

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



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

In this email,
You'll find the detail,
Of many things yet to
come.
So grab a pew,
Read on through,
And forward it on once
you're done.

Happy [National Poetry Day!](#)

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

As always, if it's not urgent,
please do [pop us an email](#):
we'd love to hear from you!

God bless,

Toby Fairclough
Media Officer



On the box

[Anne Robinson's Britain](#)
Thursday 6 October
BBC1, 8:00pm

The broadcaster examines
different aspects of 21st
century Britain to find out
how the nation's citizens
choose to live their lives,
beginning with parenting.

[The Victorian Slum](#)
Monday 10 October
BBC2, 9:00pm

Michael Mosley follows the
progress of a group of
people experiencing the
tough living and working
conditions of the Victorian

Haiti Hurricane Appeal

Hurricane Matthew is the [most powerful Caribbean hurricane](#) in nearly a decade and has left **tens of thousands of people displaced** as it's moved across Haiti, Cuba and the USA. The Methodist Church World Mission Fund has started an appeal to raise money to give to the Methodist Church in Haiti to **rebuild communities** in the hurricane's aftermath. [Click here](#) to see how you can help.

Advent Offering Resources

Many people in the Connexional Team have been working hard to bring you a variety of **free** liturgy ideas, posters, children's activities and more to use this Advent, as part of the **Advent Offering service 2016**. [Click here](#) to discover more and to download your **free** resources.

50 years of the Anglican Centre in Rome

The Revd Dr **Roger Walton**, President of the Methodist Conference, has been in **Italy's capital** this week celebrating **50 years** of the Anglican Centre in Rome. [Click here](#) for more details.

Fully Alive

The [Fully Alive Methodist Art Collection exhibition](#), taking place in **Bath Abbey** starts **today**, Thursday October 6. Open to the public until October 30, a number of **lunch time and evening talks** will be held to help you see the beautiful pieces in a new light.

New Trustee

Action for Children, a charity with deep Methodist roots, has [appointed a new trustee](#): the Revd Dr **Sheryl Anderson**. As well as appointing Sheryl, they have said farewell to former District Chair, the Revd John Howard after five years of service.

poor after moving into a restored Victorian tenement in the heart of London's East End.

[Horizon](#)

**Wednesday 12 October
BBC2, 9:00pm**

Alice Roberts explores new pioneering discoveries in paleoanthropology, which has identified four other distinct species of humans that co-existed with Homo sapiens 50,000 years ago.

Radio

[Pause for Thought](#)

**Catch Up on iPlayer
BBC Radio 2**

The Revd Tony Miles shares the importance of new beginnings with Vanessa Feltz.

[Moral Maze](#)

**Saturday 8 October
BBC Radio 4, 10:15pm**

Discussing the possibility of a world without Down's syndrome following the news of a new prenatal testing technique.

[Sunday Service](#)

**Sunday 9 October
BBC Radio Devon,
6:30am**

Lay Preacher, Margaret Cole, leads the Sunday Service in Seaton, Devon.

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

This week in Parliament

The English parliament is **still in recess**, but the Joint Public Issues Team went along to the **Conservative Party Conference** this past week. [Click here](#) to see what they got up to.

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 **Parables of the Kingdom** written by the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler.

Video Thursday: Bible Month

A brilliant [new film](#) has been produced to introduce **Bible Month**: an initiative coming **next June**, encouraging churches and circuits across the Connexion to deepen our reading of the Bible through **collectively studying the letter of James**. As well as the [watching the video](#), you can [click here](#) for more information.

***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.*