The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church



Hello everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

I hope that you are

keeping warm and safe in this cold weather. We pray for those who are homeless and that they find safe shelter.

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

Me and My Dog

Saturday 3 March BBC2, 2.30pm Chris Packham hosts the show where dog owners and their pets compete in physical and mental challenges designed to test their ability to communicate.

Songs of Praise
Sunday 4 March
BBC1, 4.15pm
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Josie d'Arby and Claire McCollum present the show from St David's in Wales, and visit a farm where children get a taste of rural life

<u>Pilgrimage with Simon</u> <u>Reeve</u>

Tuesday 6 March BBC2, 3.50pm Simon investigates ancient routes and shrines across Europe that are still being used.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer takes place tomorrow, Friday 2 March. A video featuring ten Methodist women from across the Connexion offering their thoughts, prayers and reflections will be available from 9am tomorrow on the <u>Facebook page</u> of the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.

JPIT Conference

The hopes, fears and challenges for the future of our communities, countries and the world will be the theme of the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) Conference taking place in Manchester on Saturday 17 March. You can read more about the conference here.

Superintendents' Conferences 2018

The number of tickets available for the Superintendents' Conferences 2018 have been increased to allow more people to attend. This year, the conferences are based around the theme *How can we sing the Lord's song*? Details of the conference in Oxford, 16 to 18 May, can be found here. Details of the conference in Blackpool, 4 to 6 June, can be found <a href=here.

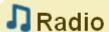
Bible Society offer

The Bible Society is offering a free audio recording of *2 Timothy* dramatised by the Riding Lights Theatre Company for those who register on its <u>website</u>.

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One Programme Participants



Good Morning Sunday
Sunday 4 March
BBC Radio 2, 6.00am
The Rev Kate Bottley and
Jason Mohammad explore
Holi, the Hindu festival
celebrating spring, which is
also known as the `Festival
of Colours' and the
`Festival of Love'.

File on Four
Disclosing the Truth
Sunday 4 March
BBC Radio 4, 5.00pm
The Police and the Crown
Prosecution Service have
been accused of failing to
disclose important
information in several
recent high profile sexual
assault cases. Allan Urry
asks if disquiet about
disclosure should also
extend to the Magistrates'
Courts.

The Silence of the Liberals

Monday 5 March
BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm
Journalist Nick Cohen
argues that mainstream
liberal culture and left-wing
politicians are failing
Muslims fighting
inequalities endorsed by
culture and religion in their
community.

See <u>The Radio Times</u> for further listings.

Slow Journeys in the Same Direction

A beautifully-designed adult colouring book for relaxation or daily devotions is now available from Methodist
Publishing. The book, Slow Journeys in the Same
Direction, is by the Revd Geoffrey Baines, a Methodist
Minister and an associate chaplain at the University of Edinburgh.

The Great British Spring Clean

This weekend is the <u>Great British Spring Clean</u>, a chance for us all to do our bit in keeping God's creation spick and span.

This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** online <u>here</u>. If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, <u>click here</u> and the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales <u>click here</u>.

Reflections

In the coming week, the <u>Prayer Handbook</u> will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's <u>A Word in Time</u> Bible studies is **The Call to Righteousness,** written by David Wynd.

Video Thursday: Love and Drugs on the Street

This week's film is a BBC documentary, <u>Love and Drugs</u> on the <u>Street</u>, looking at how Britain's homeless young women cope in the winter.

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.