

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,  
and welcome to  
The Week  
Ahead.

Today (28 Jan)  
is the second  
day of the

first **Methodist Council** of  
2016. To see what's on the  
agenda, [click here](#).

Michael Ivatt will be staffing  
the out-of-hours support  
line this week (07881 783  
812).

God bless,

Toby



## On the box

**Songs of Praise****Sunday 31 Jan****BBC One, 1:15pm**

Bishop Libby Lane reflects  
on the challenges and  
excitements of the past 12  
months.

**Back in Time for the  
Weekend****Tuesday 2 February****BBC Two, 8pm**

A 21st century family of  
four give up their modern  
commodities to experience  
life in the 1950s.

**Camilia's Kids Company****Wednesday 3 February****BBC One, 10pm**

Documentary following the  
inside story of Kids  
Company's demise.



## Radio

**Marriage & Relationships Feedback**

Across the Connexion we've been discussing our thoughts and reflections on Marriage and Relationships. On **23 February**, each District office will be collating all feedback received from discussions and passing it on to the Task Group - this may be **from any discussion** within the District, including those organised by Districts and Circuits, local church discussions, classes, or house groups.

If you haven't been able to be at one of the organised events in your District, **you can still take part** by organising a local discussion. [Click here](#) for more information.

These discussions aren't just about same sex marriage, but wider reflections including matters such as cohabitation, lifelong union and divorce. And **don't forget** to get in touch with your District Office before 23 February with your feedback.

**#PrayersOnTheMove**

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) have launched [a new app and website promoting daily prayers for busy people](#). Highlighting the resource, **3000** adverts will be hitting the London Underground between 15-28 February. For more prayers, Bible studies and resources, you can [download the Methodist app](#) too!

**Everyone but the government knows...**

"Poor families have, on average, less money than other people." In [this blog post](#), Paul Morrison, policy advisor for the Joint Public Issues Team, discusses the Government's **unreasonable attempts** to measure poverty **without** taking money into account.

**Heritage, trains & woodwork**

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have been updating their **blog** with snippets

### Act of Worship

**Friday 29 Jan**

**Radio 4, 9:45am**

An act of worship led by the Revd Dr Mark Wakelin, a Methodist minister in Epsom.

### Sunday Worship

**Sunday 31 Jan**

**Radio 4, 7:10am**

Prisoners and chaplains reflect on how faith can help offenders change their lives.

### Purvis

**Monday 1 Feb**

**Radio 4 extra, 11:15am**

A comedy drama featuring a rather accident-prone church safety officer.

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

from their travels. [Click here](#) to read their **latest updates**.

## 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 Europe, West Africa, Britain, Ireland, around the world and all of creation. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Shepherd and Teacher** written by the Revd Dr Stephen Wigley.

## Video Thursday: The Servant Queen

In celebration of the Queen's **90th Birthday** this year, HOPE, the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity and the Bible Society are producing a special 64-page booklet focusing on **the Queen's Christian faith**. [Click here](#) to find out more about the resource and how to order your copies.

***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.*