

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to **The Week Ahead**.


This week, we offer reflections and prayers about the General

Election and the recent terror attacks. We also start to look forward to **the Conference** and the **fringe events** that will be taking place over the event.

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

Wishing you all a blessed week,

Michael Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

 On the box

The Big Questions
BBC One 10:15am
Sunday, 11 June

Nicky Campbell presents a moral and religious discussion, from Harris Academy, Peckham, on whether interfering with genes is ethical.

Poldark
BBC One 9:00pm
Sunday, 11 June

This first episode of the new series sees Ross and Demelza looking to forget the past and rebuild their marriage, but new arrivals

General Election response

If you hadn't heard, today is the General Election! And by early tomorrow we should know the result. The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference will be **releasing a statement and prayers** on Friday 9 June in response to the election. The statement will be published on the Methodist Church news pages [here](#).

London Bridge attack

The Chairs of the London District released a **statement and prayer** following last weekend's attacks at London Bridge and Borough Market. You can read the statement [here](#).

Trinity Sunday - the 'Best Sunday for Ages'

This Sunday, 11 June, marks **Trinity Sunday** which is being celebrated by Methodist Homes for the Aged as the **'Best Sunday for Ages'**. Formerly Methodist Homes Sunday, this year's theme is **'Befriending Age'** and you can **download resources** on the MHA website [here](#).

'The Shack'

This weekend sees the release of the film 'The Shack'. Based on the book of the same name, the story follows a father's **uplifting spiritual journey** after suffering a family tragedy. More information and **church resources** are available to download [here](#).

The Conference

With the Methodist Conference only two weeks away (22-29 June), you can find **the programme and agendas** [here](#). **Tickets** are required for the Opening of the Conference, Sunday Worship and Ordination Services, which can be [booked here](#). Details of the **fringe events** taking place during the Conference are also now available and can be found [here](#).

threaten their fragile reconciliation.

[Fearless](#)

ITV1 9:00pm

Monday, 12 June

New drama series starring Helen McCrory as human rights lawyer Emma Banvillea. Emma re-investigates the case of a man jailed 14 years ago for the murder of a schoolgirl, but her steps are dogged by the security services and other mysterious types.

Radio

[Sunday Worship:](#)

[Women in the Image of the Trinity](#)

BBC Radio 4 8:10am

Sunday, 11 June

On Trinity Sunday theologian Elaine Storkey explores the mystery of the Holy Trinity in the light of issues facing women across the world today.

[Analysis: Implicit Bias](#)

BBC Radio 4, 8:00pm

Sunday, 11 June

Do we unconsciously harbour racist and sexist attitudes? Far fewer people are explicitly racist than a couple of decades ago. But what happens beneath the conscious level?

[The Drums of War](#)

[Our Man in the Middle East](#)

BBC Radio 4, 1:45pm

Tuesday, 13 June

Jeremy Bowen considers the fallout from the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

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

Religious Freedom

This year's **Becky Lecture**, taking place during the Methodist Conference on 27 June, will see His Grace Bishop Angaelos, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom, discussing **Religious Freedom: A God-given right, not a privilege**. [Click here](#) for more information and to book your ticket.

Grants, media and funding training

Those who have received a Connexional grant, or who are considering applying for one, are invited to attend a day of **promotional and fundraising training**. Taking place on **Tuesday 11 July** at Methodist Church House in London. For more information, please [get in touch](#).

Opportunities in the Connexional Team

Several paid and voluntary roles in the Connexional Team are **now open for application**, including roles in **finance, admin and grants**. [Click here](#) for more details.

Reflections

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

Video Thursday: Songs of Praise

[Today's film](#) comes from last week's **Songs of Praise**, which featured a special segment celebrating Aldersgate Sunday - starting at 14 minutes and 55 seconds.

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.

