

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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

Alas, we are having **technical issues** with the

methodist.org.uk **website** today. This may cause problems with some links from this newsletter. This is being worked on and should return to normal very soon. Sorry for the inconvenience.


If you're going to the **Asbury Family Fun Day** this Saturday, why not share you're photos from the event with us using the [#Asbury200](#)?

For current **news, stories and events** from across the Connexion, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Andy Jackson will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on **020 7467 5111**.

God bless,

Toby

 On the box

[Workers or Shirkers?](#)

Thursday 7 April
BBC Two, 8pm

Ian Hislop explores the colourful history behind one of the most explosive issues of our times - welfare.

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 10 April
BBC One, 4:15pm

Six choirs sing for a place in the final of the Senior School Choir of the Year competition.

[The Story of God](#)

Sunday 10 April

An address to the Bishop of Rome

The **Secretary** of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gareth J Powell, gave an address to the Bishop of Rome, **Pope Francis** today. You can read the full text of the address [here](#).

The Secretary's address was given as part of the **dedication** celebrations of the new **Methodist Ecumenical Office in Rome**, that took place this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

WMC European Office now open

Bishop Ivan Abrahams, **General Secretary of the World Methodist Council**, will be taking up semi-permanent residence at Methodist Church House, London, following the **official opening** of a new desk for the WMC European Office on Tuesday 5 April. For the full story and pictures, [click here](#).

Calling all Treasurers

The Connexional Team are providing specialised **FRS102 SORP** (*Financial Reporting Standard Statement of Recommended Practice*) training for Methodist Treasurers, with sessions available between **April and June** across England. [Click here](#) to **book your ticket** or contact [Maureen Sebanakitta](#) for **more information**.

CFB Members

The **Central Finance Board** of the Methodist Church is seeking **new honorary members** who are already engaged with the board's work. For more information and contact details, [click here](#).

JPIT Intern

Are you **passionate about faith, life and politics**? Do you want to work as part of a team making **meaningful change** in the world? If you answered yes, there's **still time to apply** for the Joint Public Issues Team

National Geographic, 8pm

Morgan Freeman continues his trip around the world exploring different cultures and religions to answer life's fundamental questions.

Radio

Sunday Service

**Sunday 10 April
BBC Radio Devon,
6:30am**

Methodist minister Jerry Cook leads the Sunday Service, presented by Michael Chequer.

Sunday

**Sunday 10 April
BBC Radio 4, 7:10am**

With highlights from Saturday's Asbury Family Fun Day.

Somthing Understood

**Sunday 10 April
BBC Radio 4, 11:30pm**

Abdul-Rehman Malik reflects on mercy through sacred texts and music.

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

Internship. [Click here](#) for more information, applications close **noon on Monday 11 April**.

Podcast - The Story of God

Editor and writer, **George Luke**, [interviews James Younger](#), executive producer of the new documentary television series, '**The Story of God with Morgan Freeman**', airing on the [National Geographic channel](#).

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 around the world. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Peace with God**.

Video Thursday: Black Country Living Museum

Still not sure whether to come to the **#Asbury Family Fun Day this Saturday 9 April**? As well as all of the Methodist related attractions ([see here](#) for a full programme), the Black Country Living Museum will **be open as usual** with all of its rides, exhibitions and immersive experiences. [This week's video](#) gives you a quick glimpse of what's in store.