

## The Year Ahead


The Methodist Church 

*Hello everyone. As we come to the end of 2017, we look forward to the year ahead with some of the events already planned for 2018. Please note that some events may not yet be open for bookings.*

*The emergency media support line is available throughout Christmas and the New Year. You can email [here](#) or call 020 7467 5170.*

*Wishing you all a wonderful, peaceful and prayerful Christmas.*

*Mike Ivatt  
Lead Media Officer*

 On the box[Carols From King's](#)**BBC 2, 5:45pm****Sunday 24 December**

The annual service from King's College, Cambridge, featuring the chapel's choir performing traditional and modern carols, including the Sussex Carol, the Linden Tree Carol, O Holy Night, Illuminare Jerusalem, the Magi's Dream and O Magnum Mysterium.

[Doctor Who](#)[Twice Upon A Time](#)**BBC 1, 5:30pm****Monday 25 December**

Peter Capaldi makes his final appearance as the 12th Doctor, who faces a run-in with his own past.

[Christmas with Val Doonican](#)

## All We Can Conference

All We Can is the international development and emergency relief organisation with its roots in the Methodist Church. On Saturday 20 January they are organising a day of inspiration and action to tackle poverty and injustice in some of the world's poorest communities. Taking place at William Booth College, London, you can find out more by clicking [here](#).

## Reimagine circuits

A series of conferences is taking place at the end of February and the start of March exploring ways of invigorating circuits and bringing new life to mission. Click on the venue for more details and booking information. [Newcastle](#), [Manchester](#), [London](#) and [Bristol](#).

## JPIT conference

*Brave New World? Faithful living in a time of change* is an opportunity to discuss challenges, fears and hopes for the future of our communities, nations and world with keynote speakers Stella Creasy MP and Peter Osborne, a columnist at the *Daily Mail*. Taking place in Manchester on 17 March, click [here](#) for more information.

## Easter Offering

Resources for the the Easter Offering 2018 service, *Seek peace and pursue it* (Psalm 34:14) are available for you to download. The resources feature stories from Mission Partners in Sri Lanka, Japan and the Middle East supported by the World Mission Fund. Resources, including orders of service, can be found [here](#).

## Photography and spirituality in Rome

Places are still available on this tour, offering a chance to explore how photography and spirituality can inspire perspectives on ourselves, our world and our faith. Set in the magnificent city of Rome, this course takes place 24-29 May 2018. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Methodist World Mission Conference

**BBC Four, 10:15pm  
Monday 25 December**

A performance by the presenter from 1986, plus seasonal music and guest appearances by newsreader Jan Leeming, virtuoso percussionist Evelyn Glennie and snooker star Dennis Taylor.

 **Radio**

**Something Understood  
Radio 4, 6:05am**

**Sunday 24 December**  
Mark Tully talks to John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, about how he approaches the eve of any major religious festival and discusses how best to celebrate the day before the big day.

**Junior Choice  
Radio 2, 10:00am  
Monday 25 December**

The long-running children's morning music show returns to Radio 2 for a special live show presented by Anneka Rice, in which she pays tribute to former host Ed 'Stewpot' Stewart.

**An Alternative Christmas  
Radio 4 Extra, 8:30pm  
Monday, 25 December**

The Revd Richard Coles uncovers forgotten Christmas songs, exploring the messages they convey, the reasons why labels would sometimes not record them or radio stations left them unplayed.

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

Taking place in Swanwick, Derbyshire, 1-3 June, the Methodist World Conference 2018 will be discussing how the Methodist Church is growing in in Africa despite challenges. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## The Methodist Conference 2018

The Methodist Conference 2018 will take place from 28 June – 5 July in Nottingham. The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world. Click [here](#) to read more.

## 3Generate

Taking place at Pointins Southport, 3Generate is the annual gathering of the Methodist young people. The dates for your diary are 23-25 November and volunteers are very welcome to come forward. Click [here](#) to read more about what goes on at 3Generate.

## Encounter Worldwide

If your resolutions for 2018 include travel and deepening your faith then Encounter Worldwide can help. The scheme offers Christians in Britain and Ireland, aged 18 and over, the opportunity to spend three to twelve months sharing in the Methodist Church's mission, life and culture in another part of the world. Click [here](#) for more information.

## This week in Parliament

Parliamentary business, including those of the Scottish and Welsh parliaments, will resume on the 8 January.

## Video Thursday: Christmas in 50 Words

A concise, yet moving, interpretation of the Christmas story. Click [here](#) to watch the film.

*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.*