

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone,
and welcome to
The Week Ahead.


As we reflect
on Pentecost
this Sunday

and the book of James as
part of Bible month, we also
ask you to hold those
attending the [Mental Health
Matters Conference](#) at Cliff
College this weekend in
your prayers.

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box[The Village Green
Crusade](#)

Thursday, 1 June
BBC4, 9:00pm

Documentary following Red
Dwarf comic actor and
green energy enthusiast
Robert Llewellyn's two-year
campaign to persuade
residents of his idyllic
Cotswolds village, Temple
Guiting, to generate more
of their own power through
renewable sources.

[One Love Manchester](#)

Sunday, 4 June
BBC2, 9:00pm

Live coverage of a concert
at Old Trafford cricket
ground to benefit those
affected by the May 2017
Manchester bomb attack.

Statement on the General Election

Representatives from the **Methodist Church, Baptist Union, Church of Scotland** and the **United Reformed Church** have written a statement encouraging us to "recognise that Christians across our nations will **prayerfully vote** for a variety of parties and candidates in good conscience". [Click here](#) to read the full statement.

3Generate - Big Sessions

Plans are already coming together for 3Generate 2017 at Pontins, Southport this November. Young people and youth groups are invited to help **shape the event** by holding 'Big Sessions' to talk about the issues that are **important to them**. For more information and resources, click [here](#).

Pentecost

This Sunday (4 June) is Pentecost, where we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, as described in Acts 2. [Here](#) is a **beautiful painting** from the Methodist Modern Art Collection by John Brokenshire, to **aid in your reflections**.


New CFB Scholarship

The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church has announced a new academic scholarship in honour of Bill Seddon, the CFB's former Chief Executive. The scholarship is for those aged **under 23 within Methodism** (including all young people attending a Methodist school) who is, or will be, **studying for their first economics, finance or business-related degree**. The scholarship **will pay £2,000 per annum** for up to 3 years. Full details can be found [here](#).

[Back to the Falklands:
Brothers in Arms –
Panorama](#)

**Monday, 5 June
BBC1, 8:00pm**

The programme explores how the trauma of fighting a war can continue to affect soldiers even decades later, following men who served in the Welsh Guards as they return to the Falkland Islands for the first time since the conflict in 1982 to confront their demons.

 **Radio**

[Analysis](#)

[Aid: Something to Boast
About?](#)

**Sunday, 4 June
Radio 4, 9:30pm**

Why is the UK such a generous global aid donor and should it be?

[Breakfast with the
Disruptors-Death](#)

**Monday, 5 June
Radio 4, 8:00pm**

Journalist Tim Samuels examines the industry of death as it faces up to change in a hyper-tech-driven era where nothing is sacrosanct.

[Making History
The English Pearl
Harbour](#)

**Monday, 29 May
Radio 4, 4:30pm**

350 years on from a daring Dutch mission up the Thames estuary, an examination of how the international ambitions of both countries in the 17th century may have helped shape their response to globalisation today.

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

Bible Month

Today marks the first day of [Bible Month](#)! Featuring **reflections, prayers, conversation cards, magazines and more**, the Methodist Church is encouraging its members to spend this month reading the **book of James** together.

The Great Get Together

Inspired by the life of Jo Cox, **communities across the country** are being invited to get together this summer. Between **16-18 June**, communities will gather for the largest neighbourhood celebrations since the Jubilee. [Click here](#) to find out more and join in.

World weekend of prayer

This weekend (June 3-4) we're being asked to join with others across the world to pray for **children at risk**. A number of resources including **webinars, activity ideas and an illustrated children's prayer book** can be found [online here](#).

This week in Parliament

Parliament is currently dissolved for the **General Election**. The Joint Public Issues Team has published a range of **resources** to help reflect on the issues [here](#).

Song of the Week: Breathe on me breath of God

[This week's hymn](#) comes from Edwin Hatch to the music 'Trentham' by Robert Jackson (StF 370i). **"Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou would do."** For other hymn suggestions for Pentecost, please visit [the Singing the Faith Plus website](#).

Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in West and Southern Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **The Gift of the Spirit** written by **the Revd Dr Tim Woolley**.

Video Thursday: #Adore

Today's video comes from the **Thy Kingdom Come** initiative and features our very own President of the Conference, **the Revd Dr Roger Walton**. Reflecting on **prayer as adoration** you can [watch the film for yourself 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.*