

## The Week Ahead

*Hi everyone,*

*For all those attending the [Cliff College Festival](#) **this weekend**, we pray that the weather is kind to you and that you have a wonderful time.*

*I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07881783812).*

*Wishing you all a wonderful week,*

*Anna*

### **Eurovision Song Contest**

**Saturday, 8pm, BBC One**

The grand finale of this year's Eurovision.

### **Songs of Praise**

**Sunday, 4pm, BBC One**

Former BBC political correspondent Martina

## Nepal: Drop the Debt

Methodist charity **All We Can** has joined with over 30 other organisations across Asia calling for Nepal to receive immediate and unconditional debt cancellation, in order to release funds for relief and development. You can read more about it [here](#).

## Last chance to submit your photos

The deadline for the **Local Preachers and Worship Leaders photography competition** is fast approaching. Get your pictures in by 31 May to be in with a chance of winning - details [here](#).

## New online journal: Holiness

To mark the major redevelopment of Wesley House, Cambridge, the College is launching a new online Wesleyan journal on Monday 25 May. Entitled 'Holiness' the journal will appear three times a year and **subscription is free**. It is aimed at a wide academic readership with Methodist/Wesleyan sympathies and the commissioning editor welcomes proposals for future consideration (the theme of the first issue is 'Holiness and Education').

## Wesley Day Celebrations

Sunday **26 May** is Wesley Day - and also Aldersgate Sunday. Will you be doing anything to celebrate?

Purdy reveals why she chose a new life as a nun.

### **1945: The Savage Peace**

**Sunday, 10pm, BBC Two**

Documentary examining stories of brutal acts of violence in the aftermath of the Second World War.

### **Joan of Arc: God's Warrior**

**Tuesday, 9pm, BBC Two**

Helen Castor reveals the reasons Joan of Arc was able to do what she did in a tale of military and religious events.

### **State Opening of Parliament**

**Wednesday, 10:30am, BBC One**

Huw Edwards presents live coverage of the ceremony at the Palace of Westminster, where peers and MPs gather in the House of Lords for the Queen's Speech, the annual address by the monarch that outlines the Government's legislative programme for the coming year.

### **Can't Pay Won't Pay**

**Friday, 11am, BBC Radio 4**

Click [here](#) to see some of the different celebratory events happening across the country at some of the Methodist Heritage sites.

## **This week in Parliament**

This week's **parliamentary business** can be found online [here](#). Next Wednesday **27 May** will be the State Opening of Parliament, where David Cameron will officially be reinstated as the Prime Minister. Don't forget that you can make a difference in British politics - why not try [writing to your MP](#)?

## **Free Godly Play training**

Godly Play is a **creative and imaginative approach** to Christian nurture that can be used in a variety of settings such as churches, schools, hospitals and care homes for the elderly. It encourages people to make meaning for themselves and invites listeners into stories and encourages them to connect the stories with personal experience. There will be a free training event on 6 June in Crediton - find out more and book your place [here](#).

## **Gender, Diversity, Leadership**

This **conference**, marking the end of the 40th anniversary year for the ordination of women in the Methodist Church, will bring together church leaders and policy makers from across the Christian traditions with researchers and academics from business, theology and education. It will address the challenges facing faith organisations in enabling diverse participation and explore the benefits to be gained from a more inclusive leadership. The conference will take place at the University of Roehampton in London, 18-19 June and you can find out more [here](#).

Paul Lewis looks at the history of taxation.

### **Incarnations: India in 50 Lives**

**Friday, 1:45pm,**

**BBC Radio 4**

Professor Sunil Khilnani reflects on the life of 12th-century radical poet and religious guru Basavana, whose words have inspired many other Indian poets, writers and dramatists.

### **Young, British and Imam-in-Training**

**Sunday, 1:30pm,**

**BBC Radio 2**

Samira Ahmed explores the changing role of the imam, meeting the next generation of Muslim leaders to find out whether they are equipped to deal with their communities' needs.

### **Sunday Feature**

**Sunday, 6:45pm,  
BBC Radio 3**

Fiona Shaw hears from Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi about his passion to bring art and faith back together, and questions the contradiction between contemporary art and the Church.

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

## Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in East Asia, Australia and New Zealand, the Pacific, Northern Europe, Europe, Central Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Promised Spirit** written by Janet Morley.

## Video Thursday: The Esther Collective

[This week's video](#) delves into the work of The Esther Collective. The Collective aims to foster a community of women, both in person and online, that disciple, encourage and mentor one another - equipping this generation of women leaders to serve God in the world. If it sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, they're holding a **taster day in Birmingham** this Saturday - details [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.

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