

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


*In this edition, we respond with prayers to the tragic events in the US and Europe.*

*We also pray for all those involved in [Movement Day](#) taking place this weekend, seeking to transform our towns and cities, and for next Tuesday's [All Together Now](#) conference seeking to transform our churches.*

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

*Wishing you all a wonderful week,*

*Mike Ivatt  
Lead Media Officer*

 On the box[Songs of Praise](#)

**BBC1, 4:10pm**

**Sunday, 8 October**

Katherine Jenkins joins a Christian retreat walk for Mental Health Day and the Revd Richard Coles talks to another of the programme's presenters, Sean Fletcher, about the psychological problems he suffered as a teenager.

[Loius Theroux:](#)

[Dark States, Heroin Town](#)

**BBC 2, 9:00pm**

**Sunday, 8 October**

## A response to violence

Following the tragic and violent events in **Las Vegas, Marseilles and Catalonia**, you will find **prayers and readings** for reflection [here](#).

## All Together Now - LIVE

A one day, **live-streamed conference**, takes place on Tuesday 10 October, between 10am-3pm, exploring what it means to be an **intergenerational church community**. You can read more about the conference and watch it streamed live [here](#) and on the Methodist Church Facebook page [here](#). You can also take part on social media using #alltogether17.

## Prisons Week

Prisons Week takes place 8-14 October. The week encourages us to pray for the needs of **all those affected by prison**; prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities. Click [here](#) for more information and resources.

## World Mental Health Day

The World Health Organisation marks World Mental Health Day on Tuesday **10 October**. This year's theme is **mental health in the workplace**. You can read more [here](#).

## Politics and People Power

The Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham, who was a speaker at the recent Bolton and Rochdale, Manchester and Stockport Synod, will be taking part in the debate **Politics and People Power: Finding Your Voice, Making a Difference** which takes place at Methodist Central Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday 11 October. To find out more and to book, click [here](#).

## Group Leisure and Travel Show

The **Methodist Heritage team** are attending the Group

In Huntington, West Virginia, Louis Theroux embeds himself in an Appalachian community that is being devastated by widespread heroin use.

[Panorama](#)  
[When Kids Abuse Kids](#)

**BBC 1, 9:00pm**  
**Monday, 9 October**

The hidden world of under-18s sexual assaults, taking place in the classrooms and even playgrounds of primary schools, and often referred to as 'peer on peer' abuse.

 **Radio**

[Something Understood](#)  
**BBC Radio 4, 6:25am**  
**Sunday, 8 October**

Mark Tully examines the role of saints in secular and religious societies and asks if anyone should aspire to sainthood.

[Choir and Organ](#)  
**Radio 3, 4:00pm**  
**Sunday, 8 October**

Sara Mohr-Pietsch introduces an hour of choral music and performances including Verdi and Liszt.

[What would war with North Korea look like?](#)  
**Radio 4, 8:30pm**  
**Monday, 9 October**

What could spark a major conflict on the world's most sensitive front line and just how devastating would it be?

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

Leisure and Travel Show on Thursday 12 October at the NEC Birmingham. For more information and **free tickets** to the event click [here](#).

## 3Generate Night Stewards

Organisers of 3Generate are looking for night stewards to **support young people** in Southport over the weekend of 24-26 November. With more than a thousand children and young people signed up, along with 250+ leaders, the team would like to hear from those willing to **help anyone distressed** or unable to sleep at night. For more information, please [email](#) the Youth President, Michael Pryke.

## This week in Parliament

You can find next 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 Southern and East Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Power of Salvation** written by the Revd Donald Ker.

## Video Thursday: Youth President's inaugural address

Michael Pryke was welcomed as the new Youth President of the Methodist Church with a service at Oswald Elliott Hall, Stamford, Lincolnshire last month. You can watch his inaugural address [here](#) [along with audio and text versions](#).

*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.