

22 November 2018



Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

This week we are praying for all the young people who are attending the 3Generate event in Southport and the volunteers who have given their time to support the event.

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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3Generate 2018

[3Generate](#), the annual gathering of Methodist young people, takes place this weekend. This will be the biggest 3Generate yet, the event having tripled in size over the last four years, with 1,750 young people and volunteers coming together at Pontins in Southport.



3Generate live

You can join 3Generate live over the weekend on the [Methodist Youth President's Facebook page](#) where Jasmine Yeboah will be keeping everyone informed with highlights from the event.



UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty

Paul Morrison, from the [Joint Public Issues Team \(JPIT\)](#), has responded to the findings of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights following the recent tour of some of the poorest areas of the UK.



Tell us your story

The Methodist Church publishing team are preparing a report on the life of the Church during the connexional year 2017/2018. We want to include stories from across the Connexion, so please share what your church or circuit has been doing. [Send](#) a short piece, no more than 120 words and/or a photograph. The best submissions will receive a £25 voucher code for Methodist Publishing.



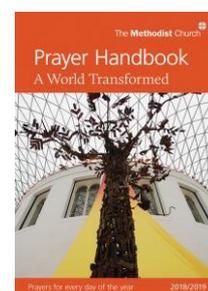
Women against Violence Sunday

The 25 November 2018, the Sunday before Advent, is Women against Violence Sunday. The day reminds us that God's kingdom is not one of power through violence, rather God's kingdom is one where truth, life, and right relationships are valued. Resources are available on the [Methodist Church website](#).



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](#).



Church leaders research poll

Barna Group, a research organisation focused on faith and culture, are looking to develop a [comprehensive and representative poll](#) of church leaders across the UK. Twice a year, the poll intends to explore issues such as belief, emotional and spiritual health.



Dying Matters

The Free Churches Group will continue to engage with challenging topics when they discuss [Dying Matters](#) on Thursday 29 November at Free Church House, London. Participants will explore contemporary aspects of death and dying.



On the radio

[Manhattanchester](#)

BBC Radio Four, 11.00am

Friday, 23 November 2018

Mark Ovenden uncovers the policy shifts fuelling property speculation in Britain's cities.

[Art of Living: From the Heart](#)

BBC Radio Four, 1.00pm

Sunday, 25 November 2018

The artist, Sofie Layton and bioengineer, Giovanni Biglino work with patients at Great Ormond Street Hospital as they look inside themselves and reflect on the uniqueness of their bodies to discover the stories they carry inside their hearts.

[Be Successful or Be Loved:](#)

[The NHS Dilemma](#)

BBC Radio Four, 1.45pm

Monday, 26 November 2018

Can a public health service ever be loved if it always prioritises reducing mortality rates and waiting times over the seemingly trivial aspects of patient experience?



On TV

[South Africa's Deadly Gold Rush](#)

Channel 4, 7.30pm

Friday, 23 November 2018

Seyi Rhodes meets miners who are risking their lives deep underground in South Africa's abandoned gold mines, which are controlled by violent gangs and surrounded by lawless settlements.

[Songs of Praise](#)

BBC One, 1.15pm

Sunday, 25 November 2018

David Grant hosts the exciting climax of the Gospel Choir of the Year Competition 2018, judged by Gareth Malone, Karen Gibson and Shaun Escoffery.

[Superkids: Breaking Away From Care](#)

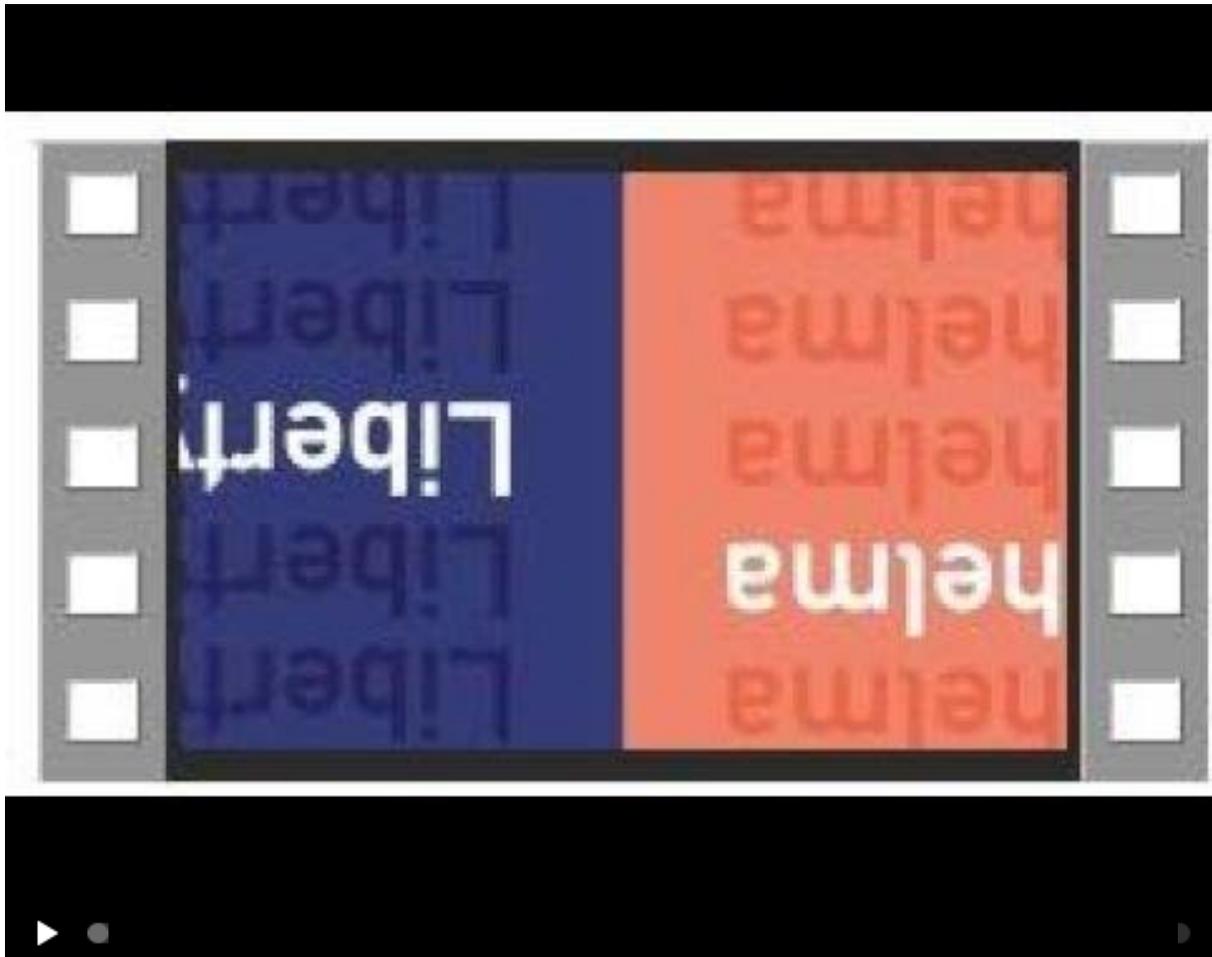
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Wednesday, 28 November 2018

Lemn Sissay spent his first 18 years bouncing between foster families, children's homes and assessment centres. Now, he meets seven young people who are currently in the care of the council.

Video Thursday: Methodist Youth President

Liberty and Thelma are standing for election at this year's 3Generate. This week's video features their campaigns to become the Methodist Youth President 2019/2018.



Reflections



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