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The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

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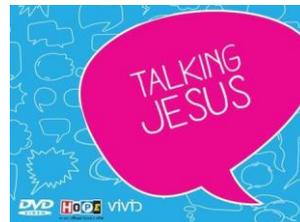
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Evangelism resource

The free resource pack 'Talking Jesus' has been sent to all circuits. This video-based course contains short films and testimonies with an easy-to-follow booklet on how we can all be more confident in sharing our faith. An [online tutorial](#) is available for group facilitators and further copies are available to [buy](#) from Methodist Publishing.



JPIT podcast & newsletter

The latest Faith in Politics [podcast](#) has been released by the Joint Public Issues Team. This episode covers Universal Credit, housing and an interview with Labour MP Cat Smith. You can also subscribe to the latest JPIT [newsletter](#).



Student Sunday

This year the [Student Christian Movement](#) celebrates 130 years of student mission and ministry. Student Sunday, known internationally as the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, takes place this weekend. Resources available [here](#).



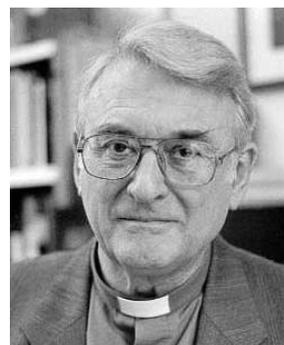
Sermon of the Year

Submissions are open for the cross-denominational preaching competition, Sermon of the Year. This year's theme is 'The Power of Love' and the deadline for submissions is Sunday 3 March at midnight. For more information visit the Preach [website](#).



The Revd Dr George Lovell

A memorial service to celebrate the life and ministry of George Lovell will take place at noon on Thursday 28 February in the chapel at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. George made a unique contribution to the life of British churches and beyond through the resource agency [Avec](#), based at Chelsea Methodist Church, where he previously served as Director.



CCJ annual seminar

Applications are open for the [Council of Christians and Jews](#) annual seminar at the International School of Holocaust Studies in Jerusalem. This seminar is open to Christian clergy and lay church leaders and will take place 16-26 September. For more information contact [Rob Thompson](#).



Hugh Price Hughes Lectures

'Moving Stories' is a two year project developed by the London District of the Methodist Church. Its purpose has been to change the narrative of fear and suspicion of migrants, to one of celebration and recognition.



Lectures are on Tuesdays, 7.30pm and free. See their [programme](#).



On the radio

[Good Morning Sunday](#)

BBC Radio 2, 6.00am

Sunday, 17 February

The Revd Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad present a show focusing on ethical and religious issues, with live music from gospel artist Becca Folkes.

[Sunday Worship](#)

BBC Radio 4, 8.10am

Sunday, 17 February

The Revd Richard Carter leads a service reflecting on remaining steadfast in times of uncertainty, with members of the Nazareth Community in London.

[In Our Time](#)

BBC Radio 4, 9.00am

Thursday, 21 February

Melvyn Bragg and guests Tristram Wyatt, Jane Hurt and Francis Ratnieks discuss how members of the same species send each other invisible chemical signals to influence the way they behave.

Pheromones are used by species across the animal kingdom in a variety of ways.



On TV

[Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra](#)

BBC Four, 8.00pm

Sunday, 17 February

Award-winning film-maker Terry Abraham returns to the Lake District to showcase 'the people's mountain' - Blencathra, looking at the lives of local residents, schoolchildren and tourists.

[Grenfell: Did the Fire Brigade Fail?](#)

Channel 4, 8.00pm

Monday, 18 February

The programme investigates the response of the London Fire Brigade to the Grenfell fire, which killed 72 people, and asks whether its decision to tell residents to stay put contributed to the high death toll.

[Black Nurses: The Women Who Saved the NHS](#)

BBC Four, 9.00pm

Tuesday, 19 February

The story of the thousands of Caribbean and African women who answered the call 70 years ago to come to the UK and help build the National Health Service.

Video Thursday: Thy Kingdom Come

Last year Methodist communities across the Connexion took part in [Thy Kingdom Come](#), the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Take a look at this video and be inspired as you plan for 2019. The dates this year are 30 May - 9 June.



Reflections



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