

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

This week we will be looking at the Nobel Peace Prize and how we can all play a part in protecting God's creation. We will also be considering how, as Christians, we help prepare for the end of our lives in this world.

The out-of-hours media support line can be called on 020 7467 5170 or you can email us [here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike Ivatt  
Lead Media Officer

 On the box

[Inside Porton Down: Britain's Secret Weapons Research Facility](#)

**BBC Four, 10:00pm  
Thursday, 7 December**

Dr Michael Mosley investigates Britain's most secretive and controversial military research base, Porton Down, on its 100th anniversary.

[Robert Powell on the Real Jesus.](#)

**History Channel 9:00pm  
Friday, 8 December**

British actor Robert Powell played Jesus Christ in the benchmark English-American series *Jesus of Nazareth* in 1977. Now, 40 years later, he travels to Israel to host this new series and traces the

## Call for support on weapons treaty

JPIT, the Joint Public Issues Team, along with the Quakers, has released a video calling for people to act in support of the ground breaking UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. People are invited to sign a 'picture petition' asking the government to ratify the treaty. Click [here](#) to watch the video and learn more about the campaign.

## New CEO appointed for Germinate

The Revd Claire Maxim, Rector of Ludgershall and Faberstown in the Diocese of Salisbury, is to be the CEO of Germinate after the retirement of Jerry Marshall in 2018. Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre, is an ecumenical Christian charity that serves the spiritual and practical needs of the rural community. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Christian end of life resources

The online resource *Christian Perspectives on Death and Dying* is now available. The resource has been developed by researchers from Cardiff University and contains a toolkit featuring a series of short presentations addressing key issues about end-of-life decision making and reflections from Christian perspectives. To reach the site, click [here](#).

## Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. On this day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year Human Rights Day kicks off a year-long campaign to mark the upcoming 70th anniversary of the declaration that proclaimed the inalienable rights everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being. Click [here](#) for more.

## Photography and spirituality in Rome

Places are still available on the this tour offering a chance to explore how photography and spirituality can inspire perspectives on ourselves, our world and our

archaeological sites in the Bible.

### [The Yorkshire Vet at the Great Yorkshire Show](#)

**Channel 5, 5:35pm**

**Tuesday, 12 December**

Peter Wright and veterinary partner Julian Norton help participants get their livestock into peak condition as clients prepare for the Great Yorkshire Show.

## Radio

### [Something Understood: Popularity](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 6:05am**

**Sunday, 10 December**

Mark Tully discusses the drive for personal and professional popularity.

### [The Echo Chamber](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 11:30pm**

**Sunday, 10 December**

Paul Farley hears Andrew Motion read excerpts from a new long poem about his parents: *Essex Clay*. The first part tells the story of his mother's riding accident and slow death.

### [Balfour's Promised Land](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 5:00pm**

**Sunday, 10 December**

Historian David Reynolds explores the creation of the Balfour Declaration in 1917.

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

faith. Set in the magnificent city of Rome, this course takes place 24-29 May 2018. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Service streaming

Churches with fast broadband, ideally within the M25, are being sought to have their services live streamed for free. Charity CTVC are working with the Joseph Rank Trust to build an online platform that makes services accessible to their local communities. To find out more click [here](#).

## 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](#).

## Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Return of Christ** written by the Revd Dr Neil Cockling.

## Video Thursday: Oh What a Waste

Christian Aid have gathered an all-singing cast of seasonal edibles to perform their own version of The Twelve Days of Christmas. The video highlights some shocking festive food-waste statistics.

To watch, and find out more about Christian Aid's Christmas carol challenge, 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.