

18 October 2018



Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

This week we are marking [Green GB Week](#) and [One World Week](#).

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,
[Rosie Winn and Mike Ivatt](#)
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Universal Credit

As press and politicians continue to realise that Universal Credit could bring real social problems, the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) has written [a new blog post](#), 'The things you need to know about Universal Credit'.



Indonesia appeal

All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain has launched an [urgent appeal](#) for the people of Indonesia following the destruction caused by the earthquake and tsunami on Sulawesi.



Green GB Week

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) has produced resources for [Green GB Week](#). This annual event highlights the opportunities clean growth offers the UK and increases understanding of how business and the public can tackle climate change.



ONE Interns

Ten young people have been officially welcomed to the Methodist Church to begin their year as [ONE Programme interns](#).



Methodist discipleship books

There is a range of books available to help [shape your Christian life](#), [prayers and reflections](#) and learn how to [speak more comfortably](#) about God and faith. Order online now from Methodist Publishing.



Trip to South India

Encounter 10 days of mission, life and culture in [South India](#) with the ONE Encounter and ONE Programme. This is a trip from 23 August - 2 September 2019 for those aged 18-26. The application deadline is 10 December.



Policy and church engagement officer

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) is seeking a [Policy and church engagement officer](#). Applications close at noon on 30 October.



The secret life of John Wesley

Come along to [Wesley's Chapel](#), London, on Wednesday 24 October, 11am-3pm, and learn about John Wesley's life. Help the housekeeper with



her chores, try lace-making and taste 18th century treats.

Christmas worship resources

Action for Children [Christmas worship resources](#) are now available. Developed with ROOTS for Churches, worship leaders can tailor the material to suit their congregations.



Invest in Peace

The Board of Deputies and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are holding events throughout October and November to bring [churches and synagogues](#) together across Britain to support Israeli-Palestinian peace-building.



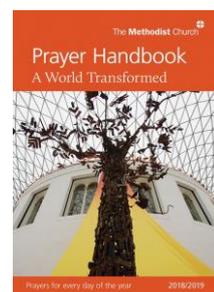
Refugee Action

Throughout October, Refugee Action is campaigning to lift the ban preventing those seeking asylum from working. Join the campaign [here](#).



Methodist Prayer Handbook

Submit your prayers to be used in the next Methodist Prayer Handbook. The theme for the 2019/2020 Handbook is 'responding to the gospel', inspired by *Our Calling*. Email your prayers [here](#) and read submission guidelines [here](#).



On the radio

[The Remittance](#)

BBC Radio Four, 8pm
Thursday, 18 October 2018



On TV

[The Lakes with Paul Rose](#)

BBC Two, 8.30pm
Friday, 19 October 2018

Every year more than £20 billion is sent around the world by migrant workers in the UK, double the nation's overseas aid budget. Nihal Arthanayake meets the families who send much of their salaries home, discovering their actions are not only driven by economics.

[The Moral Maze](#)

BBC Radio Four, 8pm

Saturday, 20 October 2018

Michael Buerk discusses the presumption of guilt with Matthew Taylor, Anne McElvoy, Claire Fox and Melanie Phillips.

[Something Understood](#)

BBC Radio Four, 6.05am

Sunday, 21 October 2018

Mark Tully asks if anxiety serves a purpose, taking advice from Bertrand Russell, Carol Ann Duffy, Monty Python and Winnie the Pooh among others.

TV explorer Paul Rose strides into home territory as he starts a four-part series on his beloved Lake District, where he's lived for 20 years.

[Songs of Praise](#)

BBC One, 2.55pm

Sunday, 21 October 2018

Josie d'Arby visits Lee Abbey Christian retreat centre in Devon, while JB Gill helps distribute copies of the Gideons Bible, and discovers how they changed one man's life.

[Rome: A History of the Eternal City](#)

BBC Four, 8pm

Monday, 22 October

Simon Sebag Montefiore discovers that today Rome may signify the "beating heart of the Catholic faith", but its origins as a sacred site owe everything to its pre-Christian past.

Video Thursday: Pickering Methodist Church

Pickering Methodist Church demonstrates how to use video and social media to raise funds and awareness for projects with this [film](#) illustrating their ambitious plans to develop the church and increase the services it offers the local community.

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Reflections



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