

The Week Ahead

Hi everyone,

This week has been **National Volunteer Week** which celebrates the contribution made by millions of volunteers across the UK. [Click here](#) to find out more.

The **Methodist Conference** is rapidly approaching and we're getting ready to move the Media Service to sunny Southport for a week. You can check out all of the reports that are coming to the Conference online [here](#).

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Anna

3Generate tickets on sale soon

Aged **8-23**? Free from **Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November**? Then don't miss out on this action-packed and inspiring weekend of fun, faith and friends. Tickets will go on sale **9:00am on Saturday 6 June** and usually sell out quickly, so be sure to [book early](#) to avoid disappointment.

Jobs in and around the Connexion

Several **job vacancies** are currently open for applicants both in and around the Connexion. For all the vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#). Some highlights include: [Joint Public Issues Team Internship](#), One Programme Participants and Lead Editor/Writer.

National Blood Week

Next week (**8 - 14 June**) is National Blood Week, celebrating the amazing gift of donating blood, with churches being encouraged to consider blood donation as part of their corporate giving. For more information, statistics, resources, stories and more [click here](#).

Who is my older neighbour?

For **Methodist Homes Sunday** (14 June) the theme of worship is "who is my older neighbour?". It will focus on the often 'invisible' presence of older people in all of our various communities. An order of service, all age activity

Dementiaville

Today 9pm, Channel 4

A new documentary series exploring different aspects of dementia.

The Met

Monday 9pm, BBC One

A new series following the biggest and busiest police force in the UK.

Me and My Guide Dog

Tuesday 8pm, ITV

An insight into the life-changing relationship between people without sight and their guide dogs.

Act of Worship

Friday 9:45am, BBC Radio 4

A special service for BBC Music Day, led by Lord Leslie Griffiths.

Something Understood Sunday 6:05am, BBC Radio 4

Mark Tully considers how misremembering past events can have far reaching consequences.

The Essential

Monday 4:20am, BBC World Service

and other resources are available to download or order from the [website](#). If you haven't planned a service yet please remember the work of MHA at any time during 2015.

Talking of marriage & relationships

The Methodist Church is holding a conversation about whether or not the Church should **revisit our definition of marriage**. This could include considering matters such as same-sex marriage but also broader aspects of human relationships in the modern world. The Methodist Conference in 2014 set up a Task Group to guide and support these conversations, which publishes and regularly updates resources on the Methodist website [here](#).

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, Southern Africa, East Africa, Latin America, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Healing and Hope** written by Margaret Sawyer.

Video Thursday: Bumblebees

I couldn't resist this week's [heartwarming video](#), which was an entry in the 2015 **Disability Film Challenge**. Enjoy!

A chance to hear extracts from some of the BBC's most thought provoking broadcasts.

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

***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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