

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

*This week we highlight two **special Sundays** (for the price of one) and **several updates** from Methodist news.*

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Michael Ivatt

 On the box

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 9 July
BBC 1 5:10pm

Sean Fletcher visits Mont St Michel in France to meet modern-day pilgrims and to discover the history of the monastery. Josie D'Arby explores a link with a similar site in Cornwall.

[Epidemic: When Britain Fought AIDS](#)

Sunday 9 July
Channel 4, 10:00pm

Action for Children Sunday

Action for Children Sunday takes place this weekend focusing this year on **peace and mental well-being**. This [booklet](#) has been produced with resources and ideas to help you and your church reflect on the support needed by children.

Sea Sunday

This Sunday is also Sea Sunday where churches are invited to highlight the **challenges seafarers face** every day. Click [here](#) for a **free resources pack**, including sermon and Sunday School lesson ideas.

Religious persecution in Sri Lanka

The Revd Loraine N Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference, has written a letter to the Secretary of State alerting him of the **escalating level of religious persecution** in Sri Lanka, following a Notice of Motion received by the Conference last week. [Click here](#) for more information.

Cliff College appointment

Paul Taylor, currently the Director of Learning and Development with the Methodist Church's Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network, will be joining the staff at Cliff College as its new **Operations Director** from September. Click [here](#) for more information.

Nuclear Ban Treaty

Throughout 2017, the United Nations is holding negotiations to start work to **prohibit and eliminate** nuclear weapons. The Joint Public Issues Team have produced [this briefing](#) about the negotiations and **what you can do** to take action on the issue.


Save Fairtrade

The Methodist Conference has called upon members, and

Documentary examining the impact of the disease on British society, and how it has influenced the country in subsequent years. Paul O'Grady and Jean Paul Gaultier are among those sharing their personal stories, as well as activists and frontline doctors.

[Panorama](#)
Monday 10 July
BB1 8:30pm

Tom Heap talks to insiders who claim Brexit will mean higher prices, lower quality and less choice on the supermarket shelves

 **Radio**

[Sunday](#)
Sunday 9 July
BBC Radio 4, 7:10am

William Crawley presents a round-up of the week's religious and ethical headlines, including discussion about Methodist/Anglican relations.

[Pause for Thought](#)
Monday 10 July
BBC Radio 2, 5:45am

The Revd Tony Miles, from Methodist Central Hall Westminster, reflects on the topic of Lost Love in today's Pause for Thought.

[The Moral Maze](#)
Monday 12 July
BBC Radio 4, 8:00pm

Michael Buerk is joined by Matthew Taylor, Melanie Phillips, Jill Kirby and Shiv Malik for a debate on moral issues.

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

others, to **express their concern** that Sainsbury's have ceased selling Fairtrade tea and piloting their own-brand alternative, **not accredited** by the Fairtrade Foundation. You can read **how you can support the Fairtrade Movement** 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 West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Bread of Life** written by the Revd Paul Wood.

Video Thursday: Community Sponsorship

[This week's film](#) highlights the wonderful Community Sponsorship scheme, where **local communities** are **supporting Syrian refugee families**.

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.