

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


Tomorrow,
Friday 27

January, is **Holocaust Memorial Day**. The theme for this year is **'How can life go on?'** as we think about what happens after genocide and our responsibilities in the wake of such atrocities.

I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on **020 7467 5170**.

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

Songs of Praise

**Sunday 29 January,
BBC One, 3:00pm**

Josie D'Arby presents a magic lantern festival in this Chinese New Year special.

British History's Biggest Fibs

**Sunday 29 January,
BBC Four, 8:00pm**

Lucy Worsley explores how our understanding of the War of the Roses is a concoction of stories and untruths manipulated by King Henry VII.

The Modern British Slave Trade

**Tuesday 31 January,
Channel 4, 10:00pm**

This documentary provides insight into the hidden

"Let me be laid aside for you"

The **Vice-President** of the Methodist Conference, Rachel Lampard, gave a **personal and inspiring address** at this year's **annual Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service** which took place last week. You can read her reflection on [the President and Vice-President's blog](#).

Job opportunities

Several new job and volunteering opportunities are **now open for application**. For opportunities **in the Connexional Team**, including positions in the Methodist Council Investment Committee, [click here](#). For opportunities **around the Connexion**, [click here](#).

Festival of Preaching

Early bird tickets for the Festival of Preaching taking place at Christ Church, Oxford, **end on Tuesday 31 January**. Featuring a variety of Christian speakers and a varied programme of worship, lectures and workshops, this **three day summer event** is not to be missed. [Click here](#) for more information and to book your place.

Hospitality and Sanctuary

The New Room, Bristol, will be hosting a special talk titled **'Hospitality and Sanctuary: A Faith-Based Response to Refugees'** from former President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, on **Thursday 2 February**. Admission is free, but please [email the New Room](#) to reserve your place.

Haiti Trip

A unique **opportunity of a lifetime** to see the Haitian Church in action and work with their children and young people, will be taking place **this summer** for eight **18-23 year olds**. More details can be found [online here](#). Applications close **Tuesday 28 February**.

criminal world which enslaves and estimated 13,000 people in the UK today.

Radio

[Pause for Thought](#)

Catch Up,

BBC Radio 2, Various

Catch up on past reflections from religious thinkers, including our own Tony Miles, Leslie Griffiths and Michaela Youngson.

[Choral Vespers](#)

Sunday 29 January,

BBC Radio 3, 3:00pm

Choral Vespers from the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, from Westminster Cathedral.

[Moral Maze](#)

Wednesday 1 February,

BBC Radio 4, 8:00pm

Combative, proactive and engaging debate chaired by Michael Buerk.

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

Women, Leadership and Ministry

An **online course** run by the Catherine of Siena College, a partner of the Susanna Wesley Foundation, will be examining the role of women in Christian Leadership, with a particular focus on the **developments, experience and practice** in the Methodist Church. The course will be taking place from **1 March - 23 April**. For more information about the course, [click here](#).

Anticipating Easter

Residential and non-residential bookings are **now open** for Wesley House Cambridge's **Easter School**, taking place from **10-12 April 2017**. Aimed at Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, the three days will be a time of devotion, reflection, learning and development. [Click here](#) for more details and to book your place.

'My heart strangely warmed'

[Bookings](#) are **now open** for a day of music, workshops, academic discussion and worship, taking place on Saturday **20 May** in Fulneck, West Yorkshire. This event is **co-run by the Lutheran, Moravian and Methodist Churches** along the theme of 'My Heart Strangely Warmed'.

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](#).

Song of the Week: How Great Thou Art

American singer/songwriter **Lauren Daigle** performs [this modern acoustic cover](#) of the powerful hymn '**How Great Thou Art**'.

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Europe, Britain, Ireland and all of creation. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Words and Actions** written by the Revd Graham Jones.

Video Thursday: The Travelling Wesleys

[This week's video](#) comes from our cousins across the seas in the **United Methodist Church in America**, who undertook a **unique** children's ministry activity that saw paper versions of John and Charles Wesley travel from church to church to teach the history of Methodism.

***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*