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Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

Mike Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours media emergency support line on 020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,
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Media Office



Ministry in the Methodist Church

A draft Conference Statement on '[Ministry in the Methodist Church](#)' (Part B of the report) is available online for reflection and discussion. Local churches, circuits and districts are invited to send their comments to the [Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee](#) to arrive no later than 1 February 2020. [Resources](#) are available to assist with these conversations.



Audio Visual survey

Methodist Publishing would like to know what access your church has to audio visual equipment (AV) to better resource you in your worship and mission. Churches are invited to undertake [this short survey](#).



Living Lent

The Living Lent campaign from the Joint Public Issues Team is asking us to call upon our local authorities to stop exporting plastic waste to Asia. You can read their blog on the subject [here](#).



Faith in Change and Conflict course

Cliff College, in partnership with Place for Hope, is offering a [Short Course Certificate in 'Faith in Change and Conflict'](#). The course is delivered midweek over two, three-day blocks of teaching in late April and mid June 2019.



Ordination Exploration Day

Is God calling you to ordained ministry? Register for the new [Ordination Exploration Day](#) to learn more about the call. The day takes place at Methodist Church House on Saturday 4 May. Further dates will follow for late 2019 and early 2020 in other locations.



Standing Together Rally

The Ascension Trust is inviting as many people as possible to join the [Standing Together Rally](#) taking place in Trafalgar Square, London on Saturday 6 April. The rally is being held to highlight the increase in violence within communities, especially involving young people.



Methodist Ministers' Housing Society

A vacancy has arisen at the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society to support the CEO as [Executive Assistant](#). Applications for this part-time post, four days a week, close on Tuesday 23 April.



Video Thursday: Aldersgate Renewal Ministries

Watch this brief update from [Aldersgate Renewal Ministries](#) working alongside Methodists in Bridgetown, Barbados.



Reflections



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