

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

This week we mark *Holocaust Memorial Day*, a chilling reminder of the dangers of ignoring religious intolerance.

Toby Fairclough will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week 07969 985376.

God bless,

Mike Ivatt



## On the box

**Refugee Season**

**Saturday 23 Jan  
& Sunday 24 Jan**

**GOD TV, various times**

A special weekend of programmes on the refugee crisis.

**James May's Cars of the People**

**Sunday 24 Jan  
BBC Two, 9:00pm**

Return of the programme looking at the cars that defined our lives.

**Holocaust Memorial Day**

**Wednesday 27 Jan  
BBC Two, 7:00pm**

Ceremony from London's Guildhall.

**Troll Hunters**

**Wednesday 27 Jan  
BBC Three, 9:00pm**

Confronting the keyboard warriors who bully online.

**Eco-church launch**

Eco-church, the successor to Eco-congregation in England and Wales, is being launched on **Tuesday 26 January**. Supported by the Methodist Church, the initiative is on a mission to challenge and equip churches to **care for God's world**. Toby Fairclough met up Ruth Valerio, Theological and Churches Director of the scheme, and recorded this [podcast](#).

**Holocaust Memorial Day**

On **Wednesday 27 January** we reflect on the death of millions of Jewish people by the Nazis. This year's theme of **"Don't Stand By"** reminds us of the danger of doing nothing while others are being persecuted and the relevance of this message today. You can find out more about this year's memorial day [here](#).

**Volunteer in China**

A once in a lifetime opportunity to work with teachers in **rural China** for a month, helping to improve their English and understanding of the church. **Applications** are welcome from those aged 18 to 70 years old. More details on the Methodist Church [website](#).

**Mission and Ministry Course**

A new **Post Graduate and Master's Degree** course studying 'Consultancy for Mission and Ministry' has been launched by **Cramer College, Durham**. This part-time course allows students to develop their skills practically and theologically. Further information about the course is available [here](#).

**Children's Hospital Chaplaincy**

The Chaplaincy service at Birmingham Children's Hospital urgently needs additional support to cover on-call rotas for evenings and weekends. They are looking to involve

## Radio

### **Crossing the Border: Poetry and Film**

**Sunday 24 Jan**

**BBC Radio 3, 6:45pm**

An examination of the emotionally powerful synergy between poetry and film, featuring W H Auden's Night Mail.

### **America's Politics of Paranoia**

**Monday 25 Jan**

**BBC Radio 4, 8:00pm**

A short history of the US politics of distrust: from the founding fathers, through McCarthy to Trump.

### **The Gospel Truth**

**Tuesday 26 Jan**

**BBC Radio 4, 11:30am**

Can gospel music entertain, praise and be a commercial success?

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

clergy and others experienced in hospital chaplaincy who can come alongside the team without additional training. For further information please email [the Revd David Butterworth](mailto:the.Revd.David.Butterworth).

## 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 East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible study is **The Cost of Discipleship** written by The Revd Carole Irwin

## Video Thursday: Homeless Sunday

[Today's video](#) marks Homeless Sunday on 24 January. Filmed at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London the video features a choir including some with personal experience of life on the streets. [Visit the Homeless Sunday website for resources](#).

*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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