The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church



Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

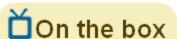
Today (28 Jan) is the second day of the

first **Methodist Council** of 2016. To see what's on the agenda, click here.

Michael Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07881 783 812).

God bless,

Toby



Songs of Praise Sunday 31 Jan BBC One, 1:15pm

Bishop Libby Lane reflects on the challenges and excitements of the past 12 months.

Back in Time for the Weekend Tuesday 2 February

BBC Two, 8pm

A 21st century family of four give up their modern commodities to experience life in the 1950s.

Camilia's Kids Company Wednesday 3 February BBC One, 10pm

Documentary following the inside story of Kids Company's demise.



Marriage & Relationships Feedback

Across the Connexion we've been discussing our thoughts and reflections on Marriage and Relationships. On **23 February**, each District office will be collating all feedback received from discussions and passing it on to the Task Group - this may be **from any**

discussionwithin the District, including those organised by Districts and Circuits, local church discussions, classes, or house groups.

If you haven't been able to be at one of the organised events in your District, **you can still take part** by organising a local discussion. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

These discussions aren't just about same sex marriage, but wider reflections including matters such as cohabitation, lifelong union and divorce. And **don't forget**to get in touch with your District Office before 23 February with your feedback.

#PrayersOnTheMove

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) have launched <u>a new app and website</u> **promoting daily prayers for busy people**. Highlighting the resource,**3000** adverts will be hitting the London Underground between 15-28 February. For more prayers, Bible studies and resources, you can <u>download</u> the Methodist app too!

Everyone but the government knows...

"Poor families have, on average, less money than other people." In this blog post, Paul Morrison, policy advisor for the Joint Public Issues Team, discusses the Government's unreasonable attempts to measure poverty without taking money into account.

Heritage, trains & woodwork

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have been updating their **blog** with snippets

Act of Worship Friday 29 Jan Radio 4, 9:45am

An act of worship led by the Revd Dr Mark Wakelin, a Methodist minister in Epsom.

Sunday Worship Sunday 31 Jan Radio 4, 7:10am

Prisoners and chaplains reflect on how faith can help offenders change their lives.

Purvis

Monday 1 Feb Radio 4 extra, 11:15am A comedy drama featuring a rather accident-prone church safety officer.

See **The Radio Times** for further listings.

from their travels. <u>Click here</u> to read their **latest updates**.

This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** online<u>here</u>. If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, <u>click here</u> and the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales click here.

Reflections

In the coming week the <u>Prayer Handbook</u> will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Europe, West Africa, Britain, Ireland, around the world and all of creation. The theme for next week's <u>A Word in Time</u>Bible studies is **Shepherd and Teacher** written by the Revd Dr Stephen Wigley.

Video Thursday: The Servant Queen

In celebration of the Queen's **90th Birthday** this year, HOPE, the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity and the Bible Society are producing a special 64-page booklet focusing on **the Queen's Christian faith**. Click here to find out more about the resource and how to order your copies.

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 <a href="mailto:email