

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



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

As well as reflecting on news, opportunities, resources and events - this week our thoughts and prayers are with the **Diaconal Order** who have been holding their [Convocation](#) this week.

I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on **020 7467 5170**.

God bless,

Toby Fairclough  
Media Officer

## On the box

### [Trump on Culture](#)

**Saturday 6 May,  
BBC Two, 7:20pm**

Alistair Sooke crosses the Atlantic to investigate the impact the American President has had after his first 100 days in office.

### [The Big Questions](#)

**Sunday 7 May,  
BBC One, 10:00am**

Nicky Campbell presents a debate on the effectiveness of humanitarian interventions.

### [Songs of Praise](#)

**Sunday 7 May,  
BBC One, 4:15pm**

Sally Magnusson presents an episode from Guernsey marking the anniversary of the island's liberation from occupation and visits a café run by ex-offenders.

## Your vote counts!

Scotland, Wales and over half of England are holding their **local elections today** (Thursday 4 May). As well as voting, why not take this opportunity to **reflect, think and pray** using these [helpful resources](#) from the **Joint Public Issues Team**.

## Dr Pauline Webb

As many of you may have heard, former Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, **Dr Pauline Webb**, passed away on 27 April. A brief obituary for the **influential campaigner, journalist and Methodist** can be [found on the website](#).

## Apply today

Applications are in their **final week** for the new [ONE Intern projects](#). With **exciting opportunities** across the Connexion for people aged 21-26, the interns can expect a combination of training, mentoring and professional development in a variety of different sectors including **politics, finance and charity**.

## Film Resources

Damaris Media have launched some **new resources** to help Christians and church groups **engage** with the main themes of the silver screen's **latest releases**- including reflections on [The Promise](#) and [The Shack](#).

## Vocations Sunday

This Sunday, **7 May**, people across the country will be reflecting on the wealth of **different vocations** people can be called to and serve in. Helpful **Bible Readings, Hymns and reflections** can be found on [the website](#).

## Dying Matters Awareness Week

## Radio

### [Luther's Reformation Gang](#)

**Friday 5 May,  
BBC Radio 3, 10:45am**

Brian Cummings reflects on the story of Philip Melancthon, Martin Luther's right-hand man.

### [The Listening Project](#)

**Sunday 7 May,  
BBC Radio 4, 9:44am**

Fi Glover introduces an omnibus special on the experiences of adoption.

### [Choral Evensong](#)

**Wednesday 10 May,  
BBC Radio 3, 3:30pm**

Live from St Pancras Church during the 2017 London Festival of Contemporary Church Music.

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

Next week, **8-14 May**, marks Dying Matters Awareness Week, highlighting the importance of **dignity in death**. With [events taking place](#) across the country, this year's theme is "What can you do", **challenging people to talk** to each other about dying, death and bereavement.

## Staunen!

Bookings are **now open** for Staunen!, taking place in Germany **9-13 May** next year. This **European Christian festival** is organised by our Partner Church the Evangelisch-Methodistische Kirche, and welcomes people of all ages from across Europe. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Song of the Week: May this place be one of nurture

[This week's hymn](#) is from **Ally Barrett**, originally written for a service commissioning safeguarding officers. Before publication, these **thoughtful words** were offered to members of the Methodist Survivor's Reference Group for comment. They responded positively, highlighting its **encouragement** and **inclusivity**.

## Prayers and 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 **Salvation History** written by **the Revd Andrew Pratt**.

## Video Thursday: #igive2mission

[This week's video](#) highlights some of the different types of projects the **Mission in Britain Fund** supports and how your giving can **make a real difference**.

***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.*