

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


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

The **United Methodist Committee on Relief** are working with disaster coordinators to provide relief in Texas following **Hurricane Harvey**. [Here](#) are five ways you can help too.

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

[Educating Manchester](#)
Thursday 31 Aug
Channel 4, 9:00pm

A warm and honest exploration of what life is like for students and their teachers at a secondary school in Salford.

[Songs of Praise](#)
Sunday 3 Sep
BBC One, 3:25pm

Claire McCollum travels to County Mayo in Ireland to join thousands of pilgrims as they climb Ireland's holy mountain, Croagh Patrick.

[White Kid, Brown Kid](#)
Monday 4 Sep
Channel 4, 10:00pm

Documentary following two teenage girls from very different worlds as they try to become friends in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire,

Happy New Year!

Tomorrow, 1 September, marks the first day of **the new Connexional Year!** Many of us will be attending Covenant Services, at which we say the **Covenant Prayer** and celebrate all that God has done for us, affirming our dedication to God. You can read more about the Covenant Prayer and its significance [here](#).

Prayer and fasting

To mark the new Connexional Year and encourage us to share the love of God, the 2017 Methodist Conference called on churches to share in a **day of prayer and fasting**. Resources, reflections and further information can be found [here](#).

New Year - new resources

To help you make the most of the New Connexional Year, Methodist Publishing has put together a list of products that you might find **useful for the year ahead**, including Presidential Prayer Cards, the Methodist Diary and the Prayer Handbook. [Click here](#) to see for yourself.

Good for us: the UK arms industry

The **Joint Public Issues Team** have written a new article on their website regarding the upcoming Arms Fair in September. The post includes thoughts and reflections on the important issues and details of how to get involved in a protest vigil, taking place on **5 September**. [Click here](#) for more details.

Organ Donation Week

Between **4-10 September**, the NHS, hospitals, charities and supporters of organ donation will be encouraging people across the UK to talk about the **live-saving benefits** of organ donation. You can find out more for yourself [here](#).

Education Sunday

As many of us prepare our young people to go back to school, **Churches Together in England**, have put

one of the most racially segregated places in Britain.

Radio

[Daily Service](#)

Friday 1 Sep

BBC Radio 4LW, 9:44am

A spiritual reflection and prayers on a topical subject led by Leslie Griffiths, Methodist minister and member of the House of Lords.

[The Sunday Hour](#)

Sunday 3 Sep

BBC Radio 2, 6:00am

The Revd Kate Bottley reflects on the Christian approach to new starts to mark the beginning of the new school year.

[Choral Evensong](#)

Wednesday 6 Sep

BBC Radio 3, 3:30pm

Recorded in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh.

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

together a series of resources, prayers and Bible studies for [Education Sunday](#), taking place on **10 September**.

This week in Parliament

The business of the **UK Parliament** starts again on September 5. You can view its calendar [online here](#). The business of the **Scottish Parliament** starts on September 4 and its calendar is [here](#). The **Welsh Assembly** is in recess until 18 September.

Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Africa, Britain, Ireland and around the world. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **Resurrection and Life** by the Revd David Rhymer.

Video Thursday: No longer my own

[This week's video](#) is a song from American singer-songwriter **Cheri Keaggy**, *No Longer My Own*. Inspired by the **Methodist Covenant Prayer**, the song repeats "For I am no longer my own but Yours, I am no longer my own but Yours."

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.