

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


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

I'm sad to say that this will be my **last issue** editing the Week Ahead as I change roles within the team to have more of a focus on **social media, website development and video production.** I'd still love to hear your good-news stories from across the Connexion though, so please do [stay in touch!](#)

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

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer

 On the box

Belmont Abbey
Thursday 26 Oct
BBC FOUR, 9:00pm

A three part series exploring three different monasteries around Britain.

Feral Families
Thursday 26 Oct
Channel 4, 9:00pm

A new documentary following children whose parents are rebelling against orthodoxy by raising them with no rules.

Talking to Anorexia
Sunday 29 Oct
BBC Two, 9:00pm

Methodist-Catholic dialogue

A **delegation of Methodists**, including representatives from the World Methodist Council and the Methodist Ecumenical Office in Rome, **met with Pope Francis** to celebrate **50 years** of Methodist-Catholic dialogue. To find out more, [click here](#).

Joint statement on Myanmar

Methodist relief funds **around the world** have united to respond and raise awareness of the humanitarian catastrophe taking place in Myanmar's **Rakhine State.** [Click here](#) to read it.

Open welcome

Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre, has released a **new 'toolkit'** to help rural churches consider how we might use our buildings to offer **better welcome and hospitality** to our communities. [Click here](#) to find out more and download your free resource.

Britain's Broken Promise

This **Tuesday 31 October**, the Balfour Project will be holding a special event marking the **centenary of the Balfour Declaration**, in words, film and music at Methodist Central Hall Westminster. [Click here](#) for more information and to book your tickets.

Chat and Play

During November, **Action for Children** will be encouraging churches and partners to run 'Chat and Play sessions' - structured events to help **tackle loneliness faced by children and parents.** [Click here](#) to download your pack, or [email Hannah John](#) for more information.

Gospel Choir of the Year

Methodist Central Hall Westminster will be hosting this year's BBC Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year on **Sunday 5 November.** If you would like to attend, [click here](#) for details on how to apply for tickets to be in the audience.

Louis Theroux meets patients at two of London's largest eating disorder facilities.

Radio

[Daily Service](#)

Friday 27 Oct

BBC Radio 4, 9:44am

Spiritual reflection and prayers on a topical subject, led by the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, superintendent minister at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

[Meditations from a Monastery](#)

Thursday 26 Oct

BBC Radio 3, 10:45pm

A series of five slow radio soundscapes, featuring themes from monastic life.

[Pause for Thought](#)

iPlayer Radio,

Catch-up

The Revd Leslie Griffiths, former superintendent minister at Wesley's Chapel, London, reflects on the significance of neighbourly support in times of need.

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

School chaplaincy

The Revd Dr Paul Glass will be holding a **special day event** for anybody wanting to explore **becoming a chaplain in a school**. Both lay and ordained are welcome to attend on **Tuesday 7 November**, from 11am at Methodist Church House, London. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

This week in Parliament

You can find the **UK Parliamentary business** online [here](#). If you want to find out about the **Scottish Parliamentary** calendar [click here](#), and for the timetable for **the National Assembly for Wales** [click here](#).

Prayers and reflections

In the coming week the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Caribbean, the Americas, the Middle East, India, Asia, Britain, Ireland and around the world. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **the Meaning of Faith**.

Video Thursday: Methodist Schools

Methodist Schools has launched [a new video](#), sharing some of the **values and impact** of Methodist schools across the country through the mouths of their students and teachers.

***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.*