

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,  
and welcome  
to The Week  
Ahead.

This week we'll  
be marking  
Palm Sunday

and looking forward to  
Easter. You can also  
discover what happened at  
last week's JPIT Conference  
with our Video Thursday.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful  
week,

Mike Ivatt  
Lead Media Office



## On the box

[Songs of Praise](#)  
[Palm Sunday](#)

**Sunday 25 March**  
**BBC One, 4.40pm**

Sean Fletcher visits St  
Albans Cathedral, the  
oldest site of continuous  
Christian worship in Britain,  
and where the original hot  
cross bun comes from.

[Reggie Yates: Searching](#)  
[for Grenfell's Lost Lives](#)

**Sunday 25 March**  
**BBC Two, 9.00pm**

Reggie Yates meets  
families and friends of  
people who died in the  
Grenfell Tower fire.  
He gains a greater  
understanding of the  
disaster's victims as people  
and as members of a  
community that is still  
recovering.

[Tiredness, Tears and](#)  
[Tantrums: Diary of a](#)  
[New Mum](#)

**Tuesday 27 March**  
**BBC One, 11.15pm**

Annie Price discusses the  
trials and tribulations of the

## Singing the Faith Plus - Easter

[Singing the Faith Plus](#) has added new resources to help  
celebrate Easter and to widen understanding of the dawn  
of creation with fresh imagery for the Resurrection.

## One Friday

If you are engaging with your community this Good  
Friday you can find some great resources to help tell the  
Easter story [here](#).

## Lent reflections

You can read Sue Palmer's Lent Reflection for Palm  
Sunday [here](#). This is part of the MWiB Easter Offering  
service - *Seek Peace and Pursue it*. To support the wider  
mission of the Church, you can make a donation during  
your [Easter Offering 2018](#) service.

## Social activism

Designed for those interested in making the world a  
better place, Cliff College has launched a Certificate in  
Social Activism. The week-long course takes place  
from 12 to 16 November and explores what social  
activism is and how to do it. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Poetry festival

Early bird tickets are now available for the first *Church  
Times Festival of Poetry* taking place at Sarum College,  
Salsbury on 5 and 6 May. Talks include the value of  
poetry, poetry and prayer and the war poets. Click [here](#)  
to find out more and to book.

## One Mission Matters

The latest edition of One Mission Matters is out now,  
sharing the good news of how grants from the Methodist  
Church are being used. Click [here](#) to read.

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first six weeks of motherhood including meeting a professional breastfeeding counsellor and learning infant first aid.

## Radio

### [A Normal Family](#)

**Friday 23 March**

**BBC Radio 4, 11.30pm**

Poet and writer Henry Normal describes the experience of raising his autistic son. Through stand-up comedy and poetry, Henry explores what this means for his son Johnny, his wife Angela and for himself.

### [Good Morning Sunday](#)

**Sunday 25 March**

**BBC Radio 2, 6.00am**

The Revd Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad mark Palm Sunday with author Stefan Buczacki and Christian rapper Guvna B.

### [Screens and Teens](#)

**Sunday 25 March**

**BBC Radio 4, 9.30pm**

David Baker examines claims that something needs to be done about smartphones and their negative effects on the nation's teenagers, looking at the pros and cons of their uses.

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

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## The Methodist Research Conference

The annual *Methodist Research Conference* takes place at John Rylands Library, Deansgate, Manchester on Thursday 19 April. To take part, click [here](#).

## Martin Luther King

*Rediscovering Justice: A Service of Hope on the 50th Anniversary of the death of Dr Martin Luther King Jr* will take place at Westminster Abbey, London on Wednesday 4 April. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Action for Children

Action for Children want you to *Clear Your Clutter*. Taking place on 13 and 14 April, *Clear Your Clutter Day* will encourage homes, churches and communities to raise some cash by holding Swap 'n' Shop events. Click [here](#) to read more.

## 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 East Asia, the Pacific and Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **the Call to Righteousness** written by the **Revd Jonathan Hustler**.

## Video Thursday: JPIT Conference

This video is from last weekend's JPIT Conference that took place in Manchester. Click [here](#) to get a flavour of this excellent event that explored how we can live faithfully in this time of change.

*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.