

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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

*This week you  
can read about  
the Methodist*

*Church signing the Armed  
Forces Covenant and our  
call to improve the rights of  
stateless people.*

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support line can be called on  
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email the media office [here](#).*

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## On the box

**[Songs of Praise](#)**

**Sunday 19 November  
BBC One, 3:00pm**

Katherine Jenkins presents an episode marking the Queen and Prince Philip's 70th wedding anniversary, and the Revd Kate Bottley visits the royal mint to see a commemorative coin being struck.

**[This World Labour - The Summer That Changed Everything](#)**

**Monday 20 November  
BBC Two, 9:00pm**

Film maker David Modell follows Labour MPs through a tumultuous six months in the life of their party, when it outperformed all expectations after Prime Minister Theresa May called a snap general election.

**[Stalkers](#)****Armed Forces Covenant**

The Methodist Church has signed the Armed Forces Covenant pledging its commitment to the fair treatment and support of all in the Armed Forces community including regulars, reserves, veterans, and their families. The signing took place at Methodist Church House on Tuesday. You can read more about the Covenant [here](#).

**Call for stateless rights**

A new initiative calling for improved rights for 'stateless' people has been backed by faith leaders including the Rev Loraine N Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference. You can read the statement [here](#).

**Alcohol minimum pricing**

The UK Supreme Court has ruled it legal for Scotland to introduce minimum unit pricing (MUP), a policy which targets harmful and hazardous alcohol consumption. JPIT, the Joint Public Issues Team, has published a briefing explaining minimum unit pricing, why it is necessary and calls upon individuals and churches to encourage England to follow Scotland's example. You can read the briefing [here](#).

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

This year's International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church takes place on Sunday November 19. The event calls us to pray for the immediate release of Christian prisoners of faith in Eritrea, including 173 who have been detained for more than 10 years. You can read more and find free resources [here](#).

**Legacy giving**


Celebrating life begins and ends with God. If you would like more information about making a lasting gift to the Methodist Church in Britain or overseas, call in confidence on 020 7467 5251 or email: [leavealegacy@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:leavealegacy@methodistchurch.org.uk)

**Mission Partner podcast**

Toby Fairclough has recorded a podcast with Anne

**Monday 20 November  
BBC One, 10:45pm**

Documentary following the work of Paladin, a national independent charity fighting to protect victims of stalking, focusing on three high-risk cases that reveal what it is like to suffer years of abuse.

 **Radio**

**Something Understood  
Past and Present**

**Sunday 19**

**November BBC Radio 4,  
6:05am**

Theologian Dr Jane Williams reminisces about the dangers of being trapped in the past. She suggests that nostalgia is a powerful emotion, but not always a constructive one.

**Costing the Earth  
Sinking Solomon Islands**

**Tuesday 21**

**November BBC Radio 4,  
3:30pm**

Five of the Solomon Islands in the Pacific have already been lost due to the rise in sea level. Ellen Husain, whose great uncle Stanley Knibbs was chief engineer and surveyor of the region, visits the islands to meet the people on the front line of climate change.

**Four ThoughtBeing  
Muslim in America**

**Wednesday 22  
November**

**BBC Radio 4, 8:45pm**

Dalia Elmelige shares her experiences of life as a Muslim in America in the years following the September 11 attacks.

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

Baldwin, a new Mission Partner preparing to go to Sri Lanka. You can listen to it [here](#).

## Job opportunities

There are some exciting opportunities currently available within the Connexional Team. The roles are an Administrator (1 year Fixed Term Contract), IT Engineer, Media Officer and Property Lawyer (2 year Fixed Term Contract). To find out more, click [here](#).

## Christmas posters

Bright and attractive Christmas letterbox drop posters are now available for your church to help promote events and services. Blank on the reverse so you can run them through a printer or photocopier to add your own festive schedule, you can find out more [here](#).

## This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **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](#).

## Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in India, Asia and the Pacific, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Canaan to Egypt** written by **Naomi Oates**.

## Video Thursday: 3Generate Elections

A video featuring the three election candidates standing for the role of Methodist Youth President 2018-2019. The election takes place at the 3Generate Children and Youth Assembly, 24-26 November 2017. Watch [here](#). The results will be announced after the event.

**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.