Hello everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

Having witnessed events in the news over recent days, we pray for all those in the Caribbean and the USA recovering from the hurricanes in the area.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

Education Sunday

This Sunday, 10 September, is Education Sunday, a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. You can find resources to mark the day here on the Churches Together website.

Constance Coltman centenary

September 17 2017 marks the centenary of the ordination of Constance Coltman. Though not the first woman to be ordained as a minister in Britain, Constance Coltman was the first woman to be ordained into the ministry of a mainstream British denomination. You can read more about Constance on the Singing the Faith website, here.

Week of Prayer for Palestine and Israel

The 17 -24 September is a week of education, prayer and action for peace in Palestine & Israel. You can find more information about the event and resources here.

Holiday hunger

Member churches of the Joint Public Interest Team, including the Methodist Church, have signed a letter expressing concern at the health of some children returning to school after their holidays due to a lack of nutrition. You can read the letter, calling for action from the Government on the issue, here. The letter was originally published in The Telegraph.

Digital Content Editor and Writer

The Connexional Team are seeking a Digital Content Editor and Writer. The role will involve maintaining, editing, writing, filming and commissioning content for the Church’s websites, video channels, blogs and social media channels. You can read more about the role here.

Revival, Reform, and Revolution in Global Methodism
Applications are invited from across British Methodism to participate in the 14th Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies at Pembroke College, Oxford from 12-19 August 2018. Full details can be found 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 (from 18 September) click here.

Reflections

In the coming week the Prayer Handbook will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Southern Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week’s A Word in Time Bible studies is The Life of Faith written by the Revd Pat Billsborrow.

Video Thursday: Street Pastors

In this week’s video we discover what it takes to be a Street Pastor as they share their passion for volunteering. You can watch their story 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.