

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


This week
we've got

good news from the
Methodist Council and a
series of events, exhibitions
and resources to keep you
busy over the summer.

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box[Queer as Art](#)

Saturday 29 July
BBC Two, 9:00pm

A documentary celebrating
the LGBTQ contribution to
the arts in Britain in the 50
years since
decriminalisation.

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 30 July
BBC One, 3:00pm

Aled Jones is at Southwark
Cathedral in London to
reveal how people are
pulling together in a spirit
of love, light and unity
after the recent tragic
events in the capital.

[World War One
Remembered](#)

Sunday 30 July
BBC Two, 7:00pm

Kirsty Young introduces
live coverage from
Flanders, Belgium, of the
ceremony commemorating
the 100th anniversary of
Passchendaele.

Living wage

The Methodist Council announced this week that it has
been accredited as a **living wage employer** by the
Living Wage Foundation, committing to pay all of its 220
staff at least the voluntary living wage rate. Read more
[here](#).

All Together Now

An **online** conference exploring what it means to be an
inter-generational Church is taking place on Tuesday
10 October. The conference will feature a variety of
speakers and is free to attend, live-streamed directly to
your computer. For more information and to **register
your interest**, [click here](#).

The Life of Objects

A collection of **curious objects**, each with a tale to tell,
is being held at the **John Rylands Library**, in
Manchester, featuring a number of statues of **John
Wesley**. Running **until 27 August**, entry is free and you
can find out more about it [on their website](#).

Choir on tour

The **Starfire Singers**, a choir from Los Altos United
Methodist Church in Northern California, are **touring the
UK** to raise money for charity and local Methodist
churches in the UK. For more information and to see if
they will be singing at a venue near you, [click here](#).

Youthscape Summer Film School

From **13-16 August**, Christian charity Youthscape is
offering a chance for **15 filmmakers-to-be**, aged 16 to
19, to attend masterclasses in film making from
international filmmaker James Chapman. For more
details and information on how to apply, [click here](#).

Greenbelt

Radio

[Woman to Woman](#)

Catch-up

Premier Christian Radio

Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Jill Baker, shares her experience of God in the midst of tragedy.

[Sunday Worship](#)

Sunday 30 July

Radio 4, 8:10am

A service at St Martin-in-the-Fields marking the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele.

[Choral Evensong](#)

Wednesday 2 August

Radio 3, 3:30pm

Archive recording from 2003 for the Feast of the Transfiguration from the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in St Petersburg, Russia.

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

The Greenbelt festival of arts, faith and justice is taking place **25-28 August** at Boughton House, Kettering. Weekend and day tickets are still available [here](#).

Creation Time

Ecumenical resources following the theme of **'Journeying with God'** have been produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland in preparation for Creation Time 2017 taking place **1 September - 4 October**. Including reflections, sermon notes and hymn suggestions, [these resources](#) can be used in church, small groups and for personal study.

Encounter Together

Last week we shared about the **great mission experience opportunities** offered in the Encounter Together programme. Since then, the first group of volunteers have left for **Haiti!** You can **follow their experience** by liking their Facebook page [here](#).

Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Americas, Asia and the Indian Subcontinent, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **The Shepherd's Glory** by the Revd Dr Nicola Price-Tebbutt.

Video Thursday: Conference playlist

A video of this year's Conference highlights will be available for streaming/downloading **soon**, in time to be used at Summer Synods. In the mean time you can visit **the Conference YouTube playlist** [here](#) for sermons, lectures, behind the scenes and more.