

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to The Week Ahead.

We hope everyone


attending [Greenbelt](#) this weekend has a lovely time.

And we wish everybody a happy **new Connexional year** on Tuesday! Whether you're joining a new circuit, receiving a new minister or know of someone who is - don't forget to keep all those starting new roles in your prayers.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Toby

 On the box**Songs of Praise**

Sunday, 10am, BBC1

Gospel Choir of the Year, Part 1 of 2 with David Grant and Connie Fisher.

India: Nature's Wonderland

Tuesday, 9pm, BBC2

Freida Pinto explores the hidden wonders of the natural world in India.

The Ascent of Woman

Wednesday, 9pm, BBC2

Dr Amanda Foreman travels the world to cross-examine the stories of the women who made and changed human history.

 Radio

Care of Creation

The **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** will take place on **1 September**. Christians from different denominations will join together in support of our stewardship of creation. The day also marks the start of **Creation Time 2015**, a month of focusing on the environment. Materials and resources from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland can be downloaded [here](#).

Sense and Sensitivity

[The National Estate Churches Network](#), an ecumenical network of Christians with ministries to poorer housing estates, is to hold two conferences on **6 and 21 October** in [London](#) and [Leeds](#). Click on the links to find out more.

Growing through Mission

[Rural Ministries](#) is holding a Conference on **23-25 October** in Northampton, exploring being missionaries today in our own culture. For more information and to book your tickets [click here](#).

Pakistan Flood Update

The World Mission Fund has given a grant of **£10,000** to [Community World Service](#) towards flood relief work in Pakistan. The money will help some of those displaced, hungry and sick to receive food and vital healthcare.

You can donate to the WMF via their JustGiving page [here](#).

University Resources

The Student Christian Movement is offering **free freshers' packs** for people starting University. SCM is a national organisation bringing students together to pray, worship and explore faith. [Click here](#) to order yours.

Webmasters required

Prayer for the Day
Sat, Mon-Fri, 5.45am,
BBC Radio 4

A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Anna Drew.

Something Understood
Sunday, 6.05am,
BBC Radio 4

Samira Ahmed looks at the idea of Paradise and its role in human history.

Beyond Belief
Monday, 4.30pm,
BBC Radio 4

Discussions from different faith and non-faith perspectives on the existence of ghosts.

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

[ROOTS](#), which publishes ecumenical, lectionary-based resources, is looking for people to work in a **freelance** capacity to archive materials and upload new content onto their website. If you have the time, skills, interest and enthusiasm please email or phone Ailsa Bailey, ROOTS Website Editor, alisa.baily@rootsontheweb.com or 020 7901 4873.

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Europe, West Africa, Britain, Ireland and the Church around the world. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Prodigal Love** written by the Revd Dr Judith Rossall.

Video Thursday: Save Syria's Children

Save the Children has produced a moving [video](#) comprising short clips of a young girl's life. Please note that some may find this video upsetting. All We Can is also running an appeal for Syrian Refugees which you can [read about here](#).

***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.*

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