

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone,  
and welcome to  
The Week  
Ahead.

Sunday 6  
December  
marks the start  
of Hanukkah. To find out  
more about Hanukkah and  
other Jewish festivals, [click  
here](#).

Michael will be staffing the  
out-of-hours support line  
this week (07881 783812).

God bless,

Toby

 On the box**Countryfile**

**Sunday, 6:20pm,  
BBC One**

Ellie Harrison and Joe  
Crowley take a tour of  
some of Scotland's most  
remote scenic areas.

**Reggie Yates' Extreme  
UK**

**Monday, 9:00pm,  
BBC Three**

The first of three  
programmes exploring the  
extremes of modern British  
masculinity.

**The Royal Variety  
Performance**

**Tuesday, 9:45am,  
ITV**

Jack Whitehall hosts this  
evening of entertainment  
from the Royal Albert Hall.

 Radio**Act of Worship**

**Friday, 9:45am,  
BBC Radio 4 LW**

**'Pray for peace'**

The President and Vice-President of Conference  
havemade a **statement** following last night's decision  
for the UK to proceed with air strikes in  
Syria, **encouraging people of all faiths to pray for  
peace**. To read the prayer, [click here](#). To read  
yesterday's joint Church statement on military action in  
Syria, [click here](#).

**Refugee Special**

The [December issue](#) of **World Church News** is a special  
Refugee Update edition, highlighting stories from across  
the world, including details on how more than **£52,000  
raised** (so far) in support of the Methodist Refugee  
Support fund is being spent. [Click here](#) to find out how  
you can get involved.

**Taxing the poor - then ignoring them**

Paul Morrison, Policy Advisor for the Joint Public Issues  
Team, has written a blog post in response to George  
Osborne's **economical use of the truth** in his  
Comprehensive Spending Review speech. [Click here](#) to  
find out more.

**One More Card**

In follow up to the [#enough campaign](#), people are being  
asked to write One More Card this Christmas **to Ian  
Duncan Smith** reminding him that all people should  
have **enough to live on this Christmas**. For more  
information and find out how you can get involved, [click  
here](#).

**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](#).

**Reflections**

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be  
encouraging us to pray with Christians in West Africa,  
Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, Britain and Ireland. The

An act of worship and music led by the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins

**Prayer for the Day**  
**Saturday, 5:43am,**  
**BBC Radio 4**

A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Rabbi Dr Naftali Brawer this Hanukkah

**Sunday Worship**  
**Sunday, 8:10am,**  
**BBC Radio 4**

A sung service in the style of the Taize tradition from Brentwood Cathedral in Essex

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

theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Day of Salvation**.

## Video Thursday: Birstall Methodist Church Christmas Festival

[This week's film](#) is comes from the Revd Rachel Parkinson and Birstall Methodist Church, who have put together a **photo compilation** of their Christmas Festival.

*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.

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