

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This week marks an important milestone with the anniversary of the Past Case Review. We also start to think about the upcoming Methodist Conference.

Toby Fairclough will be staffing the emergency out-of-hours support line this week on 07969 985 376. If you have a non urgent enquiry, please [email](#) us.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike



On the box

[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)

Monday 30 May
BBC 1, 8:30pm

A re-boot of Shakespeare's sylvan comedy adapted by Russel T Davies.

[Spring Watch](#)

Monday 30 May
BBC 2, 10:45pm

This year's wildlife marathon begins with live coverage from RSPB reserve in Suffolk.

World Hunger Day

World Hunger Day occurs on Saturday 28 May encouraging **sustainable** solutions to end extreme hunger and poverty. The day seeks to highlight the positive actions taken by those existing on less than £1 per day, to end their **hunger**. For more information, click [here](#).

Past Case Review anniversary

This weekend marks the first anniversary of the publication of the Past Cases Review: *Courage, Cost and Hope*. An update on the **progress** made so far and a special **prayer** for use this Sunday can be found [here](#).

Conference tickets

Further tickets are now available for the **ordination services** taking place on Sunday 3 July during the Methodist Conference. For more information, and to book, click [here](#).

Research Officer Vacancy

Applications are sought for a Research Officer to support the work of the Connexional Team, the Methodist Council and Conference and its committees. The role involves designing, performing, supporting, coordinating, and disseminating **research knowledge**. To find out more click [here](#).

Response to Shooting of Sikh leader

Steve Pearce, Partnership Coordinator, Asia & Pacific, of the World Church Relationships Team, has written a personal reflection following the **shooting** of the Sikh leader, Sardar Soran Singh. You can read his post on the **JPIT** (Joint Public Issues Team) blog [here](#).

Christian Aid Greenbelt Volunteers

Christian Aid is looking for volunteers for its **café** at this year's Greenbelt festival. If you can work in a busy cafe

[The Secrets of Growing Old](#)

Wednesday 1 June
ITV, 9:30pm

Martin Clunes takes a look at some of the positive aspects of aging.

Radio

[Punk, the Pistols and the Provinces](#)

Saturday 28 May
BBC Radio 4, 3:30pm

As punk hits middle age, Mark Hodgkinson looks at how the youth culture moved beyond London.

[Sunday Worship](#)

Sunday 29 May
BBC Radio 4, 8:10am

A former Army chaplain tells the story of the Richmond Sixteen, a group of [WWI conscientious objectors](#).

[Analysis: Beyond Binary](#)

Sunday 29 May
BBC Radio 4, 9:30pm

The challenges that sexual identity creates for law, society and gender concepts.

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

for a few **hours** each day, are free from 24th-29th August, can get to the festival and have a tent, then Christian Aid will give you a free ticket and food. Email Christian Aid [here](#) for more information.

Films new take on Bible

Six new **short films** have been funded by the Methodist Church in Great Britain that take a contemporary slant on Bible stories. The **provocative, entertaining** and often **controversial** films will be released on the 31 May. Produced by Applecart, they are bound to create a response from those who view them. To see a trailer, click [here](#).

This week in Parliament

Parliament is in recess next week but you can find out details of upcoming future debates [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 Europe and West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Heavenly and Earthly Glory** written by the Revd David Wynd.

Video Thursday: Neston Methodist Church Welfare Hub

This week's film takes a look at the outreach work of Neston Methodist Church in Cheshire. To watch, click [here](#).

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.