



Hello everyone, and welcome to The Week Ahead.

I hope that you are keeping warm and safe in this cold weather. We pray for those who are homeless and that they find safe shelter.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Mike Ivatt
Lead Media Officer

On the box

[Me and My Dog](#)

Saturday 3 March
BBC2, 2.30pm

Chris Packham hosts the show where dog owners and their pets compete in physical and mental challenges designed to test their ability to communicate.

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 4 March
BBC1, 4.15pm

Josie d'Arby and Claire McCollum present the show from St David's in Wales, and visit a farm where children get a taste of rural life.

[Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve](#)

Tuesday 6 March
BBC2, 3.50pm

Simon investigates ancient routes and shrines across Europe that are still being used.

Women's World Day of Prayer

[The Women's World Day of Prayer](#) takes place tomorrow, Friday 2 March. A video featuring ten Methodist women from across the Connexion offering their thoughts, prayers and reflections will be available from 9am tomorrow on the [Facebook page](#) of the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.

JPIT Conference

The hopes, fears and challenges for the future of our communities, countries and the world will be the theme of the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) Conference taking place in Manchester on Saturday 17 March. You can read more about the conference [here](#).

Superintendents' Conferences 2018

The number of tickets available for the Superintendents' Conferences 2018 have been increased to allow more people to attend. This year, the conferences are based around the theme *How can we sing the Lord's song?* Details of the conference in Oxford, 16 to 18 May, can be found [here](#). Details of the conference in Blackpool, 4 to 6 June, can be found [here](#).

Bible Society offer

The Bible Society is offering a free audio recording of 2 *Timothy* dramatised by the Riding Lights Theatre Company for those who register on its [website](#).

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Copyright can be a complex area for churches and expensive to get wrong. You can find out more about what requires copyright [here](#). Details of the copyrighted content of *Singing the Faith*, along with information on appropriate licences, can be found [here](#).

One Programme Participants

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 Monday 6 March to apply. Placements are for one year and for 15 hours per week. For more information, click [here](#).

Radio

[Good Morning Sunday](#)

Sunday 4 March

BBC Radio 2, 6.00am

The Rev Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad explore Holi, the Hindu festival celebrating spring, which is also known as the 'Festival of Colours' and the 'Festival of Love'.

[File on Four](#)

Disclosing the Truth

Sunday 4 March

BBC Radio 4, 5.00pm

The Police and the Crown Prosecution Service have been accused of failing to disclose important information in several recent high profile sexual assault cases. Allan Urry asks if disquiet about disclosure should also extend to the Magistrates' Courts.

[The Silence of the Liberals](#)

Monday 5 March

BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm

Journalist Nick Cohen argues that mainstream liberal culture and left-wing politicians are failing Muslims fighting inequalities endorsed by culture and religion in their community.

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

Slow Journeys in the Same Direction

A beautifully-designed adult colouring book for relaxation or daily devotions is now available from [Methodist Publishing](#). The book, *Slow Journeys in the Same Direction*, is by the Revd Geoffrey Baines, a Methodist Minister and an associate chaplain at the University of Edinburgh.

The Great British Spring Clean

This weekend is the [Great British Spring Clean](#), a chance for us all to do our bit in keeping God's creation spick and span.

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, the Americas, the Caribbean, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Call to Righteousness**, written by David Wynd.

Video Thursday: Love and Drugs on the Street

This week's film is a BBC documentary, [Love and Drugs on the Street](#), looking at how Britain's homeless young women cope in the winter.

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.