

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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

*This week we
respond to the
government consultation on
gambling machines and
read how church members
are caring for those with
dementia.*

*The out-of-hours media
support line can be
contacted by calling 020
7467 5170 or via email
[here](#).*

*Wishing you all a wonderful
week,*

*Michael Ivatt
Lead Media Officer*



On the box

BBC Exodus:**[Our Journey Continues](#)****BBC Two, 9:00pm****Thursday 2 November**

A portrait of the migration crisis, revisiting some of those who arrived in 2015 and meeting those still making the increasingly difficult and dangerous journeys in search of a better life.

[Songs of Praise](#)**BBC One, 4:00pm****Sunday 5 November**

The Reverend Kate Bottley visits a Christian project restoring broken bicycles while turning around young lives. She also meets award-winning worship leader Noel Robinson.

[Hotel for Refugees](#)**BBC One, 10:45pm****Tuesday 7 November**

Fixed Odds Betting Terminals

The Methodist Church are among the Churches and faith-based organisations who have **responded** to the Government's announcement of a **consultation** on proposals for changes to gaming machines. You can read the joint response [here](#).

Church, Carers and Dementia

The Christian Council on Ageing, also known as Christians on Ageing, have published a **pioneering study** on those caring for loved ones with dementia. You can read the report, with first-hand experiences of church-going care givers, [here](#).

Youth President Blog

[Read](#) the blog of the Methodist Youth President, Michael Pryke, as he reflects on his **first month in office** getting to grips with life at Methodist Church House.

Chaplaincy

How to Share Your Cloak is an opportunity for chaplains to **meet, network and celebrate** the legacy of [St Martin](#); and for individuals and churches interested in chaplaincy. The event takes place on Saturday 11 November at Heslington Church, York. To read more and to book click [here](#).

Advent Offering Resources

Resources for this advent year's Advent Offering are **available to order** from [Methodist Publishing](#). Welsh language versions are available [here](#).

Cliff Summer Schools

Details are now available for the two August 2018 Summer Schools, covering the themes of **Theology, Spirituality, Chaplaincy, Film-Making** (30 July-3 August) and **Worship: Leading and Preaching** (6-10 August). Click [here](#) for more information.

This week in Parliament

A remote town in the west of Ireland deals with the arrival of hundreds of Syrian war-torn refugees.

Radio

[Living With The Gods The Power of Song](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 9:45am
Friday 3 November**

The expression of shared beliefs in communities around the world and the power of communal singing within the Lutheran Church.

[The Last Missionary of Kanaipur](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 2:15pm
Friday 3 November**

Drama featuring a missionary in Bangladesh who loves the country and her small Christian community but begins to question her place there.

[Sunday Worship One Teacher, One Father](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8:10am
Sunday 5 November**

Mass live from St Joseph's Catholic Church in Bradford, exploring the importance of recognising the common ground between different Christian denominations.

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

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](#).

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 Covenant of Faith** written by Julian Bond.

Video Thursday: Methodist Schools

A **new** video offering a brief introduction to Methodist Schools has been produced. You can watch the film [here](#).

***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.*