

## The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

Mike Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week on 020 7467 5170 or you can email him [here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Rosie Winn  
Media Officer


 On the box

### Songs of Praise

**BBC1, 3.45pm**

**Sunday 4 February**

Josie d'Arby and the Revd Kate Bottley present a celebration of female Christian pioneers, including Constance Coltman, one of the first women to be ordained as a Christian minister in Britain.

### Panorama: My return from IS

**BBC1, 8.30pm**

**Monday 5 February**

The story of a British woman who is back in the UK after living with so-called Islamic State in

## Death and dying

A [range of resources](#) has been produced for those seeking guidance on the subjects of death and dying. Whilst these are intended for all, the resources recognise that Christian faith has something **distinctive and hopeful to offer** in the face of death and grief.

## 3Generate manifesto

Each year, a manifesto is produced based on the conversations that take place at 3Generate - the Methodist children and young people's event - that **expresses the views, concerns and aspirations** of those who attended. The manifesto can be [downloaded here](#) in several formats.

## 5 day Community for Spiritual Formation

The event aims to root spirituality in Christian faith and tradition, provide an opportunity for participation in community life and form people for **life in a changing world**. This year's event takes place in Leeds, from Sunday 13 to Friday 18 May. To register, [click here](#).

## ONE Programme Participant

Churches who would like to host **a young person to work with them, paid and trained** by the Methodist Church as a [ONE Programme Participant](#), have until Tuesday 6 March to apply. Placements last for one year and are for 15 hours per week.

## 150 years of Methodism

Saltaire Methodist Church in West Yorkshire will celebrate its **150th anniversary with a series of events** throughout February including special services, a drama production and lunches. To find out more, please email Ann Willey on [willey297@btinternet.com](mailto:willey297@btinternet.com).

## Student work meet-ups

Join student workers, church leaders and volunteers from the Student Christian Movement to help plan the upcoming **Universal Day of Prayer for Students** and be resourced for your student ministry. Two free events

Syria for more than two years.

[Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh](#)

**Channel 5, 7.00pm  
Tuesday 6 February**

Alan pieces together the rags-to-riches story of Thomas Legh, once owner of Lyme in Cheshire. Oz Clarke learns the art of painted glass restoration, and Dan Jones discovers the ingenious ways the Romans got their hands on gold.

 **Radio**

[Book of the Week: Somebody I Used to Know](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 9.45am  
Monday 5 February**

Tessa Gallagher reads from Wendy Mitchell's memoir, written with Anna Wharton, about being diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's at the age of 58.

[Sylvia Pankhurst: Honorary Ethiopian](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm  
Monday 5 February**

Helen Pankhurst explores her grandmother's role in the fight for Ethiopian independence, revealing the Suffragette's lifelong love for a country that became her home.

[Making History: Gambling, Homelessness, Human trafficking](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 3.30pm  
Tuesday 6 February**

Helen Castor looks at the gambling crisis of the eighteenth century and discusses human trafficking in the nineteenth century.

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

are taking place in [Manchester](#) and [Coventry](#) on Thursday 8 February.

## Collection boxes survey

Our Fundraising Team is reviewing the **quality of all their mission collection boxes** and have asked for this short [online survey](#) to be completed by Wednesday 7 February.

## This week in Parliament

You can find this week's **parliamentary business** [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, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **Forgiveness and Reconciliation**, written by Dr Ed Mackenzie.

## Video Thursday: Marple Seed Café

This week's film is about the official opening of [the Seed Community Café](#) in Stockport. This was the culmination of a vision by Marple Methodist to make the **church more accessible to the local community**. [Click here](#) to watch the film.

*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