

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,


*I can't believe it's September already - I hope the new Connexional year isn't proving too much of a shock to the system for you all!*

*We've got some great resources and events for you this week, plus a great reminder of what went on at the Conference.*

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

*Wishing you all a wonderful week,*

*Anna*

 On the box**Britons Living Behind the Veil**

**Monday, 8:30pm, BBC News**

With fears growing that Islamophobic hate crimes are on the rise, Caroline Wyatt exposes the brutal reality of daily life for some women living behind the veil.

**Panorama**

**Monday, 8:30pm, BBC1**

John Ware examines the secret of Jeremy Corbyn's rise to prominence and speculates on what might be in store for the Labour party if he wins.

**The World's Worst Place to Be Disabled?**

**Tuesday, 10:35pm, BBC1**  
(not Wales or Scotland)  
Disabled journalist Sophie Morgan investigates

## Hospitality and Sanctuary for All

The theme of this year's **Racial Justice Sunday** (13 September) is especially poignant as our newspapers and television screens are filled with images of people in desperate states trying to find a place of sanctuary. The free resources are written by the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, past President of the Methodist Conference, and include an order of service, materials for Bible study, group discussions, activities and worship. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Correction: ROOTS

**Apologies** - there were a couple of errors in last week's piece about ROOTS. The correct information is below:

ROOTS is looking for people to work in a freelance capacity on their website to upload new and archive materials. If you've got some time to spare, an interest in how websites work, good computer skills, a systematic approach to tasks, and an enthusiasm for accuracy and consistency, please email [Ailsa Bailey](#), ROOTS Website Editor, or phone her on 020 7901 4873.

## Our Calling and Priorities

If you've received a copy of the latest **connexion magazine**, you'll have also received a poster outlining the Church's core purpose, as well as its vision for change and hope. A leaflet version of this poster is available, which gives details of further resources. You can order it from Methodist Publishing [here](#).

## Game of Life

The **Rugby World Cup** starts in less than a month and Engage 2015 is a cross denominational campaign set up to help UK churches engage in mission around this sporting event. You can find out more and check out their 'Game of Life' resource pack [here](#).

## Show Up

Ghana's controversial treatment of disabled people.

## Radio

### **The Reunion** **Friday, 9am,** **BBC Radio 4**

Sue MacGregor reunites five people whose lives and livelihoods were dramatically changed by the foot-and-mouth epidemic of 2001.

### **Act of Worship** **Friday, 9:45am,** **BBC Radio 4 LW**

Led by the Revd Leslie Griffiths.

### **Sunday Worship** **Sunday, 8:10am,** **BBC Radio 4**

A live service from Albany Road Baptist Church, with the staff and students of the South Wales Baptist College.

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

Christians in Politics is dedicating a whole weekend to getting to the heart of what **political engagement** can and should look like. With a packed schedule running from 6 - 8 November in Ascot, they'll be dissecting everything from the theoretical to the practical. The weekend will include input from current Christian MPs and others working on the frontline, as well as church leaders and specialists in political theology. Find out more [here](#).

## This week in Parliament

This week's **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 (beginning 14 September) 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 **Sin and Salvation** written by Julian Bond.

## Video Thursday: Conference highlights

This summer's **Methodist Conference** may seem like a distant memory, but in [this week's video](#) you can re-live the highlights. For the full story, check out the [Conference web pages](#).

*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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