

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This week we will mark the start of Lent.

For emergency out-of-hours support from the media team, please call 020 7467 5170 or you can email [here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Rosie Winn  
Media Officer

 On the box

[Charles I's Treasures Reunited](#)

**BBC Two, 9.00pm**

**Saturday 10 February**

Brenda Emmanus explores the art collection of Charles I, much of which is being reunited for a unique exhibition.

[Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit](#)

**BBC Four, 10.00pm**

**Monday 12 February**

English classical scholar Mary Beard explores the myths and revolutions of the Roman Empire.

[Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth](#)

**BBC Four, 11.00pm**

**Monday 12 February**

Documentary exploring New Year celebrations in China through the personal stories of people involved in traditional celebrations, as well as those whose

## Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday takes place on Sunday 11 February. You can download resources [here](#). The booklet [Holiness and Justice](#) can help you consider how to make a difference in the world and in yourself.

## Lent in worship and reflection

A [range of resources](#) are available for Lent including hymns from *Singing the Faith*, worship materials, reflections and Bible studies from Methodist Women in Britain.

## ECG Conference

This family-friendly gathering takes place from Tuesday 3 to Sunday 8 April in Scarborough. ECG is for people who want to share in God's message and to spread the word in their own communities. Book your ticket [here](#).

## Poverty Sunday

Give, act and pray on Sunday 11 February with [resources available](#) from Church Action on Poverty who are listening to people in poverty and making their voices heard.

## Festival of Faith and Literature

This festival from the *Church Times* celebrates the very best new fiction and non-fiction from a faith perspective. It takes place from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 February at Bloxham School, Oxfordshire. Click [here](#) to book your ticket.

## Half term at the New Room

The team at the New Room in Bristol will be running free half term crafts in the café on Thursday 15 February. Suitable for all ages, children can choose from a range of free make-and-take activities, while parents and carers can sit and relax with coffee and cake. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Get Your Spirit in Shape

*Get Your Spirit in Shape* is a free, 30-minute podcast. Episodes feature casual conversations with leaders, authors and others who offer spiritual nutrition and

livelihoods are dependent on the holiday.

## Radio

### [Something Understood](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 6.05am**

**Sunday 11 February**

Musician Jahnvi Harrison examines plants that are sacred in the traditions of various religions, often seen as intermediaries with the divine world.

### [Sunday Worship](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.10am**

**Sunday 11 February**

A service for the Sunday before Lent exploring the beauty, value and challenge of the Feast and the Fast from the London School of Theology.

### [File on 4](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm**

**Tuesday 13 February**

Jane Deith investigates why some rough sleepers are being denied end of life care - despite being diagnosed as terminally ill.

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

exercises to help us get and keep our spirits in shape. Click [here](#) to subscribe or listen to an episode.

## 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 East Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Repentance and Renewal**, written by **Vice-President Jill Baker**.

## Video Thursday: Making a difference is simple

This week's video from All We Can shows how simple things remain out of reach for many people around the world and how you can make a difference. 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.*