

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This week we will be marking

Holocaust Memorial Day and Homeless Sunday.

Andy Jackson will be staffing the out-of-hours media support line this week on 020 7467 5170 or you can email us [here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

*Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer*

On the box

[The Children of the Holocaust](#)

**Saturday, 27 January
7:00pm, BBC Four**

Eyewitness accounts from history, brought to life in animation. Elderly survivors recount their childhood experiences of Nazi atrocities, their escape from occupied mainland Europe to Britain, adapting to life in the UK and the impact on their lives subsequently.

[Songs of Praise](#)

**Sunday, 28 January
2:00pm, BBC One**

Sean Fletcher volunteers with his local church's work to help the homeless, while the Revd Kate Bottley meets a man who is converting old shipping containers into new housing.

[Highlands - Scotland's Wild Heart](#)

**Monday, 30 January
8:00pm, BBC Four**

Holocaust Memorial Day

Saturday 27 January marks Holocaust Memorial Day, remembering the six million Jewish men, women and children who perished. The day also educates in the hope that the horrendous crimes, racism and victimisation committed during the Holocaust are not repeated. Click [here](#) for more information from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

Homeless Sunday

It is Homeless Sunday on 28 January. This is a chance for churches and Christian groups from across the country to join together and pray, reflect and plan practical action to tackle homelessness. Click [here](#) for more information.

Soul Man?

The Methodist Armed Forces Board has launched a new resource to help servicemen in the Armed Forces talk about life and faith. You can read more about the resource [here](#).

JPIT podcast

The Joint Public Issues Team, JPIT, has launched a new podcast, *Faith in Politics*. The podcast is presented and produced by Helen Byrne and Rachel Allison, both Parliamentary interns working with JPIT. Featuring lively discussions from the world of politics, you can listen to their first podcast [here](#).

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come 2018 has been launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This is a worldwide, ecumenical prayer movement calling on all Christians to pray that people might come to know Jesus Christ. The prayer is focused between Ascension and Pentecost from Thursday 10 to Sunday 20 May 2018. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

The final part of the landmark wildlife series narrated by Ewan McGregor. How humans are now endeavouring to protect the Highlands' precious wildlife.

Radio

[Inside the brain of Gerald Scarfe](#)

Friday, 26 January 11:00am, BBC Radio 4

Neuroscientist Vincent Walsh tries to determine where the illustrator and cartoonist's ideas come from, examining his theory that two specific areas of his brain may be talking to each other in an unexpected way.

[Something Understood: Julian of Norwich](#)

Sunday, 28 January 6:05am, BBC Radio 4

Mark Tully investigates the resurgence of interest in medieval theologian Mother Julian of Norwich, and explores what her writing has to offer modern society.

[Moving pictures](#)

Tuesday, 30 January 6:05am, BBC Radio 4

Cathy FitzGerald explores the dark, demonic landscape of a 17th-century Flemish masterpiece - The Temptation of Saint Anthony by Joos van Craesbeeck.

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

Community for Spiritual Formation

The first-ever UK 5-Day Community for Spiritual Formation takes place in Northern Ireland from Saturday 13 to Friday 18 May 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

Marriage Week UK

Marriage Week UK begins on Wednesday 7 February and ends on Wednesday 14 February, which is of course Valentine's Day! Marriage Week UK is coordinated by the Marriage Foundation and provides an annual focus to highlight the benefits of a healthy marriage for individuals, families and society as a whole. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 for 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 Europe, West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Healing Faith** written by the Revd Will Fletcher.

Video Thursday: Our Words

This week's film is one of a series from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. They invited people to witness footage of powerful words, used for both good and evil, and captured their thoughts, attitudes and reactions. 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.