

The Week Ahead

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

For the next two weeks or so, the Olympics will be filling our screens. Closer to home, you can use the Conference Digest to spread the news about events at the Methodist Conference and, with festival season in full swing, we preview Greenbelt.

Toby Fairclough will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07969 985 376). If it's not an emergency, [please pop us an email](#); we'd love to hear from you!

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike

Conference Digest

Need a round up of what was discussed and agreed at the Methodist Conference 2016? The Conference Digest gives a brief **overview** of what happened in a helpful format that can be used in **church newsletters and websites**. Click [here](#) to see more.

The Olympics

This week the biggest sporting event on earth begins with the opening ceremony of the Rio Olympics late Friday night into the early hours of Saturday morning. **Resources** online include service plans and activities from the Scripture Union which can be downloaded [here](#).

New deputy CEO for All We Can

All We Can recently welcomed **Graeme Hodge** as its new Deputy Chief Executive. To read more click [here](#).

Greenbelt

Tickets are still available for Greenbelt, the festival that

[Olympics Opening Ceremony](#)

**Friday 5 August
BBC1, 11:40pm
Rpt BBC2 Sat 9:15am**

Clare Balding introduces live coverage of the opening ceremony of the 2016 Olympic Games from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

[Flying to the Ends of the Earth](#)

**Sunday 7 August
Channel 4, 8:00pm**
Former Royal Marine Arthur Williams and his wheelchair visit the tiny South Pacific island of Tanna.

[Brexit: The Battle for Britain](#)

**Monday 8 August
BBC2, 9.00pm**
Why did the British people decide to leave the EU and what caused the political fallout that left Westminster reeling?

[The Clintons Heck, Don't Vote for Him](#) **Saturday 6 August BBC Radio 4, 2:30pm**

Three new dramas imagine key moments in the Clintons' personal and political lives together.

has been championing **arts, faith and justice** since 1974. This year's event takes place 26 to 29 August near **Kettering**. For more information click to their website [here](#).

Employment

Current job **opportunities** within and around the Connexion include a Youth Development Officer in Beacon, a One Programme Officer at Cliff College and Connexional Property Development Adviser. To see all **available** roles please click [here](#).

Parliament

Parliament might be in recess for the summer, but politics is still happening. For the **latest in political updates** from a uniquely Christian perspective, be sure to check **the Joint Public Issues Team** [website](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Africa, Latin America, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Giving and Receiving**.

[Something Understood](#) **Sunday 7 August**

BBC Radio 4, 6:05am

Composer David Owen Norris explains the musical concept of counterpoint and the metaphorical use of it in religion and literature.

[Johnnie Walker's Long Players](#)

**Wednesday 10 August
BBC Radio 2 10:00pm**

This week Johnnie and David Hepworth enjoy A Hard Day's Night from The Beatles and Mr Tambourine Man from The Byrds.

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

Video Thursday: Greenbelt Festival GB16

This 90-second film is a window on the **life-changing world** that is to be found at Greenbelt Festival each August Bank Holiday weekend. Click [here](#) for 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.*