

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to  
The Week  
Ahead and I  
hope you had a  
blessed Easter.


It's not too late to [book your discounted tickets](#) to the **#Asbury200 Family Fun Day** at the Black Country Living Museum on **Saturday 9 April**.

For **current news, stories and events** from across the Connexion, make sure you also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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

Have a wonderful week,

Michael

 On the box

**Paul O'Grady: the Sally Army and Me**  
Sunday 3 April  
BBC One, 6pm

Marking The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary, this programme explores Paul's lifelong passion for the much-loved organisation.

[The Story of God](#)

## #Asbury200

Today (**Thursday 31 March**) marks the 200th anniversary of Bishop Francis Asbury's death. A **one-off sponsored reading** of Asbury's journals is being staged at Asbury's Cottage. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Order your tickets from Monday

Tickets to **events at the Methodist Conference** will be available to order **from Monday 4 April**. [Booking](#) is required for attending the opening of the Conference on Saturday 2 July, Reception into Full Connexion, Sunday Worship and for all Ordination services on 3 April. Visitors do not require booking for the open Conference sessions, exhibitions or fringe events.

## Hope in a Changing Climate

The **Ecumenical World Development Conference, Hope in a Changing Climate**, takes place on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 April in Coventry. The conference offers participants the chance to explore key development issues from **theological and practical** perspectives. To book tickets or find out more, click [here](#).

## Call to "Respect Every Human"

Church leaders have written a letter to the Home Secretary asking her **to offer sanctuary to more** people in need. The letter was timed to coincide with a conference by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees taking place in Geneva. You can **read the letter** on the Joint Public Issues Team website [here](#).

## Conscientious Objection Podcast

Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Dr Jill Barber talks to Michael Ivatt about the service held at Englesea Brook Museum and Chapel on the 20 March to mark the **centenary of conscientious objection**. The podcast also features interviews with a living objector who served time in prison and the son of a man who

**Sunday 3 April**  
**National Geographic,**  
**8pm**

Morgan Freeman takes a trip around the world exploring different cultures and religions to answer fundamental questions.

**James May:**  
**the Reassembler**

**Monday 4 April**  
**BBC Four, 9pm**

A new series where affable James May tries to put together classic technology from component parts. In this first episode he builds a Suffolk Colt 1959 petrol lawnmower.

 **Radio**

**Pause for Thought**

**Friday 1 April**  
**BBC Radio 2, 5:45am**  
Seeing the Funny Side with the Revd Tony Miles.

**The Skool Days of Nigel Molesworth**

**Sunday 3 April**  
**BBC Radio 4 Extra, 1pm**  
Five tales from the life of the legendary prep school boy Nigel Molesworth.

**Pause for Thought**

**Thursday 7 April**  
**BBC Radio 2, 5:45am**  
Morning reflection with the Revd Michaela Youngson, Chair of the London District

**John Wesley Unpacked**  
**Premier, Listen Again**

Ian Britton examines the life and legacy of John Wesley, alongside the Revd Dr Calvin Samuel, Director of the Wesley Study Centre, Durham.

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

refused to fight during the First World War. You can listen [here](#).

## Join us

The Connexional Team has **several new job vacancies**, including opportunities for a Marketing Executive, Heritage Officer and a Building & Facilities Officer. If you're interested in joining this wonderful team, [click here](#) to find out more.

## Research Matters

The Scholarship, Research & Innovation department of the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network have launched a **new e-newsletter**: Research Matters. For the **first issue** [click here](#) and to **join the mailing list** please complete [this form here](#).

## This week in Parliament

The House of Commons **is in recess** this week for Easter. For social and political updates, why not visit [the Joint Public Issues Team website](#)? Featuring blog posts on topics such as the **EU referendum** and **Ian Duncan Smith's resignation**.

## Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in the Pacific, Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **A Righteous God** written by the Revd Andrew Pratt.

## Video Thursday: "Who let the Dads out?"

[This week's video](#) comes courtesy of BBC Radio Solent and features "Who let the Dads out", a unique club held at **Romsey Methodist Church** that encourages father-child play.

**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.