

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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

Jill Baker,
Vice-President of the
Methodist Conference, has
shared some thoughtful
reflections on one of the
more interesting headlines
from last week's
newspapers - '[News is
bad for you!](#)'

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

[Russia](#)

Thursday 28 Sep
BBC Two, 1:00pm

On the 100th anniversary
of the Russian Revolution,
adventurer Simon Reeve
embarks on a journey
across the world's biggest
country.

[Britain by Bike](#)

Friday 29 Sep
Channel 5, 8:00pm

Larry and George Lamb
explore Britain's national
parks, beginning with the
Yorkshire Dales.

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 1 Oct
BBC One, 3:15pm

The Revd Kate Bottley
meets a Christian astronaut
who walked on the moon.

To be a pilgrim...

A special weekend conference **exploring pilgrimage** will be taking place **next April** at Cliff College, with a keynote address from the President-Designate of the Methodist Conference, the Revd **Michaela Youngson**. Further information can be [found here](#).

Byte Night

Action for Children is holding its biggest annual fundraising event next Friday 6 October, a **national sleep out** raising funds to tackle **youth homelessness**. There's still time to register to join in, whether sleeping out or sponsoring someone who is. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Movement Day

There's still time to book your tickets for **Movement Day**, a national gathering to engage people in a unique conversation about **imagining a better future**. Taking place at Methodist Central Hall Westminster on **6-7 October**, you can find out more and book your tickets [here](#).

What's your story?

The Revd Dr Nicola Price-Tebbutt will be giving this year's **Fernley Hartley lecture** on '**Methodism and experience: the role of personal narrative in shaping the Church's theology**' at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, on Monday 9 October. All are welcome. [Click here](#) to find out more.

To be a pilgrim (again!)

The **Churches Visitor & Tourism Association** will be holding their annual conference on Friday and Saturday **13-14 October**, in York. All are welcome, particularly those with an interest in learning and sharing stories and experiences of **church tourism** across the UK. [Click here](#) to find out more.

The Coventry Pilgrimage

Radio

[Pause for Thought](#)

BBC iPlayer

BBC Radio 2

The Revd Michaela Youngson, President-Designate of the Methodist Conference, reflects on 'doing the best we can.'

[Sunday Worship](#)

Sunday 1 Oct

BBC Radio 4, 8:10am

Father André Hart and Canon Bruce Saunders lead a special harvest service at Bristol's Holy Trinity Church.

[Choir and Organ](#)

Sunday 1 Oct

BBC Radio 3, 4:00pm

Sara Mohr-Pietsch introduces an hour of the very best organ music and performances.

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

On 18 November, Coventry Central Hall will be hosting a **day conference**, featuring a keynote address by **Jill Baker**, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. For more information on this free event, [click here](#).

Interfaith Activists

Applications are still open for the Interfaith Activists programme - a six month **leadership opportunity for young adults** of faith wanting to respond to global issues. Run by **St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace** and beginning in November, [click here](#) for more information.

MWiB - apply today

Exciting volunteering opportunities are open for application with the **Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)** including **Finance Officer** and **MWiB President**. [Click here](#) for more details.

This week in Parliament

The **UK parliament is in recess** for party conferences. 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 Europe, Africa, Britain, Ireland and around the world. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible](#) studies is **Original Blessing**.

Video Thursday: Vocation conversations

[This week's video](#) comes from the **Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District** which has produced a series of video interviews featuring different people **reflecting on their callings**.

***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.*