

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

*Saturday 30 July marks this year's **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**. Even today, it is estimated that 21 million people are victims of forced labour across the*

world. For more information, please see the [United Nations website](#).

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

If it's not an emergency, please [pop us an email](#); we'd love to hear from you!

God bless,

Toby



On the box

[The Refugee Camp: Our Desert Home](#)

**Thursday 28 July
BBC Two, 9:00pm**

The final part of the documentary focuses on how Zaatari, a refugee camp in Jordan, has grown from a handful of tents to a fully functioning city of 80,000 people.

Places of worship security

Following the tragic killing of Father Jacques Hamel in France on Tuesday, the Police have issued **a letter for the attention of ALL churches**, which you can [read here](#). The letter details **guidance on personal security** as well as information on the Home Office's new scheme offering **funding for protective security measures**.

Churches Together in England have also [made a statement](#) in response to the killing, calling for work and prayer toward justice and peace.

What does great youth work look like?

The **Christian Youth Work Awards**, in partnership with the Methodist Church and other organisations, are holding nominations for the 2016 Youth Work Awards. Including categories such as Best Youth Work Resource and **Young Leader of the Year**, please [see their website](#) for more information and to **submit your nominations**.

3Generate Volunteers Needed

3Generate 2016 needs you! Volunteers are needed to steward, help with registration, support young people and facilitate workshops. **Role descriptions, application forms and more details** are [available here](#).

Sacred Activists

Based in London, [Sacred Activists](#) is a programme funded by the Methodist Church for **young people aged 18-36** to inspire, encourage and develop a hunger for change. This 9 month **interfaith, leadership programme** starts in September, but applications should be **submitted by Saturday 30 July**.

Parliament

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 31 July
BBC One, 2:55pm

Josie D'Arby visits the site of the 2012 Olympics and meets some of Britain's athletes while Pam Rhodes is in the Lake District to mark Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday.

[The Somme 1916 - From Both Sides of the Wire](#)

Monday 1 August
BBC Two, 9:00pm

Peter Barton concludes his examination of the events of the First World War battle from German and British perspectives.

Radio

[All Things Considered](#)

Catch Up
BBC Radio Wales

Steve Hucklesby, JPIT Policy Advisor, joins others to discuss robots at war and the ethical concerns of using drones.

[Pause for Thought](#)

Catch Up
BBC Radio 2

Methodists regularly feature on local and national radio. On the link above you'll find reflections from a variety of religious leaders, including the Revd Dr Lord Leslie Griffiths, the Revd Tony Miles and the Revd Michaela Youngson.

[Sunday](#)

Sunday 31 July
BBC Radio 4, 7:10am

Current religious and ethical news.

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

Parliament might be in recess for the summer, but politics is still happening. For the **latest in 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 Europe, Africa and around the world. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Integrity of Love**.

Music Thursday: The Chalk Cliffs of England

This week, rather than highlight a video, we thought we'd share a song with you instead! [The Chalk Cliffs of England](#) is **an evocative folk song** inspired by the 19th Century **Methodist missionary Alfred Clegg**, written and performed **by Claire Rakich and Dave Webster**.

***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.*

