

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,

I can't believe October's here already - before we know it, Christmas will have arrived. But don't worry, soon we'll be able to tell you about some great resources to help with that.

*Don't forget to keep an eye on the [jobs page](#) of the website - there are some **fantastic opportunities** there with closing dates in the next few weeks.*

I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07881783812).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Anna



On the box

The Pride of Britain Awards 2015
Tonight, 8pm, ITV

Carol Vorderman hosts the annual awards show from London's Grosvenor House, where Prince Charles joins some of the biggest names in TV, show-business, politics and sport,

Panorama: Edward Snowden
Monday, 8:30pm, BBC1

The former government contractor responsible for leaking classified information from America's National Security Agency gives his first BBC interview to Peter Taylor.

Born in the Wrong Body
Tuesday, 10pm,
Channel 4

Pray for Redcar

You are invited to join the Methodist Churches in Redcar in praying for the area during October following the announcement of the **cessation of steel production** at the SSI Redcar plant, a major employer in the area. In addition to the 1700 jobs losses already announced at the plant many more will be lost in the local support & service industries. [Click here](#) or [email](#) the Revd Arthur Harbottle for more information.

Thank a teacher

Monday (5 October) will be **World Teachers' Day** - an opportunity to celebrate and empower our educators, including - of course - those who work in Methodist schools. And if you work in education, don't forget to check out our [education webpages](#).

October Methodist Council

The next meeting of the Methodist Council will take place on **12-13 October** at the High Leigh Conference Centre in Hoddesdon. You can find the papers for the meeting online [here](#).

Shy and retiring?

In October there will be two special opportunities for **supernumerary** presbyters, deacons and their spouses to meet and encourage one another. One will take place at Whitefield Methodist Church, Manchester, on **28 October** and the other at Christ Church, Chichester, on **30 October**. For more information please contact the Revd Terry Higgins [via email](#) or on 01752 262600.

Prayers for the persecuted Church

Looking a little further ahead, the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is being marked on **Sunday 15 November**, and the Religious Liberty Commission is urging churches to unite in prayer for those across the world suffering for their faith. Find out more [here](#).

Documentary about some of the youngest transgender people in Britain and the US as they and their families make life-changing decisions, beginning with two ordinary British families as they attempt to deal with the challenges of having a seven-year-old child who was born in the wrong gender.

Radio

Act of Worship

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

An Act of Worship from Cardiff led by the Revd Leslie Griffiths.

Pause for Thought

**Monday, 5:45am,
BBC Radio 2**

With the Revd Michaela Youngson.

Daily Service

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

A space for spiritual reflection with a bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music, led by the Revd Dr Mark Wakelin.

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

God of all

A lot of people asked last year's Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Gill Dascombe, for copies of her narratives and prayers. She has decided to publish them in a **book**, available at the price of £5 (plus postage). All proceeds will go to Stockport Mind and you can order your copy [here](#).

This week in Parliament

The House of Commons is in recess and will next meet on 12 October. If you want to find out about the Scottish **Parliamentary calendar** 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 West Africa, Southern Africa, Britain and Ireland and with all creation. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Family Reconciliation** written by the Revd Dr Stephen Mosedale.

Video Thursday: An Extra Slice

Does the 2015 **Methodist Conference** seem like a distant memory? Fear not, the York and Hull District have produced this fantastic and light-hearted Great British Bake Off-inspired [video](#).

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.

[unsubscribe](#)

[Subscribe to other newsletters](#)

[Want to change your details?](#)

mediaservice@methodistchurch.org.uk

Tel: 020 7467 5191 / 5208

Out of hours 07881 783812