

The Week Ahead

*Hi everyone,
welcome to the
Week Ahead.*

*With Lent starting on
Wednesday, we'll be looking at
preparations for the season and
also at JPIT's call to increase
support for
refugees.*

*Andy Jackson will be staffing the
out-of-hours support line this
week on
020 7467 5111.*

Have a wonderful week,

Michael

Greece with Simon Reeve

Sunday 7 Feb BBC1, 8:00pm

Simon travels from the Aegean to Athens meeting extraordinary people on the way.

Addicted to Sheep

Monday 8 Feb BBC4, 9:00pm

Following the lives of two tenant farmers in County Durham through the seasons.

Hidden Homeless Tuesday 9 Feb

Call for Increased Refugee Support

Today, Thursday 4 February, sees the opening of the 2016 **International Pledging Conference** for Syria, taking place in London. The Methodist Church, along with other churches, has called upon the Government to increase its **financial support** for Syrian refugees. Read the press release [here](#).

Lent Course Resources

The Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) Lent Course for 2016 is now online. Each week the course provides resources for **groups to gather** for reflection and spiritual conversation around a series of themes drawn from the overarching title of **Pilgrimage**. You can find out more about the course and its resources [here](#).

One Friday - Good Friday Events

Ideas and resources to help mark Good Friday with public **events and exhibitions** in your **community** from the One Friday team. You can take a look at the wide range of resources available on their website [here](#). On social media, please use the #onefriday.

Easter School Opportunity

Wesley House, Cambridge, is taking bookings for **Easter School 2016**. An opportunity for preachers and worship leaders to hear from **academics** on the theology of the

BBC3, 9:00pm

A look at the crisis of homeless young people who don't appear on the statistics.

Embarrassment

Saturday 6 Feb

BBC Radio 4, 8:00pm

An archive of blunders and blushes as author Lynn Truss tries to pinpoint the nature of embarrassment.

The Life Scientific

Tuesday 9 Feb

BBC Radio 4, 9:00pm

Peter Pilot, discoverer of the Ebola virus talks about a lifetime spent trying to stop the spread of disease.

Ed Stewart - a Tribute

Wednesday 10 Feb

BBC Radio 2, 10:00pm

From his days on the pirate station Radio London to Junior Choice and Crackerjack... "*Crackerjack!*", the BBC celebrates the life of presenter Ed Stewart.

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

Passion. During the course will be time for devotions and reflections. You can book [online](#) here.

The Egg That Shares The Easter Story

A chance to remind the young, and young at heart, of the **real Easter story**. The eggs feature a redesigned Easter story booklet in the **shape of a cross**, drawn by the noted children's illustrator, Mary Cann. You can order your eggs from [here](#).

JPIT Lent Resource

The JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) West Midlands team, have updated their Lent resource. The resource is structured around the six Sundays of Lent, reflecting on what kind of **society** we wish to see against the background of Jesus' life and ministry. Details and **slides** are available [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 Africa, Latin America, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next

week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Signs of Faith** written by the [Revd Jenny Ellis](#).

Video Thursday: Inspirational Women Appeal 2016

This week's [film](#) is from All We Can, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund, and is an invitation to celebrate inspiration women and raise money for poverty and injustice. The film also features Dr Jill Barber, Vice-President of the Conference.

***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.*