

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 


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

*My name is Rosie Winn and I am the new Media Officer, having moved across from the World Church Relationships team. I am really looking forward to bringing you news from around the Connexion.*

*The out-of-hours media support line can be contacted by calling 020 7467 5170 or [via email here](#).*

*Wishing you all a wonderful week,*

*Rosie Winn  
Media Officer*

 On the box

[Songs of Praise](#)

**BBC One, 4:25pm**

**Sunday, 21 January**

Hymns and songs from Methodist Central Hall Westminster. The Revd Tony Miles and the Revd Martyn Atkins reveal the hall's links to the United Nations.

[Call the Midwife](#)

**BBC One, 8:00pm**

**Sunday, 21 January**

New series. A new midwife joins the team as the area is rocked by power cuts and blizzards.

[Andrew Marr's](#)

[The Making of Modern Britain](#)

**BBC Four, 8:00pm**

**Tuesday, 23 January**

The journalist takes a look at Britain in the 1920s, a time when politics, the arts and entertainment changed radically after the trauma of First World War.

## Connecting Disciples 2018

Bookings for Connecting Disciples 2018 are now open. Connecting Disciples is the **conference for Methodist lay employees, children and youth workers**. It offers the opportunity to explore ideas and approaches under the banner of "Faith:Life:Work". It takes place in March and June. Click [here](#) to register.

## Churches Together in England

Churches Together in England (CTE) is seeking an **able and inspiring General Secretary** to maintain its vision and provide leadership within CTE, whilst promoting the unity and mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The closing date is noon on February 12. To apply, [click here](#).

## MMHS vacancy

The 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.

## Shaped by Today's World

A day-long conference exploring how **weddings and funerals can be meaningful and relevant for the Church**, and believers and non-believers alike. The conference takes place on March 7 at St Aloysius Parish Centre, London and is organised by the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain. For more information, please email [martin.foster@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:martin.foster@cbcew.org.uk)

## God's Earth: Our Mission - conference

This is a conference hosted by A Rocha UK, to explore how **caring for God's Earth is an intrinsic part of our Christian mission** on February 24 in Leicester. There will be workshops offering practical ideas on how to incorporate this mission into existing ministries such as children and youth and families and food. Click [here](#) to register.

## This week in Parliament

## Radio

### [The Second Hand Clothes Trade War](#) **BBC Radio 4, 8:30pm** **Thursday, 18 January**

Sammy Awami reports from Tanzania, where imported second-hand fashion is big business.

### [Good Morning Sunday](#) **BBC Radio 2, 7:00am** **Sunday, 21 January**

Angie Grievies sits in for Clare Balding as host, and is joined by Tim Smit, the former songwriter and producer who became the founder of the Eden Project. The faith guest is Remona Aly.

### [Is Trump Remaking America?](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 1:30pm**  
**Sunday, 21 January**

James Naughtie examines how the US has been changed by the Trump presidency, and what the long-term repercussions on American society may be.

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 Asia and the Pacific, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Kingdom Priorities** written by the Revd Dr John Ogden.

## Video Thursday: Methodist Central Hall Westminster

Songs of Praise is coming to **Methodist Central Hall Westminster** on Sunday and in [this video](#), you can take a look around the impressive building.