

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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*

 On the box[Tribes, Predators and Me](#)

**BBC 1, 9:00pm
Thursday 7 Sept**

Gordon Buchanan joins a tribal family on a remote Pacific island to see if it is possible to live close to sharks.

[Songs of Praise](#)

**BBC 1, 4:30pm
Sunday 10 Sept**

Katherine Jenkins visits the monastery on Caldey Island and meets a monk who is a published poet. Josie D'Arby meets the father and son behind the choir Angelicus Celtis.

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

[Everyday Eden, a potted history of the suburban garden](#)

BBC 1, 8:00pm

Wednesday 13 Sept

Writer and historian Michael Collins praises the humble suburban garden and its place in the history of British society.

 **Radio**

[The Fix](#)

BBC Radio 4, 10:15pm

Saturday 9 Sept

The government and health authorities have tried for years to get people to drink less but the numbers of those drinking more than the recommended amount is still high. Can young people find an innovative solution?

[Something Understood: Signs of Life](#)

BBC Radio 4, 6:25am

Sunday 10 Sept

Writer and priest Malcolm Doney examines the sacred power of the objects we hold dear. From jewellery to photographs, Malcolm argues that possessions can hold powerful spiritual resonances

[Good Morning Sunday](#)

BBC Radio 2, 7:00am

Sunday 10 Sept

Clare Balding presents the topical faith programme. Her guest is author Jules Evans who uses Greek philosophy to inspire rugby players.

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

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 [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.*