

## The Week Ahead

Hi everyone,

Firstly, a quick correction to last week's mailing: the **We Are Family** conference is actually 11-12 September and not November. Oops! But tickets are selling fast so be sure to [book yours here](#).

This time next week, we'll have moved the media office to **Southport** for the [Methodist Conference](#).

There will be a mailing on Thursday, but as we'll still be setting up our office it may arrive a little late - and will inevitably be rather Conference-focused.

Toby will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07974208360).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Anna

### South Carolina shooting

At the time of writing this mailing, nine people have died in a shooting at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina. **Please pray** for all those affected by this terrible crime.

### Ramadan begins

Today (18 June) marks the **start of Ramadan**, a month of fasting for Muslims as they commemorate the first revelation of the Quran to Muhammad according to Islamic belief. Please do keep Muslims across the world in your thoughts and prayers over this special time. Every day in Ramadan, the [Interfaith Ramadan blog](#) will host a new article written by contributors from diverse faiths and none.

### What's it like to be Youth President?

Recruitment for the **Methodist Youth President** 2016/17 will open from the beginning of July. If you or someone you know (who will be aged 18 - 23 on 1 September 2016) might be interested, check out [this short video](#) that explains the role.

### One Mission Matters

Look out for the latest issue of **One Mission Matters** (formerly *Mission Matters*). The new title reflects God's heart for mission that we are one, wherever we are and whoever we are with. This issue echoes a loud 'thank you' to Methodists everywhere who have generously

### **Sunday Morning Live Sunday, 10am, BBC1**

Sian Williams returns with the latest series of the ethical debate show. The panel explores the arguments behind the big issues of the week.

### **Yoga: Bend It Like Britain**

**Sunday, 2:20pm, BBC1**

From sun salutations at the top of London's Shard to rugby players doing the downward dog, BBC Breakfast presenter Naga Munchetty delves into the roots of this ancient Indian tradition and discovers that for many Hindus it is a deeply spiritual practice.

### **Songs of Praise Sunday, 4pm, BBC1**

Josie d'Arby takes to the water at Cornwall's busiest RNLI station, Diane Louise Jordan joins a choir of fishwives, and rising opera star Angel Blue remembers her father on Father's Day.

### **The Bank: A Matter of Life and Debt Tuesday, 9pm, BBC2**

Documentary filmed over the course of a year following the staff and customers of NatWest's branch in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, examining the relationship between the bank and its clients.

contributed to our mission. If you have not subscribed and wish to order copies for your church, please email the [one mission matters team](#).

## **Praying for refugees**

Due to strict border controls at EU external borders and with limited legal options to enter, refugees and migrants are forced to take extremely high risks or resort to using smugglers. The Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) and the Council of European Churches are encouraging churches to hold services of commemoration on **21 June**, the Sunday closest to International Refugee Day. There is a free resource available [here](#).

## **Free tickets to New Wine**

New Wine is a major Christian festival that attracts over 10,000 delegates each week at Shepton Mallet and Bible Society is looking for **20 volunteers** each week to help run the Bible Society Café. In return for about six hours work each day (split over two to three shifts), you'll get a free ticket, three meals per day and the opportunity to attend worship and seminars. Find out more [here](#).

## **2015 Architecture Awards**

HRH The Duke of Gloucester is to help select the UK's **best new church architecture** for two prestigious design awards being run by the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association. New church buildings can be entered for The Presidents' Award and innovative church conservation or repair work can be entered for The King of Prussia's Gold Medal. The deadline for submitting projects is **31 August** and you can find out more [here](#).

### Daily Service

**Tomorrow, Monday,  
9:45am, BBC Radio 4 LW**

A space for spiritual reflection with a bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music, led by the Rev Dr Martyn Atkins tomorrow and by Michael Wakelin on Monday.

### From the Cockpit to the Operating Theatre

**Friday, 11am,**

**BBC Radio 4**

Claudia Hammond investigates how research in aviation psychology has given rise to improvements in the general understanding of human behaviour so disasters in hospital care have also been averted, thus saving lives.

### Moral Maze

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

Michael Buerk chairs provocative and combative debate on the morality of victimhood.

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

## This week in Parliament

This week's UK **parliamentary business** can be found online [here](#). If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar for the coming week, [click here](#) and details of the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales are [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 **Life and Light** written by the Revd Stephen Burgess.

## Video Thursday: Superpowers

As this Sunday (21 June) is **Father's Day**, we'd like to share with you another of Home for God's excellent and [thought-provoking videos](#). It aims to raise awareness of the thousands of children waiting for a family, and the urgent need for 9,000 more foster families.

**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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