. To learn more, [click here](#).

Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games are live from their new base at the National Trust's Sherborne Park in Gloucestershire as they return with the programme that follows the fortunes of wildlife around the UK.

Radio

[A Celebration for Ascension Day](#)

Thursday, 25 May
Radio 4, 8:00pm

The Rt Revd David Walker is the preacher at a service for Ascension Day, live from St Martin-in-the-Fields led by the vicar, the Revd Dr Sam Wells.

[Killing in Care Homes](#)

Sunday, 28 May
Radio 4, 5:00pm

Headlines involving abuse in care homes normally centre on allegations against staff, but is aggression among residents being overlooked?

[Beyond Belief](#)

Monday, 29 May
Radio 4, 4:30pm

Who do we think we are? Ernie Rea and guests discuss our fascination with our ancestors. Is there a contemporary spiritual need that finds an answer in tracing our roots?

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

The Inevitable Nuclear Ban Treaty

CCADD, the **Council on Christian Approaches to Defence and Disarmament**, is holding a **debate** on Monday 5 June at Westminster Cathedral to discuss the "Now Inevitable Nuclear Ban Treaty: Moral Obligation or Self-Defeating Psychodrama?" For more information please [click here](#).

Church Architecture Awards

The 2017 Church Architecture Awards celebrate the work of architects creating **new church buildings** and **safeguarding the UK's church heritage**. The deadline for submitting projects is 14 July. For more information on the awards, operated by the National Churches Trust, [click here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Pacific, Europe, West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **Captive to the Gospel** written by **the Revd Anna Bishop**.

This week in Parliament

Parliament is currently dissolved for the **general election**. The Joint Public Issues Team have published a range of **resources** to help reflect on the issues [here](#).

Video Thursday: Ascension Day explained with Lego

With today being Ascension Day, this week's film is a chance to **explain** the day's significance to **young people** through the medium of Lego. [Click here](#) to watch.

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