

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 



Welcome to The Week Ahead.

The next week will be a busy one with **John Wesley's Birthday** (17 June), **Father's Day** (19 June), **Refugee Week** (20-26 June) and the **EU Referendum vote** (23 June). Read on for more information.

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

If it's not an emergency, why not [pop us an email](#)? We'd love to hear from you!

God bless,

Toby

On the box

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 19 June

BBC One, 3:40pm

David Grant presents a Father's Day special.

[The Big C & Me](#)

Wednesday 22 June

BBC One, 9:00pm

Documentary following three people as they face the realities of cancer.

[EU Referendum:](#)

[The Result](#)

Thursday 23 June

BBC One, 9:55pm

Orlando Shooting

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have made a statement adding their thoughts and prayers **standing in solidarity with the LGBTQI community** following the massacre at a night club in Orlando on Sunday. For their statement and links to other prayers, reflections and hymn suggestions, [click here](#).

John Wesley's Birthday

Tomorrow, 17 June, is **John Wesley's 313th birthday!** Be sure to follow the Methodist Heritage [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for a **special happy birthday message**.

Refugee Week

Next week (20-26 June) is **Refugee Week**. To encourage churches to get involved and raise awareness of the current crisis, **All We Can** has released [a series of resources](#) including activities, worship materials, recipes and more, including a challenge to 'lose a luxury'. For further reflections, hymn suggestions and bible passages you can also see the [Singing the Faith Plus website](#).

Think, Pray, Vote

As you may have heard, the **EU referendum** is taking place next **Thursday, 23 June**. If you've not seen them already, you can view the Joint Public Issues Team's **EU referendum resources** [here](#).

The Conference is Coming

The Methodist Conference is only **two weeks away**. For a list of highlights you can read our latest [press release](#). If you're not able to attend, you can **follow along at home** via the live stream on [the Conference website](#) or by following us on [Twitter](#) and join the conversation using the [#MethodistConf](#).

Action for Children Sunday

David Dimbleby, Jeremy Vine and Emily Maitlis analyse the results live in the BBC's Referendum Centre.

Radio

[Heart and Soul](#)

Sunday 19 June
BBC World Service,
3:30am

Abdul-Rehman Malik speaks to artists and religious leaders to explore the complex relationship between hip-hop and religion.

[Society Sunday](#)

Premier Christian Radio,
Catchup

Premier Christian Radio celebrates last week's Society Sunday at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

[On the Radio](#)

BBC Radio Guernsey,
Catchup from 2:39:00

The Revd Karen Le Mouton talks to Jim Cathcart about the new Methodist Sark Sanctuary Centre.

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

10 July is Action for Children Sunday, celebrating the Methodist charity's **147th birthday**. This year, the charity is asking Methodists to join them in celebrating through prayer, fundraising, special services, tea parties, fayres and fetes. For more information on **how to get involved**, please contact [Karis Kolawole](#) or [visit their website](#) for resources.

This week in Parliament

The House of Commons is **in recess** this week. Be sure to follow the link next week for more Parliamentary business. 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 India, Asia, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **No Other Gospel** written by the Revd Geoffrey Farrar.

Video Thursday: Cliff College Round Up

Couldn't make it to the **Cliff College Festival** last month? [Here's what you missed](#).

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.