

The Week Ahead

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

*This week we'll be looking
at families, animal welfare
and pioneers.*

*Anna will be staffing the
out-of-hours support line*

*this week (07881 783
812).*

*Wishing you all a wonderful
week,*

Toby

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 4:55, BBC

1. Presenter Bill Turnbull goes behind the scenes as preparations are made before the remains of Richard III are laid to rest at Leicester Cathedral on Thursday.

Portillo's State Secrets

Monday, 6:30pm, BBC 2.

Michael Portillo trawls through the National Archives at Kew in south-west London to dig out

Prayers following attack in Pakistan

The Church of Scotland, the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church came together this week to issue a joint statement and a prayer for Pakistan following Sunday's terrorist bombings in Lahore. You can read [it here](#).

SRC Group searching for volunteers

Are you a member of the Methodist Church in Britain seeking to use your skills, expertise and gifts in a new way? Could you make a significant and passionate contribution to an important and hard working body in the Methodist Church? The Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) is seeking two new members: one to serve from 1 September 2015 and the other from 1 September 2016, initially for a term of up to four years. Further details and application pack from: Development & Personnel Office, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

E-mail: recruitment@methodistchurch.org.uk More info can also be found [here](#). Closing date: Thursday 9 April 2015 by 12 noon. Interview date: Wednesday 29 April 2015 at Methodist Church House.

Media Officer Vacancy

stories from previously classified documents.

Hillary Clinton: The Power of Women

Wednesday, 9pm, BBC 2. With Hillary Clinton a possible presidential candidate, how far have women come?

Sunday worship

Sunday, 8:10am, Radio 4. The Very Revd David Monteith leads worship at Leicester Cathedral to mark the re-interment of Richard III.

Beyond Belief

Monday, 4:30pm, Radio 4. Dr Joachim Gentz, Thomas Chan and Isabel Hilton discuss the reintroduction of Confucianism to China.

The Oldest Bible

Tuesday, 6:30am, Radio 4 Extra. Roger Bolton tells the story of the Codex Sinaiticus Bible.

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

People have until noon on 24 March to apply for a job as Media Officer for the Methodist Church (six month fixed term contract full time). See [here](#) for more details.

Fernley Hartley Lecture

This year's Fernley Hartley Lecture - 'Early Methodists and Other Animals: Animal Welfare as an Evangelical Issue' - will be given at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 October, by David Clough, Professor of Theological Ethics in the University of Chester. It will be co-hosted by the Chester Theological Society and the Trustees of the Fernley Hartley Trust and will take place at the University of Chester in Hollybank (Theology department), 51 Liverpool Road, Chester. Further details [here](#).

We are Family

How is the Church working with families today? What does this ministry look like? What training and resources are available for those working in this field?

The Consultative Group on Ministry among Children and The Methodist Church are excited to be launching new family ministry research at this unique and unmissable event. Explore a host of themes featured in this project looking at the current shape of work with families across the church in the UK. Experience the new 'Core Skills for Family Ministry' course developed to equip all those working with families. See [this attachment](#) for more details.

This week in Parliament

[This week's Parliamentary business.](#)

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Asia, East Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Pacific, Britain and Ireland

and Northern Europe. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Passion Week** written by the Revd Dr Cindy Wesley.

Video Thursday: Pioneer Connexion

This week's film takes a look at the continuing story of how Pioneer Connexion is changing lives and communities around the UK. From the heart-warming witness of long-standing members to the bigger thinking of our church leaders, [here](#) is a flavour of where we have been and where we are headed.

***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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