

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



Welcome to The Week Ahead.

You might have read **the Manga Bible**, but have you heard of **Bible Emoji**? Why not [have a look](#) and let us know what you think?

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

[Sacred Rivers](#)

Friday 3 June
BBC Two, 3:30pm

Adventurer Simon Reece travels from source to sea along the world's longest river, the Nile.

[Fraud - How They Steal Your ID](#)

Friday 3 June
ITV, 9:00pm

Following a special police unit in London as they track down an identity thief, this documentary explores how criminals are using various techniques to swindle account holders.

Ramadan

Ramadan is starting around **Tuesday, 7 June**. You may want to take this opportunity to wish Muslim friends, colleagues and neighbours '**Ramadan Mubarak**' (a blessed Ramadan).

There will be various opportunities to attend iftars (the meal that breaks the fast) in mosques and other community venues after sunset. For more information you can like **The Big Iftar** [Facebook page](#) or follow the events on [Twitter](#).

Modern Slavery

Clergy and church leaders are invited to an ecumenical morning event on **Tuesday 7 June** in Warrington to raise awareness of **the problem of modern slavery**; how to spot signs in your congregation and how to respond effectively. Admission is free, but places should be booked in advance [online here](#).

Refugee Week

Monday 20 - Sunday 26 July is Refugee Week. To encourage churches to get involved and raise awareness of the current crisis, **All We Can** have released [a series of resources](#) including activities, worship materials, recipes and more. Furthermore, All We Can is also encouraging people to '**lose a luxury**' over the week, donating what you would have spent. [Click here](#) for more information.

Jobs around the Connexion

Several opportunities are open for application around the Connexion including Chair of the London District, Family Worker and Independent Job Evaluator. [Click here](#) for more information.

Holiness

Volume 2 of the Wesley House, Cambridge, Journal '**Holiness**' is **out now** and available as a free [free download](#). It features academic articles, reviews, reflections and more.

[Secrets of Growing Old](#)

Saturday 4 June

ITV, 10:20pm

Documentary unravelling the secrets of ageing and exploring changing attitudes to 'growing old'.

Radio

[Celebrating the Carers](#)

Sunday 5 June

BBC Radio 2, 6:00am

Celebrating different aspects of the Christian faith through words and prayers.

[Something Understood](#)

Sunday 5 June

BBC Radio 4, 6:05am

Lord Sacks, former Chief Rabbi, reflects on joy through music, prose and poetry.

[The Borders of Sanity](#)

Monday 6 June

BBC Radio 4, 6:00pm

Christopher Harding asks why the mental health of Sweden's adolescents has become a public health concern.

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

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 Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Rebellion and Redemption** written by Michael King, Vice-President of the Conference 2012/13.

Video Thursday: Conference is coming

In [this week's video](#) (available to **stream** or **download** for showing in your church), the President and Vice-President designate of the Methodist Conference **invite you to Conference** and suggest some things you might want to read, reflect and pray about in preparation.

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.