

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,

There's much to look back on this week, but also some great events and opportunities ahead.

I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07881783812).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Anna



On the box

Real Stories with Ranvir Singh

Tonight, 7:30pm, ITV

Ranvir Singh presents this documentary in which she meets ordinary people involved in extraordinary events that have changed their lives.

Songs of Praise: VJ Day Sunday, 5pm, BBC1

As Britain prepares to mark the 70th anniversary of VJ Day, Bill Turnbull meets the son of a World War II sailor who sacrificed his life to save his shipmates from a kamikaze pilot's attack.



Radio

Inside the Ethics Committee

Saturday, 10:15pm, BBC Radio 4

Should a medical team persuade a teenager to have chemotherapy? Or accept his decision, even though he is only 15? Joan Bakewell and her panel discuss the issues.

Podcast: Nagasaki 70 years later

Many of you will know that today is the 70th anniversary of the nuclear bombing of **Hiroshima** and that Sunday (9 August) will be the 70th anniversary of the **Nagasakibombing**. On Monday I spoke with mission partner Sheila Norris in Nagasaki about the significance of the anniversaries - you can listen to our conversation [here](#). Click [here](#) for worship resources and [here](#) to read a blog post by Rachel Allison who has been visiting Hiroshima.

Looking back at the Conference

Ever wondered **what happens** at the Methodist Conference? If you weren't able to attend this year, you find out what happened by checking out [this overview](#).

Getting a fair deal

Managing money is an essential life skill yet few young people in the UK are well equipped to make financial decisions. Action For Children's [Fair Deal campaign](#) aims to highlight the financial needs of young people and calls on the government to take action. Find out more and get involved [here](#).

Work with us

The Methodist Church is **looking to recruit** for a number of jobs and voluntary roles. [Click here](#) for jobs with the Connexional Team, including roles with the Learning Network, and [here](#) for jobs across the Connexion, including Methodist Heritage volunteer roles.

Chaplaincy and mental health

On 12 November, there will be a national day of **retreat and reflection** on the issue of mental health chaplaincy. It will take place in Birmingham. For more information, contact [Carol Anne Wilson](#), Head of Spiritual Care for Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (0121 301 1276).

Reflections

Something Understood
Sunday, 6:05am,
BBC Radio 4

Mark Tully discusses the impact and the power institutions have in our lives.

The Essay: Sin
Tuesday, 10:45pm,
BBC Radio 3

Journalist Madeleine Bunting with a series of Essays on the gaps left behind by the decline of religion.

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

In the coming week the Prayer Handbook will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Southern Africa, East Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Americas, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Vision and Mission**, written by the Revd Will Morrey.

Video Thursday: South Asia floods

The monsoon rains that struck Pakistan in the third week of July are still continuing across the country and there has been **widespread flooding** in different regions of the country. [This video](#) gives a sense of the devastation that has been caused so far and you can [click here for the latest update](#) on the situation. Please pray for all those affected and consider donating to Christian Aid's [Emergencies Fund](#).

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.

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