## The Week Ahead

## The **Methodist** Church



Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

If you somehow missed the Methodist Conference last week, you can catch up on highlights, videos, podcasts and more on the website.

**Andy Jackson** will be staffing the outof-hours support line this week

on **020 7467 5111**.

If it's not an emergency, pleasepop us an email, we'd love to hear from you!

God bless,

Toby

# On the box

## The Insider Thursday 14 Ju

Thursday 14 July BBC One, 10:45pm

The first of a two-part documentary following Reggie Yates behind the bars of Bexar County Jail in Texas.

Songs of Praise
Sunday 17 July
BBC One, 5:15pm
Songs of Praise explores
how Christians are reacting
to Brexit.

Exodus: Our Journey to Europe Monday 18 July BBC Two, 11:45pm

## **Churches speak out against Trident**

The Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and the Quakers have said that the **proposals to renew** the **Trident** nuclear weapons system are "unwarranted" and "unethical". Click here to read the news release.

# Young people to meet Alrowwad Refugees

In collaboration with the Amos Trust, **Methodist young people** aged 12-25 are being **invited to meet with Alrowwad refugees** from camp Aida in Palestine. The meeting will be taking place in London on **Saturday 13 August**. <u>Click here</u> for more information and to register your place.

### **Made for Goodness**

**65 million people** are now either a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum. That's one in every 113 people. The Joint Public Issues Team have released a**new briefing** looking at the history and consequences of the current **humanitarian crisis** and highlights areas that Christians can engage with and campaign on. <u>Click</u> hereto download the resource.

## **Job Opportunities**

A number of jobs with and around the Connexion are**now open** for application/nomination, including **the Methodist Youth President 2017-18**. Click here for more information.

### **Enter the Pitch...**

The Pitch is a **unique film competition** for aspiring directors that gives you the chance to **win £25,000** to help your **Bible-inspired film script** become a reality. Participants must be 18 years or older and submissions need to be made by **26 September**. <u>Click here</u> for rules, regulations and submission details.

Stories of people seeking a home in Europe told through the footage they shot on cameraphones.



# Prayer for the Day Saturday 16 July BBC Radio 4, 5:43am

A spiritual comment and prayer with Anna Drew, ex-Lead Media Officer of the Connexional Team.

#### Something Understood Sunday 17 July

BBC Radio 4, 6:05am

Mark Tully and Carol

Mark Tully and Carol
Dweck explore the power
of the phrase 'Not good
enough'.

#### **Sunday Service**

Sunday 17 July BBC Radio Devon, 6:30am

Methodist minister, the Revd Tony Cox leads the Sunday Service.

See <u>The Radio Times</u> for further listings.

## **New University Student Resource**

The Student Christian Movement have launched **SCM Connect** - a new online directory where **students** going to university can **search** for and **connect** to churches and student groups in their university city or town. To try it out for yourself, or to make sure your church is on the list, click here.

## **Blogging**

Launched at the Conference last week, <u>Theology</u> <u>Everywhere</u> is a weekly blog offering theological reflections from Methodist thinkers across the Connexion. Also launched last week was <u>The President and Vice-President's Facebook page</u>, with updates and insights from their journeys this year.

And don't forget you can also follow the <u>Wesley's Horse</u> <u>blog</u> for reviews, comments and more from the Connexional Team.

### This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** online<u>here</u>. If you want to find out about the
Scottish Parliamentary calendar, <u>click here</u> and the
timetable for the National Assembly for Wales <u>click here</u>.

### Reflections

In the coming week the <u>Prayer Handbook</u> will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in America, India, Asia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's <u>A Word in Time</u> Bible studies is **Grief and Loss**.

## **Video Thursday: To till and to keep**

This week's film from **Christian Aid** explores our calling as Christians to **respond to climate change**, by looking at the **theology** behind the issue.

**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.