

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to The Week Ahead.




Tuesday 8 November will see **the United States Presidential Election**. Please join us in praying for our friends over the pond and the whole world as we'll **all** be effected by this decision.

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

As always, if it's not urgent, please do **pop us an email**: we'd **love** to hear from you!

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Toby

 On the box

[China: Between Clouds and Dreams](#)

Saturday 5 November, Channel 4, 7:00pm

The first in a series of documentaries exploring the everyday lives of people throughout China.

[Planet Earth II: Islands](#)

Sunday 6 November, BBC 1, 8:00pm

A new series narrated by David Attenborough,

New Catalogue

The Methodist Publishing Team have just launched a **brand new** catalogue featuring **more items than ever**. To see what's available you can view it [online here](#).

The Diamond Challenge

The **Revd Chris Brown**, Chaplain to the Duke of Edinburgh programme, will be walking **18 miles** on **Wednesday 9 Nov** for his 'Diamond Challenge' to raise money for the Duke of Edinburgh charity. [Click here](#) to offer your support.

Marathons

All We Can have secured a presence in the **2017 London Marathon** and are looking for keen runners to **apply** to take part. For more information and apply, [click here](#).

The Big Issues

Histon Methodist Church, Cambridge, is holding a **special event** titled 'Big Issues: Refugees, immigration and the EU' next **Thursday, 10 Nov**. The event will be led by Janet Farrell and Bazen Inquai, lawyers specialising in immigration and human rights, and will discuss **an overview of the legal context**. For more information, [click here](#).

Premier Digital Conference

The annual [Premier Digital Conference](#) is coming soon and **tickets are still available**. With **guidance, keynote talks, workshops and more**, the conference promises to be helpful for everyone no matter how tech-savvy they are (or are not).

Connecting Disciples


Discounted early bird booking for the Connecting Disciples 2017 conference have now been extended **until**

featuring wildlife from the most remote islands.

**Black and British:
A Forgotten History**

**Wednesday 9
November,
BBC 2, 9:00pm**

Historian David Olusoga explores the enduring relationship between Britain and people whose origins lie in Africa.

 **Radio**

Daily Service

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

Spiritual reflection and prayers led by the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins.

Inspirational Breakfast

**Monday-Friday 7-11
November, Premier
Christian Radio, 7:20am**

Youth President, Tim Annan, will be discussing life, people and more in short reflections each day this week.

Pop Goes the Bible!

**Tuesday 8 November,
BBC Radio 4 Ex, 6:30am**

From Bob Dylan to U2, Paul Gambaccini explores pop songs inspired by the Bible.

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

9am on 14 November. Specifically for lay, children and youth workers, the four day event will be held at High Leigh Conference Centre on 6-9 March on the theme of '**Be the change - Holiness and Justice**'. For more information and to book your ticket, [click 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: Amazing Grace

[This week's song](#) is Chris Tomlin's take on '**Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)**'. I like this version so much I had it played at my wedding - much to the organist's dismay!

If you've got a song that you'd like to share, please do [get in touch](#).

Reflections

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

Video Thursday: John Wesley - the movie

[This week's film](#) is from the Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church of 1954, **John Wesley**. This classic **feature-length movie** portrays some of the major events that took place in **the life and mission** of the man himself, as portrayed by Leonard Sachs.

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.