

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



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

If you're in
London

tomorrow (Friday 7 April),
why not visit [Applecart Arts](#)
who are holding a **free
open day** exploring
matters of faith through
creative pursuits.

'Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord' is the
theme for [this
Sunday's JPIT Lenten
reflection](#).

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

On the box

[Imperial War Museums at 100](#)

Friday 7 April,
BBC Four, 7:00pm

Simon Weston marks 100
years since the
establishment of the
Imperial War Museums,
which were initially set up
in the midst of the First
World War.

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 9 April,
BBC One, 5:00pm

Josie D'Arby visits a farm
in the Yorkshire Dales
during lambing season and
the Archbishop of York
meets a woman who

'Two-child rule'

The new two-child limit to Universal Credit which takes effect today (6 April) means that financial aid is **no longer provided** by the government for the third or subsequent child born into a family. This **fundamentally changes** the benefit system so that it "**deliberately ignores**" the needs of some of the UK's most vulnerable children, say Church leaders. [Click here](#) to read their comments.

Shine like Stars

This year's **Easter Offering** dedication service features stories from across the world of people who are being supported by the **World Mission Fund**. You can **download the resources** from the Methodist website [here](#), including a variety of children's resources, PowerPoints, stories and more.

Connecting Disciples 2017

Places are **still available** for this year's second Conference for Methodist Lay Employees and Children & Youth Workers, taking place at Cliff College from **9-11 June**. The theme is "**Be the change - Holiness and Justice**." [Click here](#) for more information.

Imaginative resourcing

The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell reflects on how we can use our **imagination** to better implement our **resources**, in the latest post on [the Wesley Horse blog](#).

Reflect

Reflect, **Methodists supporting spirituality and retreats**, has just **re-launched** its website. [Click here](#) to see for yourself.

Together, we can tackle child abuse

forgave those responsible for her son's death.

[Bronx to Bradford: Friars on a Mission](#)

Thursday 13 April, BBC One, 10:45pm

This documentary follows five monks from a friary in Bradford, as they run soup kitchens, pray and restore an old run-down church.

 **Radio**

[Sunday Worship](#)

BBC iPlayer, BBC Radio 4,

The Revd Dr Stephen Wigley, Chair of the Wales Synod, preaches on 'What we give we gain' from Neath Methodist Church, Wales.

[World Monthly](#)

Thursday 6 April, Premier Christian Radio, 10:00pm

Join Lisa Mainwaring as she tries to make sense of what's happening in the world from a Christian perspective.

[Pause for Thought](#)

Friday 7 April, BBC Radio 2, 5:45am

The Revd Tony Miles reflects on the theme of 'Living Dangerously'.

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

Action for Children have been working with the **Department for Education** on a **new national campaign** for child protection. [Click here](#) for more information and a downloadable **'tool kit'**.

ONE Programme Participants Wanted

A number of **job opportunities** across the Connexion are now open, including several **ONE Programme placements**. These one year, fixed-term project based positions are specifically designed for young adults aged **16-23** to experience life working in and around the Church. [Click here](#) for more information.

Song of the Week: Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King (Forever)

As we approach **Palm Sunday** and reflect on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the **Singing the Faith Plus website** suggests [Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King](#) (StF 77) by **Chris Tomlin**.

Prayers and Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Africa, the Americas, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Way of the Cross** written by the Revd Dr Jennifer Smith.

Video Thursday: Pop Up Coffee Shop

Last month our very own **Revd Alison Walker** featured in the **Cambridge News** talking about Haslingfield Methodist Church's Pop Up Coffee Shop. You can watch for yourself [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.*