The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church



Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This weekend we mark Remembrance Sunday,

and remember those whose lives have been cut short by war.

Andy Jackson will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on 020 7467 5170.

As always, if it's not urgent, please do pop us an <u>email:</u> we'd love to hear from you.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Michael Ivatt Lead Media Officer

On the box

The Royal British Legion
Festival of
Remembrance
Saturday, 12 Nov
BBC1, 9.00pm
Remembrance Sunday:
The Cenotaph
Sunday, 13 Nov
BBC1, 10.20am
& BBC2, 5:30pm
Paying tribute to the victims of war and conflict.

Prison, Parents And Me Tuesday, 15 Nov BBC1, 10.45pm

Benefits cap

The Joint Public Issues Team, JPIT, has released a statement on the new **lower benefits cap** of £20,000 per household (£23,000 in London). JPIT, working on behalf of four churches, including the Methodist Church, believes that the cap is "damaging" and overwhelmingly **targets families with children**. To read the statement, click <u>here</u>.

Festival of non-violence

A series of **events**, **exhibitions**, talks and workshops are taking place during November at the London Inter Faith Center. The festival highlights how we can **turn our backs on violence**. For details, click <u>here</u>.

Interfaith week

Taking place Sunday 13 to Sunday 20 November, **Interfaith Week** highlights the good work done by local interfaith and faith-based organisations. For more information, click <u>here.</u>

Footsteps of history

A one-day seminar is being held in Manchester to consider the **care and repair of old floors**. Organised by the Society for the Protection Ancient Buildings, the seminar takes place on the 15 November. For more information and to book your place, <u>click here</u>.

Baked beans and wet suits

Rachel Lampard, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, has **posted a new update** on the **Presidential Blog**. You can read about her visit to the Whitechapel Mission for its annual service here.

US Presidential Election

You can read the **response** from the **United Methodist**

Documentary on what it is like to be a prisoner's child. Children, often lost in the system, get a chance to tell their own stories.

Undiscovered Peter Cook

Wednesday, 16 Nov BBC4, 10.00pm Victor Lewis-Smith unearths a cache of little heard Derek and Clive tapes among other comedy

treasures.

No Platform
Saturday, 12 Nov
Radio 4, 8:00pm
Examining the arguments
and history behind the "no
platform" policy at
universities, the related
issue of safe spaces and
whether it threatens free
speech.

Who Are You Again? Sunday, 13 Nov Radio 4, 1:30pm

Around 1 in 50 people sufferer prosopagnosia, more commonly known as face blindness, but many people don't even know they have it.

After Cathy Tuesday, 15 Nov Radio 4, 8:00pm

Fifty years ago, the ground-breaking film Cathy Come Home shocked Britain by revealing the desperate state of homelessness and its implications. Fifty years on, Sarah Montague hears the harrowing personal stories behind today's headlines.

See <u>The Radio Times</u> for further listings.

Church (UMC) in the USA to the result of the presidential election here.

Song of the Week: Hold Me

<u>This week's song</u> is **Hold Me** by Jamie Grace, a contemporary **Christian musician**, singer and songwriter from Atlanta USA.

If you've got a song that you'd like to share, please do get in touch.

This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** online <u>here</u>. If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, <u>click here</u> and the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales <u>click here</u>.

Reflections

In the coming week the <u>Prayer Handbook</u> will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in East Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's <u>A Word in Time</u> Bible studies is **Privilege and Obedience** written by **Dr Richard Vautrey**.

Video Thursday: Defenders Yes, but what can we do?

This video features interviews with Christian soldiers and their families discussing faith on the front-line and the challenges of military life. Click here to watch.

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 <a href="mailto:email