The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church

Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This weekend is, of course, Mothering Sunday. In addition it is a really busy time throughout the Connexion.

Toby will be providing on call cover until 10 March on 07969 985 376.

Wishing you all a great week,

Mike

On the box

Queen Victoria's Children
Saturday 5 March
BBC2, 7:30pm
How the death of Victoria's husband affected relationships with her children.

The Story of Cats
Sunday 6 March
ITV1, 8:00pm
How do our domestic moggies measure up against their wild cousins?

The Return of the Flying Scotsman
Monday 7 March
BBC4, 8:30pm
Story of the ten year restoration that returned one of the world's most famous locomotives to the tracks.

Connecting Disciples Live

The Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network conference, Connecting Disciples 2016, takes place 7-10 March. You can watch **highlights** of this conference for Methodist lay employees and children and youth workers via **live streaming** during the event by clicking here.

Fairtrade Fortnight

There is still time to take part in Fairtrade Fortnight, 29 Feb to 13 March. The campaign highlights the lack of**food security** for farmers around the world. For ideas on how to give your **support**, click here.

Asbury 200

Join together in marking the 200th anniversary of the death of **Bishop Francis Asbury**, the British man who grew Methodism in America. You can **book tickets** for the special event taking place on 9 April at the Black Country Living Museum in Tipton. Click here for more information.
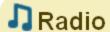
Stop Trident Rally

Representatives from the Methodist Church attended last Saturday's rally to **protest** about the renewal of the**Trident Nuclear Deterrent**. Click here to listen to a podcast from the event and hear why the issue is an important one for Methodists.

EU Referendum

The EU referendum takes place on Thursday 23 June. The Joint Public Issues Team will be producing **resources** to help **reflect** on the issues around this important vote. The resources will be available in April. To register for more information click here.

Wesley's Horse

To mark the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's death,

a**new blog**, Wesley's Horse, has been launched to consider the **relevance** of Methodism in today's world. Read the blog here.

Jobs within the Connexion

The **Methodist Central Finance Board** is seeking a new CEO. To find out more about this vital role taking finance forward, click here.

Cliff College is recruiting a Faculty Lecturer and Programme Lead. For more information click here.

This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** onlinehere. 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, Latin America, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week'sA Word in Time Bible study is **Restoration and Return**written by the Revd Neil Cockling.

Video Thursday: I live in real poverty.

This week's film examines the widening gap between the public perception of poverty and what it means for real families. To watch click here.