

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

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


*This week we'll
be looking at
responses to
changes of
government
policy in the re-
settlement of
child refugees,*

*developments at the
Queen's Foundation and
how Mission In Britain
grants are distributed.*

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

*Wishing you all a wonderful
week,*

*Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer*

 On the box[Notes on Blindness](#)

BBC4, 9:00pm

Thursday, 16 February

A moving account of loss,
rebirth and renewal. This is
the personal story of the
deterioration into blindness

Churches challenge "Dubs" suspension

A joint letter has been sent to the **Home Secretary** from the leaders of five churches, including the Methodist Church, on changes to the policy on child refugees. The letter expresses concern at the government's recent announcement that it intends to **suspend the safe resettlement of unaccompanied minors** seeking refuge in the United Kingdom. You can read the letter [here](#).

Refurbished property for Queen's

The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham and the Methodist Church have announced the name of a soon-to-be completed **accommodation and education building**. The refurbished property will be known as '**Frances Young House**' after the Methodist minister and established theologian. You can read more about the property and its name [here](#).

UN Day of Social Justice

The United Nations' World Day of Social Justice takes place on Monday 20 February to encourage people to look at how social justice impacts **poverty eradication**. You can read more [here](#) about the goal of achieving full employment and support for **social integration**.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 27 February until 12 March when we can all show our **support for the farmers and workers** who grow our food in **developing countries**. For church resources and more information please click [here](#).

Holiness Journal

The latest edition of Holiness, **the Journal of Wesley House, Cambridge**, has been published online. This edition features articles covering, among others themes, **Holiness & Pastoral Relationships**. Click [here](#) to read the journal.

of John Hull, Honorary Professor of Practical Theology at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham.

SS-GB

BBC1, 9:00pm

Sunday, 19 February

It is 1941, and the Germans have won the Battle of Britain. Detective Douglas Archer finds himself working under the brutal SS in occupied London.

Sound of Song

BBC4, 7:00pm

Sunday, 19 February

Composer and musician Neil Brand presents a series which explores the magical elements that come together to create our favourite songs.

Radio

The Pull of Putin

BBC Radio 4, 5:00pm

Sunday, 19 February

Why do populist politicians across the West want warmer relations with Russia?

Analysis:

Is Talent A Thing?

BBC Radio 4, 9:30pm

Sunday, 19 February

Margaret Heffernan examines the concept of talent in assessing the merits of potential employees, as good grades and degrees prove no guarantee of high performance in the workplace.

Word of Mouth

The Future of Emoji

BBC Radio 4, 4:00pm

Tuesday, 21 February

Is emoji (the little smiley faces in text messages and social media) really the world's fastest growing language? What do they say about users and why are they so popular?

MHA Director of Chaplaincy

MHA, the Methodist charity and housing association providing care services for older people, is seeking a **new Director of Chaplaincy and Spirituality**. Based at Epworth House, Derby, the post is responsible for realising MHA's potential for **leadership on spirituality and faith in later life**. To find out more click [here](#).

Random acts of kindness

There is still time to participate in this year's **Random Acts of Kindness Week** that takes place until Saturday 18 February. You can find out more about the little things that we can all do to make **the world a better place** by clicking [here](#).

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in India and Asia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Judgement and Mercy** written by the **Revd David Wynd**.

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](#).

Song of the Week: Tell Me the Old Story

[This week's song](#) is the wonderful gospel hymn **Tell Me the old Story** sung, with passion and joy, at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster in March 2015.

Video Thursday: Child Refugee

This week's [film](#) is from UNICEF and shows **two refugees, 80 years apart**, with more in common than you'd think.

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

***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*