

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to The Week Ahead.


Congratulations to the Queen who became the longest reigning British monarch yesterday!

You might notice a theme in this week's mailing - crises, conflict, peace and action. As we reflect and pray on some of the terrible situations of the world, it's important to ask 'What can I do?'

Anna will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07881 783812).

Wishing you all a blessed week,

Toby

 On the box

Gogglebox
Friday, 9:00pm,
Channel 4

The first episode of the new series, exploring people's reactions to the last week's TV highlights.

Songs of Praise
Sunday, 6:40pm,
BBC One

As the Queen becomes our longest-reigning monarch, Sally Magnusson visits the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Horizon
Wednesday, 8:00pm,
BBC Two

Exploring the division within the scientific community around the effects of video games on young people, Horizon asks 'Are video games really that bad?'

Refugee Crisis: resources, prayers and updates

A **new page** on the website has been created with links to useful prayers, reflections and resources on how you can help with the refugee crisis. [The page](#) also includes details on how you can give money specifically to Methodist churches working with refugees.

On **Saturday 12 September** there will also be a march in solidarity with refugees taking place in London. [Click here](#) for more information.

Peacemaking Sunday

The **20 September** marks this year's Peacemaking Sunday. The Joint Public Issues Team have created some **helpful resources** following the theme of "Walk for Peace" which you can download [here](#).

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

From the **20 - 26 September**, Churches from 25 countries around the world join together for a **week of advocacy and action** in support of a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel. Events are taking place in churches around the country and a list of events and resources are available [here](#).

Tearfund gap year 2016

Participants in the Tearfund gap year will have the opportunity to travel to one of a range of different countries - including Brazil, India, Colombia, Malawi, South Africa, Peru and Tanzania - and to help make a real difference as they work alongside local partners. The programme is a great opportunity to **grow in faith** and see God at work in a whole new way. The application deadline is **27 September**, [click here](#) for more information.

This week in Parliament

This week's **parliamentary business** can be found [online here](#). If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar for the coming

Radio

Act of Worship

**Friday, 9:45am,
BBC Radio 4 LW**

Led by the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins.

The Most Dangerous Man in Tudor England

**Tuesday, 10:00pm,
BBC Radio 4**

Melvyn Bragg explores the dramatic story of William Tyndale and his mission to translate the Bible into English.

Choral Evensong

**Wednesday, 3:30pm,
BBC Radio 3**

Live from the Old Royal Naval College Chapel, Greenwich.

See [The Radio Times](#) for further listings.

week, [click here](#) and details of the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales are [here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Americas, the Middle East, the Indian Subcontinent, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Election and Covenant** written by the Revd Pat Billsborrow.

Video Thursday: #SayIDonate

This week is **National Transplant Week** and the NHS are running a campaign encouraging people to share their decision by tweeting [#SayIDonate](#). You can watch the promotional video for the campaign [here](#). Churches are particularly being challenged to consider organ donation as part of their Christian giving, you can read more about it [here](#).

The Week Ahead is a regular mailing that aims to give people a heads up on upcoming events and opportunities, as well as highlighting new information and resources. We don't always remember everything, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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