

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,

*Congratulations to those who spotted the error in last week's*

*email. Barbara Smith raised £750,000 for Action for Children in her lifetime, not £750,000 million.*

*Nevertheless, an incredible achievement and a huge blessing on many lives.*

*Karen will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07969985376).*

*Wishing you all a wonderful week,*

*Anna*



## On the box

**Surviving the Holocaust - Freddie Knoller's War Tonight, 9:30pm, BBC2**

To mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, Freddie Knoller talks about his experiences of being a Jew in Austria before and during the Second World War.

**Touched by Auschwitz Tuesday, 9pm, BBC2**

Feature-length documentary marking the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp by Red Army troops.

## #RethinkSanctions

You may have heard the excellent and utterly shocking edition of File on 4 that was broadcast on Tuesday evening. If you missed it, you can catch it on Sunday at 5pm, or [here on the Radio 4 website](#). In it, we revealed new data that shows that **more than 100 people per day with mental health problems are having their benefits sanctioned**. We are deeply concerned about the current system and think it's time to #rethinksanctions. Find out more [here](#).

## Wrap Up Trident

On Saturday (24 January) there will be a special demonstration in London against Trident, involving a mile or two of **knitted pink scarf**. It will also include a service of prayer and protest at 11am at St Martin in the Fields. Details can be found online [here](#) and on the event's [Facebook page](#).

## Keep the Memory Alive

Tuesday 27 January is **Holocaust Memorial Day**. It's an opportunity to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Find out more [here](#) and check out [this special song](#) created by Pete Atkin and Clive James for HMD. Please note that **some may find the video upsetting**.

## Podcast: Global Migration

Immigration became a key issue in 2014, catapulting to the top of political and media agendas. In the [latest Methodist Podcast](#), Karen Burke explores the **impact of climate change on global migration** in an interview with Julia Edwards – a Methodist mission partner based in Fiji. Karen also hears from Methodist European

## Radio

### **Something Understood: The Wrath of God Sunday, 6:05am, BBC Radio 4**

The concept of The Wrath of God is a contentious one. Mark Tully asks how we can reconcile the idea of a loving God with a God of Wrath - in conversation with Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

### **Sunday Worship: Keep the Memory Alive Sunday, 8:10am, BBC Radio 4**

This week sees the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The choir and pupils of Blue Coat Church of England School & Music College in Coventry, help 'keep the memory alive' as they mark this and other genocides.

### **Unreliable Evidence Saturday, 10:15pm, BBC Radio 4**

Clive Anderson assesses what impact the decision to withdraw from the European Convention on Human Rights might have on British citizens. He speculates on the efficacy of a new Bill of Rights, which would include amendments to Article 8 of the ECHR, the 'right to family life'.

### **Thought for the Day Monday, 7:45am, BBC Radio 4**

Contributed by the Revd Dr Jane Leach.

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

Partnership Coordinator, Roy Crowder, about how the Church should respond to questions concerning global migration.

## Recognise any faces?

Methodist Women in Britain and My Methodist History **need your help**. Having found about 40 old photos in the basement of Methodist Church House, in various boxes relating to the history of the women's movements, they are appealing for people to identify faces, places or events in the pictures. You can view the images online [here](#) and let them know by commenting on the page.

## Calling all reluctant musicians!

New courses for 2015 from the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) will include training for ordained and lay ministers who find themselves with responsibility for the music in church worship. Courses for church musicians, of **all ages and abilities**, including choristers, organists and worship-band instrumentalists are also offered throughout the UK during the coming year. Full details [here](#).

## 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 East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, Northern Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Wrestling with God**, written by Naomi Oates.

## Video Thursday: Catherine's story

Why would the government stop the benefits of someone who has been medically assessed as unfit for work? **What does it feel like** to have your benefits sanctioned? In [this week's video](#), Catherine Hale shares her story.

**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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