

The Week Ahead

Welcome to The Week Ahead and happy Ascension Day!

If you didn't catch last week's issue, I'm the latest addition to the media team. Coming from comms in the London District, I'm excited to continue sharing the good news on a wider scale!

Toby Scott will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on 07974 208 360.

God bless,

Toby Fairclough

Born naughty?

Today, 8pm, Channel 4

A consultant paediatrician and a family GP set out to help families determine whether their children's behavioural problems are related to medical problems or upbringing.

Open letter to the Prime Minister

Following the general election last week, the Joint Public Issues Team have sent a letter to the Prime Minister encouraging the new government to **support the most vulnerable**. You can read the letter and the press release [here](#).

News from Nepal

Tuesday saw another **massive earthquake** in Nepal killing at least 65 people and injuring nearly 2,000 more. We have heard back from our mission partners, all of whom are safe. You can read the latest updates from them [here](#).

Exams are coming

The Summer **exam period** is upon us. So please do keep students and teachers in your prayers in the next few weeks. You can also click [here](#) for some useful tips on dealing with exam stress from the Methodist Children & Youth.

Novena: 9 days of prayer

Premier Media Group are inviting churches across the UK to take part in an ecumenical act of unity and prayer in

Fighting for King and Empire: Britain's Caribbean Heroes

Sunday, 8pm, BBC4

Caribbean veterans tell their wartime stories and reveal how they have faced a lifelong struggle to be treated as equals in the UK.

Horizon

Wednesday, 9pm, BBC2

Identical twin doctors investigate the effects that different drinking patterns have on health.

Ascension Day Today, 8pm, BBC Radio 4

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, preaches at a celebratory Ascension service at St Martin-in-the-fields.

Choral Evensong

**Wednesday, 3:30pm,
BBC Radio 3**

Live from Lichfield Cathedral.

Pause for Thought

**Thursday, 5:45am,
BBC Radio 2**

the ancient tradition of Novena - nine days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday, **Friday 15 May - Saturday 23 May**. Click [here](#) for videos, resources and more

Church of Scotland General Assembly

The Church of Scotland is holding its General Assembly from **Saturday 16 May - Friday May 22**. You can read the full agenda [here](#). Please do keep them in your prayers as they meet.

Ten Holy Habits

The Birmingham Circuit, a newly formed circuit in the Birmingham District, will be launching a new two-year discipleship programme on **Sunday 17 May**, 11am, at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham. The programme, called **Ten Holy Habits**, will be focusing on the ten practices of the Church in Acts 2 as a model for identity and vision. For more information about the programme, click [here](#).

Day of prayer for the media

The Church Media Network is encouraging churches and Christians across the UK to join in prayer for the media this **Sunday 17 May**. This year the CMN is particularly focusing on prayer for those in dangerous circumstances in the Middle East and other conflict zones. For prayer suggestions, why not visit their website [here](#).

Conference Agenda volume one

The Revd Tony Miles pauses for thought on the theme of '**My favourite gift**'.

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

Members of the Conference should receive their hard copies in the next few days. The reports will be available online from **Monday 18 May** [here](#).

Congratulations Wesley's Chapel!

Wesley's Chapel and the Museum of Methodism's World Parish Display Case has received a £98,300 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for an exciting new project, the 'World Parish' exhibition. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 North America, Central America, the Middle East, India, the Indian Subcontinent, Asia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Faith and Vision** written by the Revd Jennifer Potter.

Video Thursday: Pioneering Pathways

Ian Bell, Pioneer Ministries Coordinator, explores how fresh expressions of church are flourishing in the Methodist Church and what pioneering pathways are all about. [Click here](#) to find out what all the fuss is about.

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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