

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This week we look forward to October's [Black History Month](#) and Prisons' Week, drinking coffee to fight cancer and ask you to look inside your drawers.

Remember that the 3Generate youth event, taking place in November, still needs volunteers to help with pastoral support. Click [here](#) for more information.

I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on 020 7467 5170. If the matter is not urgent do please send us an [email](#).

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 On the box

**[Railway Nation:
A Journey in Verse](#)**
Saturday 1 October
BBC2, 9:00pm

In 1936, poet WH Auden and composer Benjamin Britten made a classic documentary about a train travelling across Britain - Night Mail. Now, 80 years on, six of Britain's best poets travel in Auden's footsteps.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning takes place tomorrow, Friday, in aid of Macmillan. It is still not too late to take part using the downloadable **resources**. Click [here](#) to see how you can help. Remember you can hold your coffee morning **at anytime**.

Digital Evangelism Course

There are **still spaces** on next week's course, Tuesday 4 – Thursday 6 October, for those who wish to explore the possibilities, pitfalls and potential of **sharing the Good News** in a digital age. Click [here](#) for course and booking details.

Prisons' Sunday

A heads-up for Prisons' Sunday, 9 October, and Prisons' Week continuing throughout the following week. This is an ecumenical week encouraging Christians to focus their **thoughts and prayers**, on prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those working with them. Click [here](#) for more information.

Black History Month: 'A Long Way from Home'

This useful and inspiring resource tells the story of Una Chandler who left **Barbados** on her 17th birthday to live in Reading in 1960s. She went on to help plant a church, become a **Methodist preacher** and Chaplain at Reading Borough Council. Click [here](#) to read more about Una's amazing story.

SCM Blog

The first one hundred new subscribers to the SCM blog will receive a **free ebook** by the Revd **Dr Roger Walton**, President of the Methodist Conference - 'The

**[Louis Theroux:
Savile](#)**

**Sunday 2 October
BBC2, 9:00pm**

Fifteen years on from the documentary *When Louis Met Jimmy*, Louis Theroux sets out to understand how a man who was at the centre of British entertainment was able to get away with his crimes.

**[Capability Brown's
Unfinished Garden](#)**

**Monday 3 Oct
BBC4, 9:00pm**

Landscape designer and Gardeners' Question Time regular Bunny Guinness visits some of Capability Brown's finest landscapes to understand what he might have created had he completed his work.

 **Radio**

**[Something Understood
The Good Old Days](#)**

**Sunday 2 October
BBC Radio 4, 6:25am**

John McCarthy looks back over the history of nostalgia.

[Ed Reardon's Week](#)

**Tuesday 4 October
BBC Radio 4, 6:30pm**

Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail, is back with a new series.

**[File on 4: Transforming
Rehabilitation](#)**

**Tuesday 4 October
BBC Radio 4, 8:00pm**

An investigation into the failings of the recently restructured UK probation service that has seen the system "ripped apart" with tragic consequences.

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

Reflective Disciple', as a thank you for signing up. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Extraordinary Drawers

Extraordinary Drawers! is a **photo competition** to use the hidden life contained within drawers to share insights into the everyday lives of ordinary people. Click [here](#) to find out more about this new project from Touchstone aimed at opening up insights on **faith**, culture, and journey.

Labour Conference

Parliament is not sitting at the moment but with the party conference season in full swing, the President and Vice-President have been busy. This week they attended the **Labour Party Conference** where the Revd Dr Roger Walton, led the Christians on the Left **prayer breakfast**. You can read his reflection [here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Europe, West Africa, Britain and Ireland and all creation. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Law and Grace** written by the **Revd Pat Billsborrow**.

Video Thursday: Refugees in Italy

Mediterranean Hope have created this footage of migrant voices and projects. Click [here](#) to see this week's film.

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.