

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



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

This week we celebrate World Women's Day of Prayer, the launch of JPIT Yorkshire and the first Sunday in [Lent](#).

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

God bless,

*Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer*

On the box

[Extremely British Muslims](#)

**Thursday, 2 March
Channel 4, 10:00pm**

An eye-opening view of British Muslim life, through privileged access to Birmingham Central Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the UK and Western Europe, and the lives of the community it serves.

[Songs of Praise](#)

**Sunday, 5 March
BBC One, 4:00pm**

Aled Jones presents an episode marking the 30th anniversary of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster from Dover, hearing the personal stories of the survivors and families of those who died.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 3 March is Women's World Day of Prayer to raise awareness of some of the troubled areas of the world and the **problems experienced by women and children** in this country. For more information click [here](#).

JPIT Yorkshire

Rachel Lampard (Vice-President of the Methodist Conference) will be speaking at the **first JPIT Yorkshire Conference** on 4 March on the topic '**What hope for us? – Recovering Confidence in the North**'. It will also include the formal launch of the Joint Public Issues Team Yorkshire with representatives from Yorkshire Methodist, Baptist and United Reform Churches. To book a place click [here](#).

ONE Programme

Churches who would like to have a **young person to work with them**, paid and trained by the Methodist Church as part of the ONE Programme, have until **Monday 6 March to apply**. Placements last for one year. For more information click [here](#).

Churches Agency for Safeguarding

The Churches Agency for Safeguarding, who undertake DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks on behalf of the Methodist Church, have announced that they will be **closing at the end of the year**. A new provider is being sought and changes will be announced as required. Until then, **CAS should still be used as normal**. A letter, sent to District Safeguarding Officers earlier this week regarding the matter, can be read [here](#).

Volunteers for the Conference

This year's Methodist Conference will take place in Birmingham on the 22-29 June. The **Media Team** are looking for volunteers to help run the **social media pages and to take photographs and videos** at the event. We are unable to pay for accommodation but food

[Sleepless Britain](#)

Monday, 6 March
BBC One, 8:30pm

Why are our children exhausted? With Britain's kids going to bed later and sleeping less, the lack of sleep is playing havoc with behaviour, health and education.

Radio

[Against the Grain](#)

Friday, 3 March
BBC Radio 4, 9:00pm

Charlotte Smith investigates Britain's farming story and discusses what the world might look like for our farmers after Brexit.

[TED Radio Hour](#) **[Believers and](#)** **[Doubters](#)**

Sunday, 5 March
BBC 4 Extra, 11:00am

Guy Raz explores perspectives on belief from both ends of the spectrum, from atheists to the devout. With Billy Graham.

[Neglect: The Story of](#) **[UK Homecare](#)**

Sunday, 5 March
BBC Radio 4, 5:00pm

Families claim elderly relatives were neglected or otherwise abused by the domiciliary carers they depended on.

and reasonable travel expenses will be covered. To find out more, please email the media team [here](#).

Methodist e-learning

An **online library** of Methodist resources from the **United Methodist Church** is now available to scholars across the world. For more information and helpful links, [click here](#).

Digital Church

Many Christians are going online with apps and memes to express their faith. [This article from the BBC](#) considers how technology and the rise of **smart phones** are changing how churches communicate.

This week in Parliament

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

Song of the Week: **Psalm 51**

[This week's piece of music](#) is **Psalm 51**, first set to music by **Allegri** around 1630.

Reflections

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

Video Thursday: **The 3Generate Story**

So what happens when you have **hundreds** of young people's voices coming together to challenge and shape the Church? **You have 3Generate**.

Launched last week, [this new video](#) shares a taste of what went on at last year's event and what's to come this year!

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.