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Hi everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

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Wishing you all a wonderful week,
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Prayer as a revolutionary act

The Revd Michaela Youngson, President of the Methodist Conference, [shared this reflection](#) at a prayer breakfast at this week's Labour Party Conference.



South India trip

Those aged 18-26 can take part in ten days of mission, life and culture in south India with the [Encounter Together and ONE Encounter](#) programme.



3Generate volunteers needed

Volunteers who are passionate about making a difference to children and young people are invited to take part in [3Generate 2018](#). The event takes place at Pontins, Southport, from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 November.



MHA Thanksgiving Service

MHA, formerly Methodist Homes for the Aged, is celebrating 75 years of caring for older people with a Thanksgiving Service at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 13 October, at 3.00pm. Book your free [ticket here](#).



Bible Month 2019

[Bible Month 2019](#) has been relaunched by the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT) and the Methodist Church. It is another opportunity for churches and individuals to spend four weeks engaging with one book of the Bible. For 2019, the book will be Colossians.



End Hunger

"Everyone should have access to food, no one should go to bed hungry." The End Hunger campaign is [calling on the UK government](#) to fix Universal Credit to prevent even more people from going hungry.



National Poetry Day

Thursday, 4 October is [National Poetry Day](#). To mark the occasion, a new poem is to be published by the [JPIT poet-in-residence](#), the Revd Lucy Berry.



Hostile Environment

"A system which deliberately inflicts destitution on people is not the kind of system we want in our world." The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) has [produced resources](#) calling for an end to the hostile environment.



Engaging with issues

A series of [round-table discussions](#) is taking place on topics that engage the hearts and minds of communities, churches, local and national government. The first event, 'Spiritual care in community health settings – Community Chaplaincy', takes place on Thursday 4 October, 10.30am-3.30pm at Free Church House, Tavistock Square, London. [Book your place here.](#)



Tickets for CRE 2018

The next Christian Resources Exhibition takes place from 16-18 October at Sandown Park, Surrey. Click [here](#) and enter the code METH18 to save £5 on the day-of-admission ticket price.



Prisons Week

Prisons Week (14-20 October) aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders and prison staff. Order resources and find out what is happening in your area [here](#).



On the radio

[The Eternal Life of the Instant Noodle](#)
Friday 28 September



On TV

[Gregory Porter's Popular Voices](#)
Friday 28 September

BBC Radio 4, 11.00am

At the turn of the millennium, a poll found that the Japanese believe that their best invention of the 20th century was instant noodles. Celia Hatton explores how the instant noodle went global, with the help of students, travellers and prisoners.

[Something Understood](#)**Sunday 30 September****BBC Radio 4, 6.05am**

Suryagupta Dharmacharini, chair of the London Buddhist Centre, asks whether kindness can be cultivated, and explores an ancient meditation technique to promote compassion.

[Sunday Worship](#)**Sunday 30 September****BBC Radio 4, 8.10am**

A live service of Thanksgiving for Harvest from Christ Church Cathedral in Lisburn, County Antrim.

BBC Four, 8.00pm

Born with the arrival of the microphone in the 1930s, crooning was initially about men seducing women. However, the art of crooning gained a new existential edge and was transformed into a haunting and abiding strain of contemporary pop.

[Drowning in Plastic](#)**Monday 1 October****BBC One, 8.30pm**

Wildlife biologist Liz Bonnin visits scientists working at the cutting-edge of plastics research and joins work with some of the world's leading marine biologists and campaigners to discover the true dangers of plastic in the oceans.

[Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay](#)**Tuesday 2 October****BBC Four, 11.00pm**

Dara O Briain and Ed Byrne explore South East Asia, travelling more than 3,000 miles from Malaysia to Myanmar as they forge their way to the historic city of Mandalay.

Video Thursday: #Courageous

In this week's [film](#), Jasmine Yeboah, the 2018-2019 Methodist Youth President, introduces herself in the first of her monthly #Courageous videos.



Reflections



In the coming week, the 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook, *A World Transformed*, encourages us to pray with Christians in Asia, the Pacific, in northern Europe as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is 'Wrestling with God.'

[Order your new Prayer Handbook here.](#)

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](#).

The Week Ahead is a regular mailing that gives you a heads-up on forthcoming events and opportunities, as well as highlighting new information and resources across the Methodist Church. We cannot know about everything that's going on, so please [do email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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