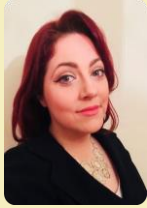


The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hi everyone,
and welcome
to The Week
Ahead.

Today we are
celebrating
[World Press
Freedom Day](#).

Andy Jackson 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

 On the box

[Syria: The World's War](#)
Thursday 3 May
BBC Two, 9.00pm

In this two-part series,
Lyse Doucet tells the story
of one of the biggest
humanitarian crises of our
age, the Syrian civil war -
seven years of brutal
conflict, surpassing the
length of World War II.

[Inside Strangeways](#)
Friday 4 May
Channel 5, 10.00pm

Manchester's Strangeways
is one of the largest high
security prisons in the
country. For nearly 150
years this building has
imprisoned some of the
UK's most dangerous
criminals. Here, cameras
look behind the bars to tell
the stories of gang culture,
penal punishment and the
biggest prison riot in British
history.

[Tudor Monastery Farm](#)
Tuesday 8 May
BBC Two, 4.15pm

Historian Ruth Goodman
and archaeologists Peter
Ginn and Tom Pinfold turn
back the clock to run a
farm at the Weald &
Downland Open Air

Thy Kingdom Come

Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, will be hosting one of the Thy Kingdom Come Beacon events on Sunday 20 May to celebrate Pentecost and the end of Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer movement. This family-friendly service will feature Archbishop Justin Welby, the Revd Canon Gareth J Powell, Secretary of the Methodist Conference and the Revd Loraine N Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference. Book your free place [here](#).

Watch these [short videos](#) about prayer and find out about other Thy Kingdom Come [Beacon events](#) taking place.

GDPR training events

The Managing Trustees of local Methodist churches, circuits and districts are invited to two training events to support them with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The events, offered by TMCP and the Connexional Team, take place on Tuesday 22 May at Central Buildings, Manchester (book your place [here](#)) and Tuesday 12 June at Methodist Church House, London (book your place [here](#)).

3Generate Manifesto

All presbyters were sent copies of the 3Generate manifesto and, new for this year, [response postcards](#). Churches and groups are asked to complete and return their postcard so that children and young people can see how their manifesto is impacting the life of the Church.

Methodist Modern Art Collection postcard booklet

This booklet contains 24 pull-out postcards, featuring some of the most popular pieces from the collection, selected and arranged to tell the gospel story. Available [here](#) for £4.99, plus p+p.

the connexion magazine

This is a free magazine about the life and work of the Methodist Church, bringing together inspirational stories

Museum in West Sussex as it would have been done in 1500 under the reign of Henry VII.

Radio

[FutureProofing](#)

Saturday 5 May

BBC Radio 4, 10.15pm

Timandra Harkness and Leo Johnson explore how technology is disrupting the beliefs and practices of traditional faiths, and how it is providing the foundations for a 'new religion' for the 21st century and beyond.

[Good Morning Sunday](#)

Sunday 6 May

BBC Radio 2, 6.05am

Father Frankie Mulgrew joins Jason Mohammad and the Revd Kate Bottley to talk about faith and comedy.

[Beyond Belief](#)

Monday 7 May

BBC Radio 4, 4.30pm

Robert Beckford is joined by Reina Lewis, the Revd Sally Hitchiner, Michelle Honig and Simon Ward for a discussion on religion and fashion.

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

from Methodist people who are passionate about sharing God's love to change lives. The latest edition is available [here](#).

Credit/debit card readers

The Connexional Team is interested to hear from churches who have experience of using simple credit/debit card readers, such as iZettle or SumUp, to accept cashless donations. If you have tried this sort of alternative to the traditional offertory bag or plate, please contact ashfordm@methodistchurch.org.uk.

Resourcing Mission Forum

Circuit and district officers (Grants, Property and Treasurers) are invited to attend this event, from Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 May at King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Book your place [here](#), the password is rmf2018.

This week in Parliament

You can find the UK **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 West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Repentance and Return**, written by Jenny Ellis.

Video Thursday: What do we mean when we pray Thy Kingdom Come?

This week's [film](#) features Archbishop Justin Welby and the Revd Canon Gareth J Powell, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, discussing "What do we mean when we pray Thy Kingdom Come?" A truly fascinating conversation which also touches upon the life of John Wesley.

***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.*

