

28 February 2019

The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

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Wishing you all a wonderful week,
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Women's World Day of Prayer

[Women's World Day of Prayer](#) takes place on Sunday 1 March. The theme for 2019 is 'Come - Everything is Ready' and is written by Christian women of Slovenia. Resources are available to download [here](#).



Youth President Exploration Day

The Methodist Youth President serves the young people of the Methodist Church in Britain. Those interested in applying for this role are invited to an exploration day at Methodist Church House, London on Wednesday 17 April from 10.30am. Book a place [here](#).



Racial Justice: What is our Calling?

The Connexional Symposium, 'Racial justice: What is our calling?', takes place on 1-3 March at Oxford Belfry, Milton Common, Thame, Oxfordshire. Please provide details of district representatives to Kim Medford-Vassell; medfordVassellk@methodistchurch.org.uk. For those who are unable to go there is a survey you can complete before the weekend; <https://app2.sli.do/event/onfnqnae>.



Call to Prayer

The Presidents of [Churches Together in England](#), along with their partners [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#), are calling the churches to prayer from 27 - 31 March as we approach the date when the UK is scheduled to leave the EU.



Susanna Wesley Foundation Conference

[The Susanna Wesley Foundation Conference](#) will be held on Thursday 13 June at Southlands College, University of Roehampton. The theme of the event is 'Creating compassionate communities of inclusion: enabling and disabling theology'.



#SheToo

To honour International Women's Day listen to the Bible Society's seven-part podcast [#SheToo](#) exploring some of the biblical texts that discuss violence against women. Listen via [iTunes](#) or subscribe using a podcast app of your choice.



Living Lent Podcast

This Lent, the Joint Public Issues Team are inviting us to respond to the call of climate action. Listen to a special podcast, with environmental news and



hear about the [Living Lent](#) challenge, on [Soundcloud](#) or download on [iTunes](#).

World Church Relationships blog

Follow the Connexional Team's Partnership Coordinators' [blog](#) and read about their visits to the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas.



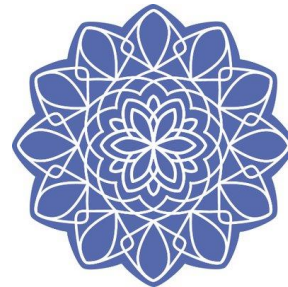
Spectrum Conference

[Spectrum](#), formally known as Fellowship of the Kingdom, will be holding their conference on 20 - 22 May. The theme is 'Culture and Communication'. The conference will be held at Willersley Castle, Cromford, Derbyshire. For more details or to book, contact Pat Anning; patricia.anning@hotmail.co.uk.



St Ethelburga's Survey

St Ethelburga's is collecting data about what young people want from a faith community with this survey: [Millennials and faith survey](#) The survey is open for another 2 weeks.



On the radio

[Something Understood](#)

BBC Radio 4, 6.05am

Sunday, 3 March

Mark Tully debates the pros and cons of an open mind. With readings from philosophers Eric Hoffer and Bertrand Russell and poetry from 13th-century mystic Rumi.



On TV

[Songs of Praise](#)

BBC One, 1.15pm

Sunday, 3 March

Katherine Jenkins visits one of Britain's most eco-friendly churches, while Josie d'Arby meets a family that makes stained glass windows from recycled materials.

[Into the Eerie](#)

BBC Radio 3, 8.45pm

Sunday, 3 March

'New Generation Thinker' Will Abberley takes a journey into the strange and unsettling world of the English Eerie and discovers a growing movement of artists, writers and musicians exploring impressions of the 'Eerie' in the landscape.

[Choral Evensong](#)

BBC Radio 3, 3.30pm

Wednesday, 6 March

From the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, on Ash Wednesday.

Responses: Byrd. Psalm 51: Miserere Mei, Deus (Allegri). First Lesson: Isaiah 1 vv.10-18. Canticles: The Short Service (Weelkes). Second Lesson: Luke 15 vv.11-32. Anthem: Ne irascaris, Domine (Byrd). Voluntary: Prelude in E minor, BWV 548i (Bach).

