

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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

From
[International](#)

[Women's Day](#) yesterday, to
[Disabled Access Day](#)
tomorrow, this week is a
week of special days. **How
have you been marking
these?**

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

Do you have a **good news
story** to share? [Get in
touch](#) and it could feature
on our social media
channels or in [The Buzz!](#)

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

Meet the Lords
Monday 13 March,
BBC Two, 9:00pm

The final episode of the
series looking behind the
scenes at the Houses of
Parliament.

**[Who Do You Think You
Are?](#)**

Wednesday 15 March,
BBC One, 11:45pm

Sophie Raworth explores
her family tree, discovering
a tragic and inspiring tale
of her ancestors who risked
everything to move to
America in search of
religious freedom.

Tempted in the Desert

The Joint Public Issues Team have put together **a series of Lenten reflections**, exploring familiar Lent themes with a particular emphasis on how these relate to issues of **poverty, equality, the environment and politics**. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mental Health Matters

This **training event** features a variety of keynote speakers and workshops to equip people in the Church to become more **welcoming, inclusive and understanding** of issues of mental health. Tickets are [available now](#), with an early bird discount in place until 1 April.

Travel grant

Applications are **now open** for the **American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant** offering a member of the clergy the opportunity to **tour the USA**, to foster understanding and to exchange ideas. For more information, [click here](#).

The BiG SleepOver Resource Pack

The 3Generate team have launched [a set of new resources](#) **encouraging young people** to take an **active role** in the life of their local church, **all year round**.

3Generate Manifestos


[Three manifestos](#), outlining the concerns and priorities of the Methodist young people, have been produced. The manifestos highlight a number of issues including **mental health** and the **pressures of school life**. It's hoped that these manifestos will help to act as inspiration and talking points for children and youth groups across the country throughout the year.

This week in Parliament

[Smile! The Nation's family album](#)

Thursday 14 March, BBC FOUR, 9:00pm

A revealing portrait of the changes in digital technology and how we capture and share images of our experiences.

 **Radio**

[Youth President visits Newcastle](#)

Premier Christian Radio, Catch Up

Ian Britton catches up with Youth President, Tim Annan, during a visit to Brunswick Methodist Church, Newcastle upon Tyne.

[Experiencing anorexia](#)

BBC Radio Solent, Catch Up

Following Eating Disorders Awareness Week (27 February - 5 March), Dr Elizabeth McNaught talks about her personal experiences with anorexia and faith.

[Pause for Thought](#)

BBC Radio 2, Catch Up

London District Chair, the Revd Michaela Youngson, discusses Temptation.

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

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: Take my life and let it be

As we continue to reflect on this Lenten season, this week we're listening to **'Take my life and let it be'** (StF 566), [here](#) being performed by **the Northern Baptist Association**.

Prayers and Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Australasia, Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Working with One Foundation** written by the Revd Jenny Ellis.

Video Thursday: Do you know what Lent is?

Action for Children has launched a series of adorable videos called **'Little Voices'** in which they give children an opportunity to have their voices heard. In [this video](#), the children explore **what Lent means to them**.

***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.*