

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,
and welcome
to The Week
Ahead.

This week we
respond to the
government consultation on
gambling machines and
read how church members
are caring for those with
dementia.

The out-of-hours media
support line can be
contacted by calling 020
7467 5170 or via email
[here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful
week,

Michael Ivatt
Lead Media Officer



On the box

BBC Exodus:**[Our Journey Continues](#)****BBC Two, 9:00pm****Thursday 2 November**

A portrait of the migration
crisis, revisiting some of
those who arrived in 2015
and meeting those still
making the increasingly
difficult and dangerous
journeys in search of a
better life.

[Songs of Praise](#)**BBC One, 4:00pm****Sunday 5 November**

The Reverend Kate Bottley
visits a Christian project
restoring broken bicycles
while turning around young
lives. She also meets
award-winning worship
leader Noel Robinson.

[Hotel for Refugees](#)**BBC One, 10:45pm****Tuesday 7 November**

Fixed Odds Betting Terminals

The Methodist Church are among the Churches and faith-based organisations who have **responded** to the Government's announcement of a **consultation** on proposals for changes to gaming machines. You can read the joint response [here](#).

Church, Carers and Dementia

The Christian Council on Ageing, also known as Christians on Ageing, have published a **pioneering study** on those caring for loved ones with dementia. You can read the report, with first-hand experiences of church-going care givers, [here](#).

Youth President Blog

[Read](#) the blog of the Methodist Youth President, Michael Pryke, as he reflects on his **first month in office** getting to grips with life at Methodist Church House.

Chaplaincy

How to Share Your Cloak is an opportunity for chaplains to **meet, network and celebrate** the legacy of [St Martin](#); and for individuals and churches interested in chaplaincy. The event takes place on Saturday 11 November at Heslington Church, York. To read more and to book click [here](#).

Advent Offering Resources

Resources for this advent year's Advent Offering are **available to order** from [Methodist Publishing](#). Welsh language versions are available [here](#).

Cliff Summer Schools

Details are now available for the two August 2018 Summer Schools, covering the themes of **Theology, Spirituality, Chaplaincy, Film-Making** (30 July-3 August) and **Worship: Leading and Preaching** (6-10 August). Click [here](#) for more information.

This week in Parliament

A remote town in the west of Ireland deals with the arrival of hundreds of Syrian war-torn refugees.

Radio

[Living With The Gods The Power of Song](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 9:45am
Friday 3 November**

The expression of shared beliefs in communities around the world and the power of communal singing within the Lutheran Church.

[The Last Missionary of Kanaipur](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 2:15pm
Friday 3 November**

Drama featuring a missionary in Bangladesh who loves the country and her small Christian community but begins to question her place there.

[Sunday Worship One Teacher, One Father](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8:10am
Sunday 5 November**

Mass live from St Joseph's Catholic Church in Bradford, exploring the importance of recognising the common ground between different Christian denominations.

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

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 **The Covenant of Faith** written by Julian Bond.

Video Thursday: Methodist Schools

A **new** video offering a brief introduction to Methodist Schools has been produced. You can watch the film [here](#).

***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.*