

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This week, we'll be holding those attending the JPIT conference in our prayers.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

 On the box**[My Baby's Life: Who Decides?](#)**

Thursday 15 March
9.00pm Channel 4

Documentary about children on life support, filmed over a year at Southampton Hospital's Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, and the decisions facing their parents and the doctors who care for them.

[Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago](#)

Friday 16 March
9.00pm BBC Two

Seven celebrities find out whether a medieval pilgrimage still has relevance today, taking on a 780km trek across northern Spain over 15 days.

[Panorama: Britain's Equal Pay Scandal](#)

Monday 19 March
7.00pm BBC One

Almost 50 years after the passing of the Equal Pay Act, why are women still

Brave New World? JPIT conference

The Joint Public Issues Team conference takes place this Saturday at Central Hall, Manchester. You can follow the day's events live on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Sight loss friendly churches

The Torch Trust are offering support for churches who want to become 'sight loss friendly' with advice available on their [website](#) to ensure that churches are safe and welcoming to all with visual impairments.

Reflections for Lent

This week's Reflection is *Seek Peace and Pursue It* written by Vice-President of the Britain and Ireland unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, Carolyn Lawrence, and is designed for personal and group use. Download the resource [here](#).

Wesley's Wellbeing Workshop

Come to the New Room, Bristol, on Saturday 17 March between 11am and 3pm for a hands-on workshop to discover John Wesley's unusual methods for curing diseases. Tickets are available in advance from the New Room Cafe and Shop or [online here](#).

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that began in the Church of England in 2016. The Methodist Church in Britain is now a partner in the initiative. A range of resources and kits are available [here](#).

You can share your faith stories with the Methodist Church on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. Keep an eye out for [#Pledge2Pray](#) videos on social media. Many members of the Methodist family have taken part in these promotional videos. Will you [#Pledge2Pray?](#)

Still bearing fruit in old age

In a society which seems to value youth, an ecumenical event at Methodist Central Hall, Coventry will explore

not being paid as much as men?

Radio

[Analysis: What are Universities for?](#)

**Sunday 18 March
9.30pm BBC Radio 4**

With the further education sector under more scrutiny than ever before, Sonia Sodha considers whether it is time to rethink the fundamental purpose of universities.

[Civilisation: A Sceptic's Guide](#)

**Tuesday 20 March
9.30pm BBC Radio 4**

History has conspired to divide people according to their civilisation. But David Cannadine argues there is little evidence to support this category and that the idea is dangerous.

[Keywords for Our Time: Prophets of Doom](#)

**Tuesday 20 March
9.45pm BBC Radio 4**

Alex Deane, former chief of staff to David Cameron, explores the long history of the phrase 'prophets of doom', from Jeremiah to the modern day.

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

how God works through those who are older. Taking place on Thursday 22 March, the day will feature talks, Bible study, prayer and the sharing of ideas. To find out more, please email the Revd Pauline Warner on paulinewarn@gmail.com.

The 2018 Methodist Conference - media team volunteers needed

The Methodist Conference takes place from 28 June to 5 July in Nottingham. The media team are looking for people to volunteer and help with social media and video content during the event. To find out more, please email us on mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk

Methodist Church of Colombia

The Methodist Church of Colombia has a new website. The site was developed by Chris and Vera Lacey, two mission partners in Colombia from the Methodist Church in Britain. Take a look [here](#).

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 Middle East, India and Asia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Love Everlasting** written by the Revd Dr Richard Clutterbuck.

Video Thursday: MHA Willersley House

This week's [film](#) is from MHA and features their Willersley House Care Home near Hull that was judged to be 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission.

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.