

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


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

This week we
will be
highlighting
the Methodist Anglican
Covenant and sharing some
useful Lent resources.

I will be staffing the out-of-
hours support line this
week on 020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful
week,

Michael Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

 On the box**[A Vicar's Life](#)**

Friday 16 February
BBC Two, 7.00pm

The festive season is the
busiest time for clergy in
Hereford Diocese, but while
there are special services
to prepare there is also
important ongoing pastoral
work to be done in a bid to
reach out to the wider
community.

[Troy: Fall of a City](#)

Saturday 17 February
BBC One, 9.10pm

An epic story of love and
war, intrigue and betrayal.
When Helen and Paris fall
in love, they trigger a chain
of events that threatens
their families and the city
of Troy.

**[Life and Death Row:
The Mass Execution](#)**

Sunday 18 February
BBC Two, 9.00pm

Documentary following
eight prisoners in Arkansas
awaiting execution within
10 days of each other
following the state's
reintroduction of the death
penalty after 12 years.

Methodist Anglican Covenant

Following debate at the General Synod, the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission will now undertake further refinement and clarification on proposals that would see the Church of England and the Methodist Church **enter into a relationship of communion and enable an interchange of their presbyteral ministries**. Click [here](#) to read more about the proposals.

Connecting Disciples

There is still time to sign up for the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network conference for **Methodist lay employees and children and youth workers**. This year's theme is [Faith:Life:Work](#) and takes place in Hertfordshire from Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 March and Derbyshire from Friday 1 to Sunday 3 June.

Visit My Mosque

Visit My Mosque Day is taking place on Sunday 18 February with over 200 mosques opening their doors to their neighbours of all faiths and none. This year's theme is **Open Doors, Open Mosques, Open Communities**. Find your nearest open mosque [here](#).

Preaching competition

The final of the national **Sermon of the Year competition** will feature on BBC's *The One Show*. Preachers from around the UK are being encouraged to [submit written sermons here](#) of no more than 1,500 words on the subject 'Be Set Free' by Sunday 18 February.

Pensions Volunteer

The Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme & Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church are seeking a **new volunteer trustee**. [Apply here](#).

Sports Mission

With the Winter Olympics in full swing, **Christians in Sport** have produced a brand new mission pack, full of free resources to reach sports people in your area. Download the resource pack [here](#).

Radio

[Something Understood](#) [The Power of Memories](#)

Sunday 18 February
BBC Radio 4, 6.05am

An exploration of great feats of recall, of the creative and imaginative pleasures of reminiscence and of the way memories help us tell our stories to ourselves.

[British Socialism](#)

Monday 19 February
BBC Radio 4, 1.45pm

Anne McElvoy traces the emergence of socialism in the UK and examines three competing approaches to changing Britain in the interests of working people, comprising utopian visions of transformation, local co-operative societies, and plans to take control of the central state.

[Lent Talks](#)

Wednesday 21 February
BBC Radio 4, 8.45pm

Contributors offer a personal take on an aspect of the Passion story. The series opens with the Science writer Sharman Apt Russell who writes about the hunger that is for more than bread alone.

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

Lent resources

Welcome Churches have created [resources for Lent](#), including **daily devotionals** that are ideal for personal use or using in a small group setting. Spend 40 days exploring what the Bible says about welcoming refugees.

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 the Middle East, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Songs of Salvation** written by the Revd Andrew Murphy.

Video Thursday: The labels we put on refugee and migrant children matter

This week's [film](#) by UNICEF discusses children uprooted by war, violence and poverty. World leaders must make a real commitment to protecting the rights of children on the move. It's on **all of us to stand with refugee and migrant children**.

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.