

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hello everyone, and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

This week we pray for a wonderful weekend for the young people and youth workers taking part in 3Generate and continue our preparations for Christmas with new resources.

You can call the out-of-hours media support line on 020 7467 5170 or email [here](#).

Wishing you all a great week,

Mike

 On the box

[The Garden of Eden Revealed](#)

**Channel Five, 10.00pm
Friday, 24 November**

An investigation into the huge complex of ancient monuments between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which some people have suggested may be the site of the Garden of Eden.

[Turkey with Simon Reeve](#)

**BBC 2, 5.45pm
Sunday, 26 November**

The first of two programmes in which the presenter explores the country that lies at the crossroads between Europe and Asia, and discovers the dramatic changes it is undergoing.

[Employable Me](#)

**BBC 2, 9.00pm
Monday, 27 November**

3Generate weekend

More than 1,000 young Methodists, youth workers and youth leaders will be coming together at Pontins in Southport this weekend, 24 to 26 November, for 3Generate. You can read more about the event [here](#). You can also follow 3Generate on social media using #3Generate and #wonderfullyProphetic

#GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday is an online opportunity for Methodists everywhere to rally together and support worthy causes in their communities by celebrating generosity on Tuesday 28 November. Click [here](#) to learn more and take part.

JPIT advent resources

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) has published resources to help preparations as we journey through Advent. Each week focuses on a different way to prepare for the coming of Christ, and provides stories, prayers and actions based on the lectionary readings for Advent. You can download the resources [here](#).

Methodist Publishing Christmas resources

Methodist Publishing has an exciting range of Christmas resources available for churches and individuals. Among the products available is the *Gift of Christmas*, an A6-sized booklet telling the Christmas story using Bible quotes and hymn verses. Click [here](#) to see the full range.

MHA sharing Christmas cards

MHA is asking people to write just one extra card to share the joy of Christmas with an MHA resident or Live at Home scheme member. For more details, click [here](#).

JPIT Conference

Bookings are now open for the 2018 Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) Conference *Brave New World? Faithful living in a time of change* taking place in Manchester on 18

The stories of eight people with disabilities as they battle to find work.

Radio

[My Life as an Epicurean](#) **BBC Radio 4, 11.00am** **Friday, 24 November**

Comedian and lapsed classics student Andy Zaltzman spends a week living by the teachings of Epicurus, the ancient Greek thinker who championed a life of pleasure via simple living.

[The Glasgow Boys: Chaos and Calm](#) **BBC Radio 4, 5.00pm** **Sunday, 26 November**

Byron Vincent joins the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) in Glasgow. He spends two weeks embedded in two of the VRU's programmes, watching the scheme's participants working in food trucks in Glasgow and joining the cast at the Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh.

[Analysis](#) [Offence, Power and Progress](#) **BBC Radio 4, 9.30pm** **Sunday, 26 November**

A report on the ease of expressing offence on social media, and whether this is a force for progress or merely over-sensitivity.

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

March 2018. During this period of political turbulence, social upheaval and climate change, the conference will be looking at how Christians can live prophetically and faithfully. You can find out more by clicking [here](#).

To be a pilgrim

The 'To be a pilgrim' Conference at Cliff College takes place 6-8 April 2018, offering an opportunity to explore different aspects of pilgrimage. Click [here](#) to read more.

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 Pacific, Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is '**Faith in Adversity**' written by the Revd Dr Brian Beck.

Video Thursday: 3Generate reps

With 3Generate taking place this weekend, this week's video looks at the work of the 3Generate reps. To watch click [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.