

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


*This week we  
consider  
marriage,  
Green*

*Communion and look at  
some of the challenges  
posed by the new US  
President.*

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

*Wishing you all a wonderful  
week,*

*Mike Ivatt  
Lead Media Officer*

 On the box

**The Nazis:**  
**A Warning from History**  
**BBC2, 11:00pm**  
**Thursday, 2 February**

A reminder of how the Nazi party rose to power after the First World War and Hitler's eventual appointment as Chancellor in 1933.

**EMI: The Inside Story**  
**BBC1, 10:00pm**  
**Friday, 3 February**

EMI brought The Beatles to the world and were instrumental in producing some of Britain's most enduring music. Behind the success was a very British institution often at odds with the music it released.

**The Good Karma  
Hospital**

## Marriage Week UK

Marriage Week, 7-14 February, helps **couples take time to learn new skills** to move their marriages from good to very good, believing that **all marriages can get better** with each passing year. The event is supported by the Marriage Foundation, the national champion for marriage. For more information click [here](#).

## US President - a response

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Roger Walton and Rachel Lampard MBE, have welcomed a United Methodist Church **statement on Donald Trump's immigration order**, given by Bishop Bruce R. Ough, the president of the **United Methodist Council of Bishops**. You can read the statement [here](#).

## The triumph of torture?

Paul Morrison, Joint Public Issues Team policy adviser, has written a **new blog post** following Donald Trump's comments on **US policy regarding torture**. You can read the blog [here](#).

## Green Communion

To mark the first year of the **Eco Church award scheme**, churches are being invited to hold a 'Green Communion' on Sunday 5 February 2017 and to celebrate that Christ is for all creation. **Resources for a Green Communion** can be downloaded free of charge from the Eco Church website [here](#).

## Hope Community launches

A new Christian charity is to launch in the North West. **Hope Community** has been established to support churches throughout **Cumbria, Lancashire and Yorkshire** by helping them reach into their communities on **health, social and spiritual issues**. The launch takes place at 2pm on Saturday 18 February at Capernwray Hall, Carnforth. For more information, click [here](#).

**ITV1, 9:00pm**

**Sunday, 5 February**

Drama about a junior doctor who leaves the UK for South India. Hoping to make a fresh start, and finds a new home working in an under-resourced and over-worked cottage hospital.

## Radio

**[The Moral Maze:](#)**

**[Morality of](#)**

**[International Trade](#)**

**BBC Radio 4, 10:15pm**

**Saturday, 4 February**

As a nation, what price should we be willing to pay to make it clear to other nations that their policies are unacceptable?

**[Analysis: Atom Man](#)**

**BBC Radio 4, 9:30pm**

**Sunday, 5 February**

Former US Secretary of Defence William J Perry has spent his entire seven-decade career on the nuclear brink. Edward Stourton interviews Secretary Perry on the growing nuclear nightmare.

**[Fry's English Delight:](#)**

**[Let's Get Physical](#)**

**BBC Radio 4, 10:15pm**

**Sunday, 5 February**

Carvings, graffiti, handwriting and printing; physical texts offers us clues about who created it and why. Is digital text robbing English of the personality that enhances the experience of writing and reading?

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

## Methodist Youth Choir

The British Methodist Youth Choir is holding a **taster weekend** in Newbury over the 5-7 May 2017. It is a great opportunity for anyone interested in **singing aged between 16 and 27**. You can discover more [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](#).

## Song of the Week: Healer

This week we feature a song of **healing**, sung by **Kari Jobe**, an American contemporary Christian music singer and songwriter. Watch and listen [here](#).

## Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Prayer and Faith** written by **Ed Mackenzie**.

## Video Thursday: A Brief History of Methodism

This week's [film](#) is the first of a four part series featuring the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler looking at the history of Methodism. In this episode, Jonathan explores Methodism's beginnings in the 18th Century.

*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.