[Louis Theroux: The Night in Question](#)

BBC Two, 9.00pm

Monday, 5 March

As reports of sexual violence have dramatically increased in recent years, the US government has urged colleges to enforce a stricter code of sexual conduct amongst students.

[Celebrity Apprentice for Comic Relief](#)

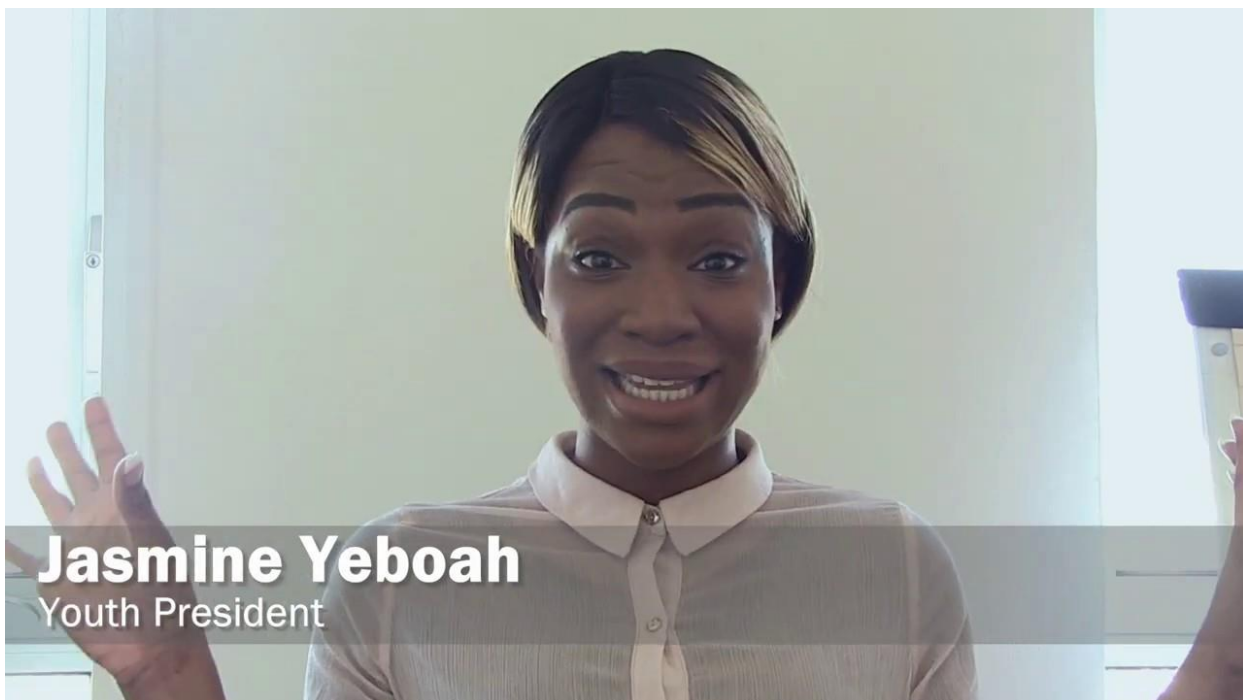
BBC One, 9.00pm

Thursday, 7 March

Alan Sugar challenges two teams of famous faces to organise and host a themed cabaret night in less than 48 hours, under the critical eye of Karren Brady and Claude Littner. Taking part are Rylan Clark-Neal, Sam Allardyce, Russell Kane, Omid Djalili, Richard Arnold, Kelly Hoppen, Tameka Empson, Ayda Williams, Rachel Johnson and Amanda Holden.

Video Thursday: Stepping Out in Evangelism and Growth

Members of the Connexional team talk about the future of evangelism and growth in the Methodist Church in Britain, as well as why evangelism is important to them.



Reflections



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