

3 January 2019



Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

This Sunday marks the Feast of Epiphany, you can find suggestions for songs and readings on the [Singing the Faith Plus](#) website.

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](#)  
Media Office



## All We Can - Indonesia

[All We Can](#) and The Methodist Church in Britain are continuing their support of the people of Indonesia. This follows the destruction caused by the earthquake and tsunami in September and the devastation resulting from the volcanic eruption on 22 December 2018.



## Internship Programme

The Methodist Church is seeking young people aged 21-26 who want to develop their careers and faith. The [internship programme](#) offers a year exploring faith and personal development alongside paid employment with a range of professional organisations across a variety of business and charity sectors. Application deadlines are throughout February depending on individual internships.



## One Encounter Programme

The [One Encounter](#) programme offers young people a chance to have experiences that expand their horizons. The programme has two opportunities available for next year; in Ibiza, 16-28 June, and South India, 17-27 October. The application deadline for South India is 31 January and for Ibiza, 25 February.



## Science and faith grants

The 7 January is the closing date for churches to apply for a new round of ecumenical grants from the Church of England to fund activities aimed at promoting a better understanding between [science and faith](#).



## MWRC Fellowships

The University of Manchester and the Manchester Wesley Research Centre are pleased to welcome applications for their [Joint Visiting Fellowship programme](#), the deadline is 14 January. Applications for the [Sabbatical Fellow programme](#) for pastors, laypeople, and missionaries are open until 31 January 2019.



## Methodist Publishing

The 2019 Methodist Heritage calendar and 2019 Methodist diaries are all now half price. [Order yours](#) while stocks last.



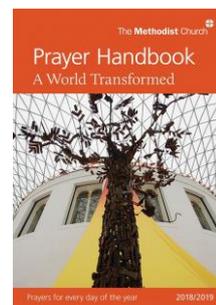
## OneSound in Bristol

OneSound, one of the UK's leading Christian music ensembles, will be performing at [Victoria Methodist Church](#), Bristol on 12 January.



## 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

### [Black Girls Don't Cry](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm**

**Thursday, 3 January**

Research suggests that women of African-Caribbean heritage living in the UK are more likely to suffer from anxiety, depression, panic attacks and OCDs than white women.

### [Something Understood](#)

**Epiphany: The Duty to Be Happy**

**BBC Radio 4, 6.05am**

**Sunday, 6 January**

On the feast of the Epiphany, Mark Tully considers the Magi, who carried the good news of a Saviour's birth to the wider world, and asks if there is a duty to spread happiness.

### [The Battles That Won Our Freedoms](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 1.45pm**

**Monday, 7 January**

The history of struggles for liberty in Britain, beginning with Saudi human rights activist Ghanem Almasari's thoughts on Magna Carta and the end of absolute monarchy.



## On TV

### [Back in Time For School](#)

**BBC Two, 8.00pm**

**Thursday, 3 January**

Fifteen teenagers and three teachers embark on a time-travelling adventure through 100 years of school history. They begin in Victorian times.

### [I, Daniel Blake](#)

**BBC Two, 9.45pm**

**Saturday, 5 January**

After suffering a heart attack at work, a 59-year-old carpenter from Newcastle upon Tyne must navigate his way through an impersonal and bureaucratic benefits system in order to receive Employment and Support Allowance.

### [Brexit: The Uncivil War](#)

**Channel 4, 9.00pm**

**Monday, 7 January**

A behind-the-scenes exploration of the 2016 referendum. Benedict Cumberbatch and Rory Kinnear star in the drama examining the anatomy of a modern data-driven election campaign.

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## Video Thursday: Refugee Voices

This video from last summer, produced by All We Can, reminds us of the challenges faced by those who seek freedom from fear and persecution.



## Reflections



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

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***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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