

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to The

Week Ahead.

This week we are marking [Slavery Memorial Day](#) on Thursday 23 August.

Michael Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours media support line on 020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

[Michael Ivatt and Rosie Winn](#)  
The Media Team

 On the box**[Saving Planet Earth: Fixing a Hole](#)**

**Saturday 18 August**  
**Channel 4, 8.00pm**

Scientists and politicians reveal how they spotted the giant hole in the stratosphere and, against all odds, persuaded Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher to take action.

**[Songs of Praise](#)**

**Sunday 19 August**  
**BBC One, 1.45pm**

The Revd Kate Bottley visits the Great Yorkshire Show and discovers the central role played by the church in the event.

**[Eisteddfod 2018 with Jason Mohammad](#)**

**Sunday 19 August**  
**BBC Four, 7.00pm**

All the highlights and stories from the annual event, discovering how this most ancient of festivals is evolving to remain a relevant cultural force.

## Concordat 50th Anniversary

Bishop Rosemarie Wenner [reflects on the anniversary celebration](#) last weekend between the Methodist Church in Britain and The United Methodist Church (UMC), marking 50 years of the formal agreement between the two.

## Hostile environment

Church leaders have called for an end to the UK's hostile environment in [an open letter](#) to the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid MP.

## Called to Ministry

Are you sensing God's call to become a minister, deacon or presbyter? To find out how and for more information on criteria, training and what to do next, [click here](#).

## Welcoming and commissioning pioneers

There are two new liturgies for welcoming and commissioning pioneers, available on the additional liturgies section of the [Methodist Church website](#).

## Youth President 2019/2020

If you know of any young person aged between 18 to 23 and a member of the Methodist Church, could they become our new Youth President? This one year paid appointment starts in August 2019. It is an [exciting and rewarding opportunity](#) to travel and work around the Connexion and overseas, supporting young people and leading worship.

## Thy Kingdom Come feedback

Two Methodist resources were produced for Thy Kingdom Come: *Waiting in Wonder* and *Resources for Prayer and*

## Radio

### [Something Understood](#) Sunday 19 August BBC Radio 4, 6.05am

Abdul-Rehman Malik discusses different religious beliefs concerning life after death, and how they have helped him to cope with the loss of a friend.

### [The Reunion](#) Sunday 19 August BBC Radio 4, 11.15am

Sue MacGregor brings together five people who survived the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz.

### [Refugee Reminiscence](#) Monday 20 August BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm

Three refugees talk about something special they have brought with them from their 'old' life and its importance to their new life here in the UK.

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

*Worship.* If you used them, we would [value your feedback](#).

## OneSound

OneSound, Youth Music in Christ, has a range of [free musical weekends](#) for people aged 16-26 who love singing or jamming with friends. The dates are: 24-28 August in Peterborough; 27 October in Castleford; 12 January 2019 in Bristol and 27 April 2019 in Northampton. The OneSound theme for its new season is 'The Future Marches In'.

## This week in Parliament

The UK Parliament, the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales are in recess.

## Reflections

In the coming week, the [Prayer Handbook](#) encourages us to pray for the World Church, Christians in the Indian subcontinent and Asia, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is 'Holy Living'.

## Video Thursday: What's great about ministry?

This week's [film](#) features Superintendents reflecting on what they most appreciate about being a minister.

***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 know what is going on, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.*