

The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to The

Week Ahead.

This week, we begin preparations to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War.

I will be staffing the out-of-hours media support line on 020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

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On the box

[Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom](#)

**Saturday 21 July
BBC Two, 11.45pm**

Biopic of the South African political leader following his rise to become one of the most prominent activists against the apartheid regime. Starring Idris Elba and Naomie Harris.

[In the Beginning Archaeology: A Secret History](#)

**Sunday 22 July
BBC Four, 9.00pm**

A look at the history and development of archaeology. Starting with the Emperor Constantine's aged mother Helena, who searched the Near East in the early fourth century for physical evidence of the life and death of Christ.

[Homeless and Working](#)

**Monday 23 July
Channel 4, 8.00pm**

Behind the scenes at two homeless hostels in London. The programme reveals how increasingly people are in work and yet homeless, unable to afford

Remembrance 100

Remembrance 100 launches on 4 August 2018 with 100 Days of Peace and Hope, leading up to the centenary of Armistice Day. 100 Days of Peace and Hope features contributions from members of the Methodist family and others, alongside Bible readings and prayers. The resource is available to download for free [here](#).

Called to ministry

There is still time for people to offer themselves for ordained ministry this year. The deadline to begin the process is Friday 31 August. Click [here](#) for more information.

Calls for end to hostile environment

The government has temporarily suspended some of the data-sharing measures which form part of its 'hostile environment' approach to illegal immigration. The leaders of the Joint Public Issues Team Churches; the Church of Scotland, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches, have issued [this](#) statement in response.

Colin Morris thanksgiving service

A thanksgiving service for the Revd Dr Colin Morris will take place on Saturday 21 July, 12pm at [Wesley's Chapel](#), City Road, London.

Absolutes in a shifting world

The Christian-Muslim Dialogue Forum is on Monday 23 July in London and will feature the Revd Ayodeji Okegbile from the Nigerian Methodist Fellowship and Lucy Zwolinska from the Joint Public Issues Team. For more information, click [here](#).

The Charles Wesley Society

The Charles Wesley Society 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on 9-11 August at the New Room, Bristol. The conference will include visits to historic Wesley sites in

high inner-city private rents and how a low-wage, zero-hour economy is leaving people to sleep on the streets.

Radio

[Something Understood](#) [Trial and Error](#)

Sunday 22 July

BBC Radio 4, 6.05pm

Writer and priest Malcolm Doney examines the process of trial and error.

[A Place Called Home](#)

Monday 23 July

BBC Radio 4, 11.00am

Grace Dent follows the story of Windrush scandal victim Lloyd Grant, who lost his job, was forced out of his home through debt and started sleeping in hospital waiting rooms.

[Counting the Cost: Antidepressant Use in Children](#)

Tuesday 24 July

BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm

More antidepressants than ever before are being prescribed to young people in Britain, despite fears that they can cause harm in some cases.

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

Bristol, including Charles Wesley's home. For further information contact Dr Clive Norris [here](#).

Samaritans Awareness Day

Tuesday, 24 July is the Big Listen: a day of awareness to raise of the valuable and life-saving work of the Samaritans. You can read more [here](#).

This week in Parliament

The UK Parliament, National Assembly for Wales and the Scottish Parliament will be in recess.

Reflections

In the coming week, the [Prayer Handbook](#) encourages us to pray for the World Church: Christians in Asia, the Pacific and Europe as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is 'Holy Things, Holy People.'

Video Thursday: What's great about ministry?

In this week's [film](#), superintendents describe what they most appreciate about being a minister.

***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 know what is going on, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.*