

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Week Ahead. By next Thursday the Presbyteral

meetings of the Conference will be underway.

Full details of the Conference, fringe events and how to follow online can be found on the Methodist Church website [here](#).

This week, Andy Jackson will be providing cover in case of emergency media issues on 020 7467 5111. If your enquiry is not urgent, do please drop

mail by clicking [here](#).

Mike

On the box

[Are You Owed A Pay Rise?](#)

**Monday 27 June
Channel 4, 8pm**

Dispatches looks at how some companies are trying to claw back the cost of the new Living Wage.

[Love Your Garden](#)

**Tuesday 28 June
ITV, 8pm**

In the first of a new series, the team tackle the garden

EU Referendum

By tomorrow morning, the **results** of the EU Referendum should be known. The Joint Public Issues Team, who produced resources to help reflect on the vote, will be responding to the decision with **thoughts and prayers** on the [Methodist Church website](#), as well as our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds.

Plan Your Conference

Check out the **programme** for the Conference [here](#). Non-Presbyteral **events** start from 11am on Saturday 2 July with a discussion about the importance of [BBC Local Radio to our faith communities](#) and [New to Conference](#) at 11:30am.

Leadership and Spirituality

Young people wishing to grow in **leadership and spirituality** are being invited to apply for a nine month project. Run by St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace and funded by the Methodist Church, the **Sacred Activist** programme includes a variety of mentoring schemes and a week of volunteering at a refugee camp in Europe. To find out more click [here](#).

New Chair for All We Can Trustees

The Methodist relief and development charity All We Can has announced the **appointment** of Louise Brooke-Smith as its new Chair of Trustees. You can read more by clicking [here](#).

John Hull's Journey to Blindness

A new film is to be released about theologian John Hull, who taught at **Queen's College**. Brought up a Methodist in Australia, he moved to the UK and became an Anglican. The film uses John's actual audio diaries recorded over the three years it took him to **succumb** to blindness. You can find out more about the film and its release [here](#).

This week in Parliament

of lady who served in the Land Army during WWII.

**[Inside Porton Down](#)
Wednesday 28 June
BBC 4, 9pm**

A rare look inside one of the most controversial and secretive research establishments in the world.

 **Radio**

**[Marxism Today](#)
Sunday 26 June
BBC Radio 4, 9:30pm**

The continuing appeal of Karl Marx's ideas from a conservative perspective.

**[Beyond Belief: Battle of the Somme](#)
Monday 27 June
BBC Radio 4, 4:30pm**

Examining the effect of the Battle of the Somme on the spiritual psyche of Britain.

**[Don't Log Off](#)
Monday 27 June
BBC Radio 4, 11pm**

Intriguing series featuring online conversations with random strangers from around the world.

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

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 in the Pacific and Europe, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Freedom in Christ** written by The Revd Lynita Conradie – Methodist minister from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, currently stationed in Nottingham.

Video Thursday:

A reminder to watch the President and Vice President designates' welcome to the Conference 2016. Click [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.