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Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

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Advent Poetry

The poet-in-residence for the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT), Revd Lucy Berry, is releasing weekly poems during Advent. Watch and listen to her reading [While the World Turns Worldy](#) and [Rude, wasn't it?](#)



Methodist Publishing

The last day to order from Methodist Publishing for delivery before Christmas is 18 December. You can find details of all the products on the [Methodist Publishing website](#).



3Generate sleeping bags for refugees

Sleeping bags donated at the annual Methodist youth event, 3Generate, have been delivered to Calais where they will provide [essential bedding](#) for refugees.



HOPE magazine

This year's [Christmas HOPE magazine](#) is out. There is a Nativity story for families to read together, a game to play and a competition. This 32-page, top quality, glossy give-away aims to be a conversation-starter at seasonal events.



Welcome environment

JPIT has been campaigning for an end to 'hostile environment' immigration policies. JPIT are now calling on churches to play a part in creating a more [welcoming environment](#) for migrants and refugees.



Methodist Heritage Calender

The [Methodist Heritage Calendar](#) 2019 marks a decade of promoting the inspirational heritage of the Methodist Church, with photographs that tell the story of Methodism and God's mission.



Methodist Forces Board

The Methodist Forces Board have published a new, longer version of the video [Roots, Boots and Wings](#) giving an insight into the experiences of children and young people whose parents are in the military.



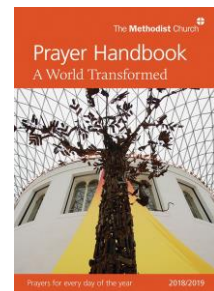
Wesley's House and Chapel

On Saturday 15 December two events take place at Wesley's House and Chapel in London. Between 12 noon and 2.30pm you can enjoy [tea, coffee and delicious cake](#) served by Georgian re-enactors. From 3.00pm, The Snow Queen will be performed by Quantum Theatre with tickets available from their [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](#).



On the radio

[The Tyranny of Story](#)

BBC Radio 4, 10.30am
Saturday 15 December

John Harris reflects on how people's understanding of themselves, and the idea of the self, is shaped by narrative, hearing from people who are compelled to convey persuasive stories of their lives.

[Something Understood](#)

The Annunciation
BBC Radio 4, 6.05am
Sunday, 16 December

Mark Tully considers the very first moment in the story of the Nativity.

[Art of Living: In My Mind's Eye](#)

BBC Radio 4, 11.30am
Tuesday, 18 December

Following artists Daniel Settatee and Catherine Dyson as they work with parents and children in Pembrokeshire to bring autism and the arts together.



On TV

[Question Time](#)

BBC One, 10.45pm
Thursday, 13 December

David Dimbleby presents his final show after 25 years. The panellists gather in Southwark, London to face topical questions from the audience.

[My Faith and Me: Gavin Peacock](#)

BBC One 11.30am
Sunday, 16 December

The former footballer revisits key locations from his spiritual life, and discusses how he has started a new career as an evangelical church minister in Canada.

[The Truth About Christmas Carols](#)

BBC Four, 8.00pm
Tuesday, 18 December

Composer Howard Goodall uncovers the often turbulent and uncomfortable relationship between carols and the celebration of Christmas.

Video Thursday: A visual journey through heaven

The BBC have released a video of heaven, or at least an interpretation of it based on various beliefs. What do you think?



Reflections



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