

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hi everyone,

It's a jam-packed mailing this week with some brand new resources, great events and a small announcement.

Toby Scott will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07974208360).

Wishing you all the best for this week and the future,

Anna

 On the box**Songs of Praise****Sunday, 4:15pm, BBC1**

David Grant is in Rome as the Archbishop of Canterbury's cricket team take on the Pope's XI in the spirit of closer relations. Sir Terry Wogan has news of this year's Children in Need.

The People Remember Monday, 9:15am, BBC1

Sophie Raworth and former army officer Andy Torbet present from the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, Cambridgeshire, honouring heroes of war, both on the battlefield and the home front.

Is this Rape?**Sex on Trial****Monday, 9pm, BBC3**

Will Best introduces a unique social experiment to determine what British teenagers understand about rape.

The Secret Life of 4-Year Olds Tuesday, 8pm, Channel 4

#Enough

This week's House of Lords vote on tax credits was about short-term cuts to people's benefits. The **Welfare Reform and Work Bill** currently going through parliament contains much larger cuts, as well as important changes to the core principles of the benefits system. Together with our partner Churches, we will be asking the Government to reconsider its proposals and we'd like to invite you to join us. The campaign and report will be launching very soon, but in the meantime we have created a set of resources for Church use, which are available to view and download [here](#).

Beibl.net

Translated from the original Hebrew and Greek, [beibl.net](#) is the **Bible in everyday Welsh** – ideal for young people, those learning the language and native Welsh speakers. On 1 November, it will be published in print form – both as a full hardcover Bible, and also as a colour illustrated 365 story Bible. This is only the third ever full translation, following on from 1588 and 1988, and is the work of Arfon Jones and his team over a 15 year period. For more information, visit the website or email [Delyth Wyn Davies](mailto:Delyth.Wyn.Davies).

A time to remember

8 November will be **Remembrance Sunday** and you can find a range of free resources on [CTBI's website](#). Don't forget that you can also contribute to the Poppy Appeal via the Royal British Legion's [website](#).

Living Wage Week

Living Wage Week begins on **1 November** and is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the Living Wage and of the impact of low pay on people's lives. The new UK and London Living Wage rates will also be announced. You can find out more and get involved [here](#).

Inter Faith Week

Inter Faith Week 2015 will take place from Sunday 15 - Saturday 21 November. The Week aims to highlight the good work done by local faith, inter faith and faith-based groups and organisations, celebrating diversity and

Documentary, following up on the previous stand-alone film which detailed the uncensored dramas of life in a typical nursery.

Radio

Pause for Thought **Monday, 5:45am, BBC Radio 2**

The Revd Tony Miles on 'Remembrance'.

Any Questions? **Friday, 8pm, BBC Radio 4**

Jonathan Dimbleby presents political debate and discussion from Townsend Hall in Shipston-on-Stour in the Cotswolds, with a panel including UKIP deputy chairman Suzanne Evans, former deputy prime minister Michael Heseltine, Labour MP Tristram Hunt and the columnist Zoe Williams.

Sunday Worship: **Called to be Saints** **Sunday, 8:10am, BBC Radio 4**

A service for All Saints' Day, celebrating the great heroes of the Christian Faith but also exploring the New Testament insight that all believers in Christ are saints and discovering what this means for the People of God today.

Moral Maze **Wednesday, 8pm, BBC Radio 4**

Combative, provocative and engaging debate chaired by Michael Buerk, with Matthew Taylor, Giles Fraser, Melanie Phillips and Anne McElvoy.

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

commonality. **Anyone can take part** in Inter Faith Week and hold Inter Faith Week events - find out more [here](#).

One important Christmas card

I know it's still October, but **MHA** is asking if you could share the joy of Christmas with its residents and Live at Home scheme members by writing just one extra Christmas card. MHA can provide free cards for church members to write their own messages of goodwill and friendship and children's cards to colour in - or you can use your own cards. Find out more and get involved [here](#).

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 West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Persevering Faith**, written by Marjorie Dobson.

Video Thursday: Why 'enough' matters

As mentioned above, we're preparing to launch a **new report and campaign** about the upcoming Welfare Reform and Work Bill. In [this short video](#), Paul Morrison explains why this matters so much.

So long, farewell...

Sadly, this will be the last Week Ahead email you receive from me as I'm leaving the team on 4 November to take up a new job a little closer to home, with the Diocese of Canterbury. I have worked with the Methodist Church for more than ten years, so I am sad to be moving on, and I will especially miss the Week Ahead family - **thank you so much** for all your encouragement, inspiration and support. Methodism will always have a little piece of my heart.

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.