

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


Happy National Poetry Day everybody and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

Christmas is fast approaching, so keep an eye out tomorrow for the release of this year's **Advent Offering Resource**.

I will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07969 985 376).

God bless,

Toby

 On the box

**Don't Panic - How to end poverty in 15 years**  
Sunday, 6:00pm,  
BBC Two


A second chance to see Professor Hans Rosling explore the UN's aim to eradicate extreme poverty by 2030.

**Harvest 2015**  
Tuesday, 8:30pm,  
BBC Two

Philippa Forrester and Gregg Wallace celebrate all things farming during this special time of year.

**Restoring Britain's Landmarks**  
Wednesday, 8:00pm,  
Channel 4

A new series exploring the work of the Landmark Trust's restoration of remarkable historic buildings.

 Radio

## Anti-Slavery Day

**Sunday 18 October** marks **Anti-Slavery Day** in Europe. The Evangelical Alliance has compiled a list of [helpful resources](#) around the day, including prayers, stories and reflections from other organisations.

## Evangelism and missional communities

**Professor Elaine Heath** will be travelling the UK throughout **November** to share her wisdom and insight in themes such as contemplative spirituality and missional engagement, confidence in evangelism and disciple-making in the modern world. To find out when she'll be speaking at an event near you, [click here](#).

## IDOP

The Religious Liberty Commission is urging all churches to unite in prayer for those across the world suffering as part of this year's **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** on **Sunday 15 November**. [Click here](#) for more information and resources.

## Then: Now Passion-Prophecy-Prayer-Protest

[Early bird bookings](#) are **now open** for the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network conference, **Connecting Disciples 2016**. Open to all lay employees and children & youth workers, the conference will be an opportunity for training, development, fellowship and community through a variety of workshops, worship and more.

## Job Opportunities

The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is [looking for a graduate](#) to fill a current vacancy for the position of **Trainee Fund Administrator**, with applications closing on **21 October**. Don't forget to also see the [Methodist website](#) for more jobs around the Connexion.

## This week in Parliament

**Something Understood**  
**Sunday, 6:05am,**  
**BBC Radio 4**

Mark Tully investigates  
'Why do we need the  
Devil?'

**Pause for Thought**  
**Monday, 5:45am,**  
**BBC Radio 2**

With the Revd Michaela  
Youngson.

**Moral Maze**  
**Wednesday, 8:00pm,**  
**BBC Radio 4**

Michael Buerk leads a  
combative, provocative and  
engaging debate on moral  
issues.

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

The House of Commons comes out of recess on Monday and you can find the **parliamentary business** [online here](#). If you want to find out about the **ScottishParliamentary 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 **Faithful and Merciful** written by the Revd David Rhymer.

## Video Thursday: Think Twice

Saturday **10 October** is **World Mental Health Day**. [Think Twice](#), a Christian charity raising awareness of mental health issues, has produced a helpful [promotional video](#) explaining some of the good work they do.

***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.*