

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



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

*I do hope you  
will join me in  
celebrating [British Sandwich  
Week](#) which starts on  
Sunday, but there are lots  
of other things to check out  
that are coming up!*

***Toby Fairclough** will be  
staffing the emergency out-  
of-hours support line this  
week (**07969 985376**).*

*If it's not an emergency,  
why not pop us an email?  
We'd love to hear from you!*

*Wishing you all a wonderful  
week,*

*Mike*

## On the box

### [Attenborough at 90](#) Sunday 8 May BBC1 7:00pm

David Attenborough, one of the nation's best-loved TV experts, recounts his fascinating life in front of the camera.

### [Children on the Frontline: The escape](#)

Tuesday 10 May  
Channel 4 10:00pm

Follows the moving story of a family from Aleppo and their escape from Syria to safety.

### [Horizon: A Cure for Alzheimer's](#) Wednesday 11 May BBC2 9:00pm

An investigation into how

## Pray4media

The media plays a vital role in how we all perceive the world. This Sunday, 8 May, is Pray4media day. This year, attention will be focused on **praying** for media professionals to be empowered to tell the **whole story**, both good and bad. For more information click [here](#).

## Germinate Lecture

This year's Germinate Leadership Lecture is 'The relevance of entrepreneurship to **rural church leadership**' by the Revd Dr Michael Volland. Taking place at The Arthur Rank Centre, Warwickshire, on Tuesday 17 May, you can book tickets and find out more about the work of Germinate and the centre by clicking [here](#).

## Dying Matters

Dying Matters Awareness Week runs from 9 to 15 May encouraging people to **talk** about the difficult subject of **death and bereavement**. You can read more about the week, organised by the National Council for Palliative Care, [here](#).

## MWiB writing competition

Methodist Women In Britain are inviting submissions of meditative or reflective writing for their competition on the theme of '**From Deep Within**'. Prose or poetry up to maximum of 500 words can be submitted but work must be **original** and not previously published either in print or electronically. Submissions close on the 15 May. For details click [here](#).

## Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week starts a week on Sunday (May 15). Resources for churches, schools and individuals, along with ways to donate, can be found [here](#).

## Safeguarding and Goddard

science is trying to tackle an illness that is increasingly robbing the elderly of their old age.

## Radio

### [Sunday Service](#)

**Sunday 8 May**

**BBC Devon, 6:30am**

Methodist minister, the Revd Paul Smith, leads the Sunday Service. Presented by Michael Cheque.

### [Mike Hill](#)

**Sunday 8 May**

**BBC Tees, 7:30am**

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference discuss modern Methodism with Mike Hill.

### [Shaping the Air:](#)

[Writers and Radio](#)

**Monday 9 May**

**BBC Radio 3, 10:45pm**

How language is used on the radio to paint the pictures in our minds.

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

A **seminar** is being held to look at best practice and issues that will face religious institutions as a result of the Goddard report on **safeguarding**. You can find out more about the seminar, which takes place in London on the 31 May, by clicking [here](#).

## Schools' portal

A range of **resources** for Methodist schools is being made available online. The growing collection of **scripted assemblies, videos and links** has been curated by the Revd Paul Glass, Chaplain at Kent College, Canterbury and Pastoral Visitor to Methodist Schools Group. You can discover the resources [here](#).

## Website review consultation

Your **ideas** are being sought on the layout of the soon to be redesigned **Methodist Church website**. To take part, sign up to the Website Reference Group for further details by clicking [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, The Caribbean, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible study is Guiding Light by Jill Baker.

## Video Thursday: What does the Bible say about refugees?

This week's film comes from the Bible Society and considers what the Bible can tell us about refugees. You can watch the video [here](#).