

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

*Hi everyone,  
and welcome to  
The Week  
Ahead.*

*This week we're  
bringing you  
news and*

*events from all four aspects  
of [Our Calling](#).*

*I'll be staffing the out-of-  
hours support line this week  
on 07969 985 376.*

*God bless,*

*Toby*



## On the box

**Artsnight**

**Friday 12 Feb**  
**BBC2, 11:00pm**

Maria Balshaw, art director,  
wonders why equality for  
women in the arts seems  
so far away.

**The Big Questions**

**Sunday 14 Feb**  
**BBC1, 10:00am**

Nicky Campbell presents  
moral and religious  
discussions on topical  
issues from Leicester  
Grammar School.

**The Not So Secret Life of  
the Manic Depressive**

**Monday 15 Feb**  
**BBC1, 9:00pm**

Stephen Fry looks at his  
own and others'  
experiences of living with  
mental health problems.



## Radio

## 3Generate Manifestos

Young Methodists from across the country have shared their **priorities and passions** for the Church, highlighted for the first time in three **new [manifesto documents](#)** released earlier this week.

## COA Week

The **14-20 February** is [Children of Alcoholics Week](#), a week of raising awareness of the issues around parental alcohol problems, which is thought to affect as many as 1 in 5 young people.

Talking of alcohol, the President of Conference, the Revd Steve Wild, is encouraging Methodists to give up alcohol and donate the money saved to Action for Children this Lent- [see here](#) for more info.

## Ecumenism in Rome

The Methodist Church is arranging a **short study tour** to Rome, **2-8 June**, to consider Methodism and ecumenism. Using the experience, it's also possible to do a Cliff College certificate in ecumenical theology. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Sunday Trading

**With virtually no notice**, the government has included an amendment on Sunday trading laws in the Enterprise Bill, currently going through the House of Commons. To find out more and have your say, [click here](#).

## JPIT Intern

Do you want to work as part of a team making **meaningful change** in the world? Are you interested in making links between **faith, life and politics**?

The Joint Public Issues Team are looking to appoint a **full-time intern** for a year, paid at the London Living

### **Moral Maze**

**Saturday 13 Feb**  
**BBC Radio 4, 10:15pm**

A live debate examining the morality of charitable businesses and what they should be allowed to spend money on.

### **Sunday Worship**

**Sunday 14 Feb**  
**BBC Radio 4, 8:10am**

Alvin Hall examines the commercialisation of gospel music.

### **The Gospel Truth**

**Monday 15 Feb**  
**BBC Radio 4, 4:00pm**

A celebration of the art of conversation as we embark on a Lent pilgrimage, with the Revd Ruth Harvey and Lynne Ling of Shoreline Conversations.

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

Wage, starting **1 September**. For more information, forms and how to apply, [click here](#).

## **#Enough e-action**

The government is wanting to report on its progress **intackling poverty** without actually looking at family income, but will this ensure children have **#enough**? You can find out more and write a letter to your MP through Church Action on Poverty [here](#).

## **Big Church Switch**

This week, Christian Aid is encouraging churches to switch to cleaner energy in the [Big Shift campaign](#). The Methodist Church is able to offer central energy purchasing for Methodist Church properties and, through the **Green Energy** option, both **save money and cut their carbon footprint**. [Click here](#) to find out how to take part and [here](#) for other tips on how to make your church more green.

## **Reflections**

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Caribbean, the Americas, the Middle East, India, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Penitent and Obedient** written by the Revd Gareth Hill.

## **Video Thursday: Cornish Methodism**

This week's [film](#) comes from the BBC's **Inside Out South West** programme, which features **the Revd Steve Wild** discussing the history of Cornish Methodism (from 20:43).

*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.