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The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



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

Next **Thursday** (5 May) is Ascension Day remembering the ascension of Jesus to Heaven after his resurrection. [The Singing the Faith Plus website](#) has some **helpful readings and hymns** for service planning or personal devotion.

Andy Jackson will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on **020 7467 5111**.

*If it's not an emergency,
why not [pop us an email](#)?
We'd love to hear from you!*

God bless,

Toby



On the box

[What Would be Your Miracle?](#)

Thursday 28 April
ITV, 9:00pm

Emma Willis presents the stories of people whose lives are being transformed by modern medicine.

[Chasing Dad: A Lifelong Addiction](#)

Tuesday 3 May
BBC1, 10:45pm

Documentary depicting one father's long-term struggle with heroin addiction told from the perspective of his son.

EU Referendum Resources

The Joint Public Issues Team will be launching a **new set of resources** for churches on **Tuesday 3 May** to promote **discussion and reflection** on the EU Referendum. Check [this link](#) for more information.

Hillsborough Inquest

The Presidents of **Churches Together in the Merseyside Region** have [issued a statement](#) following this week's verdict of the **Hillsborough Inquest**.

Songs of Praise want to visit You!

The BBC TV programme Songs of Praise is **looking for churches and individuals** to help them share the story of faith in the UK. **If you're interested**, or know of a church or person who might be, why not [get in touch](#) after [reading this for more information](#)?

No room for Homeless Jesus

Methodist Central Hall Westminster has been [in the papers](#) this week following Westminster Council's rejection of an application to house a statue of the 'Homeless Jesus'. MCHW is trying to **appeal the decision** and have started a petition. For more information about the statue and the petition, [click here](#).

Christian Youth Work Awards

[Youthscape](#) has partnered with various Christian sponsors, including the Methodist Church, to hold the Christian Youth Work Awards, celebrating the **incredible work** done with young people across the UK. **Nominations are now open** for categories such as 'Best Youth Work Resource' and 'Young Leader of the Year'. [Read on](#) for more information and how to submit your nomination.

This week in Parliament

**[Her Majesty's Prison:
Norwich](#)**

**Wednesday 4 May
ITV, 9:00pm**

A documentary detailing the harsh realities of prison life at HMP Norwich, which houses more than 750 adult inmates and young offenders.

 **Radio**

[Something Understood](#)

**Sunday 1 May
Radio 4, 6:05am**

Journalist Malcolm Doney explores how humans respond to the mystical world of twilight.

[Prayer for the Day](#)

**Monday 2 May
Radio 4, 5:43am**

A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with the Revd Dr Stephen Wigley, Chair of the Wales Synod District.

[Choral Evensong](#)

**Wednesday 4 May
Radio 3, 3:30pm**

Evensong from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

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

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 Europe, Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Father's Gifts**.

Video Thursday: Immerse

This week's film is the first in a series of shorts exploring the work of **Venture FX Pioneers** across the Connexion. In [this movie](#), the **Revd Simon Sutcliffe** talks about the Immerse community in Kidsgrove.

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.

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