

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



Hi everyone,

Welcome to *The Week Ahead* which contains further details of the Conference.

This weekend we celebrate Methodist Homes Sunday, the Queen's official birthday and Society Sunday, when we remember all those who make our communities better places. You can find resources for Society Sunday [here](#).

Mike Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on 07881 783 812. If you have a non urgent inquiry please email us [here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike



On the box

[The National Service of Thanksgiving](#)

Friday 10 June
BBC1, 9:30am

Celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday begins with the

Methodist Homes Sunday

Methodist Homes Sunday takes place this Sunday, 12 June, with the theme of "**Creating communities** that care". To download **worship materials**, click [here](#).

3Generate Bookings Open

Bookings open from 11:00am tomorrow, Friday 10 June, for 3Generate, the Methodist event for children and young people. This **inspiring** weekend takes place 25-27 November 2016 at PGL Liddington near Swindon. This year there is extra provision for children and young people with additional needs. To find out more and for **booking** information, please click [here](#).

Interfaith & Generation Conference

The re-invention of interfaith will be **discussed** at a **cross-generational** conference being held in London on 13 June. For details and booking, please click [here](#).

Fighting Depression Together

Two events are taking place later this month to consider how churches can use their gifts to come alongside those living with **depression and mental health** conditions. These free events are organised on behalf of the Methodist Church by the **charity** Peertalk and are being held in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire on the 18 June and Preston, Lancashire on 25 June. The awareness days are open to all, click [here](#) for details.

The Conference Fringe Events

In addition to the Conference, details of the **independent** fringe events are now online. Highlights include a talk by Ashley Peatfield on Saturday morning. Ashley is the BBC's religious editor for the 40 BBC local radio stations. The Beckley lecture takes place on Tuesday 5 June. This year topic "On Liberty: Conscience and Belief" with **Shami Chakrabarti**, former Director of Liberty. You can see the full listing [here](#).

National Service of Thanksgiving, live from St Paul's Cathedral.


[City in the Sky](#)
Sunday 12 June
BBC2, 9:00pm

What it takes to keep thousands of aircraft safe between take-off and landing.

[Britain and Europe: The Immigration Question](#)

Tuesday 14 June
BBC2, 9:00pm

Ahead of the EU referendum, what is the impact of immigration on the UK and the advantages for Brits living and working abroad?

 **Radio**

[Desert Island Discs](#)
Sunday 12 June
Radio 4, 11:15am

Actor and comedian Warwick Davis shares moments in his life and the music he would wish to be castaway with.

[Beyond Belief](#)
Monday 13 June
Radio 4, 4:30pm

The complex relationship between free-speech and religion.

[File On 4](#)
Tuesday 14 June
Radio 4, 8:00pm

An investigation into government plans to overhaul children's services after a string of recent failings.

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

New to the Conference?

Those attending the Conference for The the **first time** are encouraged to attend the **New to the Conference** session being held on Saturday 2 July at 11:30am. For more details click [here](#).

Reception into Full Connexion

There will be live **internet streaming** from Conference starting at 10.45am on Sunday 3 July with catch up also available to watch the service later. If your church would like to **watch** live you can find details and resources [here](#).

This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** online [here](#). If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, [click here](#) and the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales [click here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Americas, the Caribbean and Middle East, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Justice and Judgement**.

Video Thursday: Defender of the Faith

This week's film is from Premier and asks what role Christian faith has played in the Queen's life. The video chronicles seven amazing things the Queen has said about faith in Jesus. You can watch by clicking [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.