

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,
and welcome
to The Week
Ahead.

This week we
will be marking
Fairtrade

Fortnight and the second
Sunday of Lent.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful
week,

Rosie Winn
Media Officer

 On the box**[An Island Parish: After the Hurricane](#)**

**Thursday 22 February
BBC Two, 9.00pm**

Cameras return to the Caribbean island of Anguilla in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, which struck in September 2017.

[Philomena](#)

**Saturday 24 February
BBC Two, 10.00pm**

Drama recounting the true story of Philomena Lee, a Catholic woman who gives birth out of wedlock in 1950s Ireland. Abandoned by her family, she is forced to live in an abbey, where the nuns sell her infant child for adoption.

[Endeavour](#)

**Sunday 25 February
ITV, 8.00pm**

The detective drama takes inspiration from Oxford's real-life history. The Nation of Islam preacher and civil rights campaigner Malcolm X was invited to speak at

Free Our Calling poster

Use this FREE poster to tell everyone about our mission. Available in A1 and A2, with free UK postage and packing, you can order your poster [here](#).

Lent reflections

This year's superb Easter Offering has again been created by Methodist Women in Britain. This week's reflection is *Seek Peace and Pursue It*. The reflections are designed for personal or group use and can be downloaded [here](#).

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight is from Monday 26 February to Sunday 11 March. Your church can [get involved](#) by incorporating fair trade themes into worship and events to help support trade justice and alleviate poverty. Methodist Publishing also has plenty of Fairtrade items on sale [here](#).

World Book Day

Taking place on Thursday 1 March, World Book Day celebrates reading and stories. Download the toolkit [here](#) and plan how you are going to join in. Methodist Publishing has some exciting children's books you can order [here](#) - maybe your child could dress up as John, Charles or Susanna Wesley for the day!

Death of Billy Graham

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Loraine N Mellor and Jill Baker, have offered their condolences to the family of US evangelist the Revd Billy Graham, who has died aged 99. Click [here](#) to read the full statement.

Wesley Impact! radio

This weekly radio program from Wesley Mission in Australia includes a song, sermons and reflections on the Gospel. The current episode features the Revd Keith Garner who shares the story of the baptism and

the Oxford Union in December 1964, less than two months before his assassination in New York.

Radio

British Socialism

**Friday 23 February
BBC Radio 4, 9.00pm**

Anne McElvoy traces the emergence of British socialism through the 19th century.

File on 4

**Sunday 25 February
BBC Radio 4, 5.00pm**

With many hospitals crumbling and huge backlogs of maintenance work, Lesley Curwen investigates whether the NHS can afford to run and replace its ageing hospitals.

Civilisation: A Sceptic's Guide

**Monday 26 February
BBC Radio 4, 11.00am**

David Cannadine aims to dispel ideas propagated by the likes of 18th-century historian Edward Gibbon in *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, and Samuel Huntington's book *The Clash of Civilisations*. David reveals how encounters between civilised and 'primitive' peoples have been far more finely nuanced than first believed.

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

temptation of Jesus at the start of the Lent season. Listen to the current and past shows [here](#).

The Hope Journey

This exciting scheme is an interactive and engaging way of partnering local churches and schools in the delivery of the religious education syllabus. [Each Journey](#) is written specifically for those in primary education, from early years in reception right through to year six.

Worship: Leading & Preaching

Four [films](#) have been created for the *Worship: Leading & Preaching* course that features the Revd Dr Calvin Samuel, Methodist Presbyterian and Principal of the London School of Theology.

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 **Mercy and Salvation** written by Anna Drew.

Video Thursday: Journey of Faith

This week's film features a priest who makes a daily treacherous climb to reach his church, carved into a sheer cliff face in the remote mountains of Gheralta, Ethiopia. Watch the film [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.