

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to The Week Ahead.


This week we look forward to the

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity and provide details of some of the conferences that are taking place in the coming months.

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 Office*

 On the box**[Songs of Praise](#)****BBC1, 4:30pm****Sunday, 14 January**

The Queen joins a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the charity Scripture Union. Plus, hymn writer Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith discusses continuing to write music in his 90s.

[Labour, the Summer that Changed Everything](#)**BBC2, 12:15pm****Friday, 12 January**

Film-maker David Modell follows Labour MPs through a tumultuous six months in the life of their party, when it outperformed all expectations after Prime Minister Theresa May called a snap general election for June 8.

[A Vicar's Life](#)**Prayers for Christian unity**

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place between the 18 and 24 January. Resources for this year are themed around the issues facing churches in the Caribbean, including human rights. Click [here](#) for further information.

All We Can conference

Places are still available for the this year's All We Can conference celebrating how change happens when we all work together. The event takes place on Saturday 20 January at William Booth College in London. You can discover more and book your free place [here](#).

To be a Pilgrim

To be a Pilgrim is a conference taking place between Friday 6 and Sunday 8 April at Cliff College in Derbyshire. The weekend will include presentations, worship, workshops and opportunities for pilgrimage. Click [here](#) for more information and to book.

Dementia talk

Ely Methodist Church in Cambridgeshire is holding a talk on how to grow your own dementia friendly church using resources from MWiB, MHA and the Alzheimer's Society. The event takes place on Tuesday 30 January at 7.00pm. Click [here](#) to email for more information.

MMHS Vacancy

MMHS, formerly Methodist Ministers Housing Society, is seeking a Property Administrator to join their team based at Methodist Church House in London. Click [here](#) for more information.

Wesley and Methodist Studies

The latest issue of the Wesley and Methodist Studies newsletter is now available with articles including

BBC2, 8:30pm
Friday, 12 January

Documentary following the lives of vicars in the diocese of Hereford. Nicholas deals with a break-in and the theft of priceless church records.

Radio

[Great Lives](#)

BBC Radio 4, 11:00pm
Friday, 12 January

Matthew Parris and guest Gisela Stuart present a profile of politician Joseph Chamberlain.

[The Briefing Room](#) [Would you pay more for the NHS?](#)

BBC Radio 4, 8:00pm
Thursday, 11 January

David Aaronovitch is joined by guests to discuss how we fund this most vital and well loved public service.

[Something Understood](#) [Fire and Flame](#)

BBC Radio 4, 6:05am
Sunday, 14 January

Mark Tully examines the symbolic power of fire in both religious and secular imagery.

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

John Wesley, Ritualism and the Politics of Church and State in 1870s England and *Pentecost in the Churches: Women in the Pentecostal League of Prayer*. Click [here](#) to read it.

JPIT conference

Brave New World? Faithful living in a time of change is an opportunity to discuss challenges, fears and hopes for the future of our communities, nations and world with keynote speakers Stella Creasy MP and Peter Osborne, a columnist at the *Daily Mail*. Taking place in Manchester on 17 March, click [here](#) for more information.

Spectrum annual conference

Spectrum (formerly Fellowship of the Kingdom) are to hold their annual conference on the theme of Beyond Belief, Sorting Out Our Faith. The conference takes place between Monday 21 and Wednesday 23 May at Willersley Castle in Derbyshire. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 the Middle East, India, Asia, Britain and Ireland. Next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible study is written by **Dr Tony Moodie**.

Video Thursday: One Encounter Haiti

In this week's film the young people who undertook a trip to Haiti with the One Encounter programme talk about their experiences. 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 [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.