

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hi everyone,

It's all about events in this week's mailing, which is chock-full of dates for your diary for the coming months, plus a sneak peek at an upcoming movie.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Anna

 On the box**The Big Questions
Sunday, 10am, BBC1**

Nicky Campbell presents the moral, ethical and religious discussion series live from Sheffield Community Academy, Walsall.

NHS: £2billion a Week & Counting

Monday, 9pm, Channel 4
This interactive series challenges viewers to put themselves in the position of doctors, managers and other health professionals as they try to determine where to allocate scarce resources while facing complex dilemmas.

**Immigration Street
Tuesday, 10pm,
Channel 4**

This follow-up to Benefits Street explores one of the most fiercely debated and divisive issues in Britain today, as it documents the experiences of the production team and the contributors, who encountered local

Love Your Neighbour

You may have seen the news this week about the Church of England [encouraging Christians](#) to engage with the General Election. We're delighted that Archbishop Justin Welby will be giving the keynote speech at the **Joint Public Issues Conference** on Saturday (21 February). Keep an eye out for [live tweets](#) of the day's events and the keynote speeches will be available [online here](#) shortly after delivery. And if you've missed the chance to attend the conference, check out [this event](#) which is happening just one week later in London.

Ending nuclear weapons

Progress Towards a World Free of Nuclear Weapons is a free seminar on nuclear disarmament, run in partnership with Quaker Peace & Social Witness, the Joint Public Issues Team, ICAN and SGI-UK. It will take place in London on Saturday 28 February. Register your interest to attend or find out more by [emailing David Horner](#) or calling 07666555555.

A weekend away with MWiB

The Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District Methodist Women in Britain residential is to be held at High Leigh, 20 - 22 March. The weekend is being led by the **Revd Jennifer Potter** and there are still spaces available. Please [contact Ruth Watkins](#) for further details and to book your place.

Lifting the lowly

SPECTRUM (formerly Fellowship of the Kingdom) will be holding its **annual Conference** at Willersley Castle, Derbyshire, from 27 to 30 April. The theme is 'Lifting the Lowly: Bias to the Poor Revisited'. The speakers are Revd Dr Joel Edwards and Revd Dr Andrew Pratt and you can find out more [here](#).

Power to be free

Looking further ahead, 11-17 July will see the 14th **Methodist European Conference for Lay Person** taking place in Albania. The theme, 'Power to be free', will focus on the persecuted and emerging

opposition and, in some cases, intimidation.

Radio

Moral Maze: Is it a moral duty to vote?

**Saturday 10:15pm,
BBC Radio 4**

Is it immoral to be apathetic about politics? Combative, provocative and engaging debate chaired by Michael Buerk.

The Sunday Hour

**Sunday, 6am,
BBC Radio 2**

Diane Louise Jordan plays spiritually uplifting and inspiring music through hymns, Gospel and choral classics.

Lent Talks: James Runcie

**Wednesday, 8:45pm,
BBC Radio 4**

The series begins with the writer and director James Runcie who looks at the Passion through the prism of mystery drama.

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

Churches in Europe through talks, discussions, workshops and times of sharing with participants from all over Europe. Places are limited - please [email Gerald Barley](#) for more information.

This week in Parliament

This week's **parliamentary business** can be found online [here](#).

Reflections

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

Video Thursday: Second Best

The **Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** will be hitting cinema screens on Thursday 26 February, and I have to say it looks fantastic. Check out the trailer and order a free discussion resource pack from Damaris [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.

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