

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,
and welcome
to The Week
Ahead.

This week we'll
be marking
International
Women's Day today and
Mothering Sunday.

Mike Ivatt will be staffing
the out-of-hours support
line this week on 020 7467
5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful
week,

[Rosie Winn](#)
Media Officer

Consultation on the Mission Partner programme

The Methodist Church is running an [online survey](#) that will help inform the future shape of the Church's Mission Partner programme. The deadline is 23 March.

To be a pilgrim

This [conference](#) is open to all and takes place from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 April. Through worship, presentations, workshops, discussion and opportunities for pilgrimage in the area around Cliff College, the event will explore what pilgrimage has to offer to us both as individuals and Christian communities today.

Folk at the New Rooms

Local folk music fans can melt away the cold weather this evening, Thursday 8 March, in the New Room, Bristol, with inspiring pipe and accordion duo, Jon Swayne and Becky Price. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are available [here](#) and on the door at the New Room.

Spectrum Conference

Email now for your ticket to the conference at Willersley Castle, Derbyshire, Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 May. The theme is *Beyond Belief (Sorting Out Our Faith)*. Speakers include the Revd Prof Michael Taylor (former Director of Christian Aid and Emeritus Professor of Social Theology, Birmingham University) and Gill Dascombe (former Vice-President of the Methodist Church and finalist of The Times Preacher of the Year). To book, please [email](#).

Reach Out books

Ever wondered how you and your church could improve your communications with your members and the local community? Whether it's your website or your social media, your window display or noticeboard, this set of four booklets, can help you uncover your church's potential for better communication. Available from Methodist Publishing [here](#).

Moral and spiritual dilemmas in challenging times

This is a [new study guide](#) that encourages discussion groups to delve into challenging issues such as

On the box

[International Women's Day Lecture 'A Woman's Work'](#)

Thursday 8 March
BBC Parliament, 5.30pm
Introduced by Eleanor Pankhurst, Harriet Harman MP gives a speech on her life in politics and how it has changed since she was first elected in 1982.

[Suffragette](#)

Thursday 8 March
Film4, 9.00pm

A woman joins a campaign to gain the right to vote in 1912. She and her allies find their peaceful protests accomplishing little, so resort to increasingly violent measures, risking everything they have in the pursuit of political justice.

[Treasures of the Indus: Pakistan Unveiled](#)

Monday 12 March
BBC4, 8.00pm

Historian and museum curator Sona Datta explores the story of the Indian subcontinent told through its people, places and dynasties, and looking at their effect on the modern world.

Radio

[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Hexagonal Phase](#)

Thursday 8 March

BBC Radio 4, 6.30pm

Simon Jones returns as Arthur Dent in a new sci-fi comedy tale based on Eoin Colfer's novel *And Another Thing*, adapted and directed by Dirk Maggs with additional material by creator, the late Douglas Adams.

[The Charity Business](#)

Friday 9 March

BBC Radio 4, 11.00am

Matthew Taylor examines how charities work, and questions what they are for. In this opening programme, he asks what people think about when they consider charities and examines whether the reality is different.

[Political Thinking with](#)

[Nick Robinson](#)

Friday 9 March

BBC Radio 4, 1.45pm

Labour MP for Birmingham Yardley Jess Phillips talks to the seasoned political journalist Nick Robinson about feminism, why pragmatism trumps principle and her unlikely friendship with Conservative Brexiteer Jacob Rees-Mogg.

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

nationalism, populism and extremism from a faith perspective. Guest contributors include Dr Rowan Williams and Senior Rabbi of Masorti Judaism.

Job vacancy: Mission and Heritage Officer

Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum of Primitive Methodism in Crewe [are recruiting](#) a Mission and Heritage Officer. The role is to develop the interpretation and display of their museum collection of artefacts and create access for the public to the objects and their stories.

Reflections for Lent

This week's reflections have been written for Mothering Sunday. The weekly resources are designed for personal or group use and are [available 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 East Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Aflame with Faith**, written by the Revd Andrew Pratt.

Video Thursday: 10th Anniversary Jesus Longboard Classic

This [week's film](#) features the *Christian Surfers UK* 10 year anniversary celebration of the *Jesus Longboard Classic* at Polzeath in Cornwall.

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.