

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello!

Michael, new Lead Media Officer here, delighted to join the team. Here

are the highlights for the coming week.

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

Have a great week,

Mike



On the box

Panorama: British Bribery Exposed. Monday, 8:30pm, BBC1

Are British business undermining UN work in the region by bribing local officials?

Kirstie's Handmade Christmas.

Tuesday, 8:00pm, Channel 4

Kirstie gets her Christmas crafting underway.

This is Tottenham Wednesday, 9:00pm, BBC2

Behind the scenes at one of the UK's busiest MP surgeries as David Lammy MP supports his constituents.



Radio

A Service for Advent with Carols.

Sunday, 3:00pm, BBC Radio 3

New Youth President Designate

Tim Annan has been elected as the new Youth President designate at this year's **3Generate** and will begin his term in September 2016. Mr Annan is keen to develop the **passion** that exists within young people for the Methodist causes within their communities. You can read more about Tim's election and his plans [here](#). To see photos from the event, please visit our [Facebook page](#).

Advent Sunday 29 November

This Sunday marks the start of Advent. You can register your **Advent Offering Service** with the Methodist Church [website](#) to share it with others.

60th Anniversary of Ponte Sant' Angelo MC Rome

Also this Sunday, **The Revd Gareth Powell**, Secretary of the Conference, will be preaching at the 60th Anniversary of the Service of Ponte Sant' Angelo Methodist Church, **Rome**. Find the anniversary Facebook page [here](#).

Global Warming Summit

Four major UK Churches have called for more action to tackle global warming ahead of an **international summit**. The Churches have [issued a statement](#) in the lead up to the **COP21 summit** in Paris that brings together 190 nations between the 30 November and 11 December.

World Aids Day

There are over **100,000 people living with HIV** in the UK and 34 million globally who have died of HIV or AIDS. World Aids day, 1 December 2015, raises awareness of the **stigma and discrimination** experienced by many people living with the condition. To find out more visit the [World Aids Day website](#).

Debate on Theology and the Tragic

Live from the Chapel of St John's College Cambridge.

The Secret Lives of Carers.

**Monday, 9:00am,
BBC Radio 4**

Following the lives of three care workers and exposing the best and worst of practices.

Sounds of the 20th Century.

**Tuesday, 11:00pm,
BBC Radio 2**

Jeremy Vine looks at the music and news of 1998, the year of the Good Friday Agreement.

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

Rowan Williams is holding a debate on Theology and the Tragic at **The British Academy**, London on Tuesday 1 December considering the perceived anti-tragic world view of religion. You can find more information by clicking [here](#).

Is Your Sermon Award-winning?

Preach resources and the London School of Theology are holding a competition to find the UK's best **sermon writers**. Sermons between 1,00 and 2,000 words are invited on the topic of "**Reason for Hope**" with shortlisted candidates invited to preach their work to judges in person. To apply click [here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Europe, West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Day of the Lord**.

Video Thursday: Live One Within the Broken Heart of God

This week's film is a specially commissioned **poem** for 3Generate2015 by, Young People's Laureate for Wales, Martin Daws. Watch it [here](#).