

20 September 2018

The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hi everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

This week we are marking the [World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel](#).

Mike Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours support line on 020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,
[Rosie Winn and Mike Ivatt](#)
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Engaging with issues

A series of [round-table discussions](#) is to take place on topics that are engaging the hearts and minds of the community, churches, local and national government. The first event is titled 'Spiritual care in community health settings – Community Chaplaincy' and takes place on Thursday 4 October, 10.30am-3.30pm at Free Church House, Tavistock Square, London. [Book your place here](#).



Church Consult

A [new, peer-driven initiative](#) for church-based leaders has been launched in partnership with the Susanna Wesley Foundation. The experience will centre on a series of three, one-day events in Birmingham on Thursday 4 October, Thursday 2 November and Thursday 31 January 2019.



All We Can announces new CEO

Graeme Hodge [has been appointed](#) as CEO designate for All We Can and will assume the role of Chief Executive in December 2018.



Sleep Out

Would you '[sleep out of your comfort zone](#)' to help support homeless people? The West London Mission (WLM) is organising its annual Sleep Out from 7pm on Friday 26 October to 9am on Saturday 27 October, at St James's Church, Piccadilly. Last year, WLM helped 249 people into safe accommodation. WLM relies on donations to continue its work, so join the Sleep Out to help the fight against homelessness.



Thinking lunch

A lunchtime event takes place at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans, on Thursday 4 October at 12.30pm with the theme '[One World: Transforming Communiities - but what about our differences?](#)'



100 Days of Peace and Hope

To commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I, churches are invited to take part in [100 days of prayer](#) for peace, hope and reconciliation. It concludes on Sunday 11 November to mark Armistice Day.



Tolpuddle Old Chapel

A service of celebration is taking place to commemorate the [200th anniversary of Tolpuddle Methodist Old Chapel](#), Dorset, on Sunday 14 October at 3.00pm. The service will take place at the present Methodist Chapel, walking in procession to the Old



Chapel, followed by refreshments in the village hall.
The preacher will be the Revd Karen Gorham.

Reflect - Methodist Spirituality

Taking place on Saturday 20 October at the New Room, Bristol. The keynote speaker, the Revd Michaela Youngson, President of the Methodist Conference, will talk on '[God's Inconvenient Grace](#)'. The event is open to all and will feature workshops, activities and worship with the AGM following on afterwards.



Ticket to CRE 2018

The next Christian Resources Exhibition takes place from 16-18 October at Sandown Park, Surrey. Click [here](#) and enter the code METH18 to save £5 on the day-of-admission ticket price.



On the radio

[Disinformation: A User's Guide](#)

Friday 21 September

BBC Radio 4, 9.00pm

Phil Tinline mines the archives to trace the story of 'disinformation' - navigating the slippery history of such incidents as the Zinoviev Letter, the Reichstag Fire, the Moscow Trials and the allegations that the US used germ warfare in the Korean War.

[Something Understood](#)

Sunday 23 September

BBC Radio 4, 6.05am

Rabbi Shoshana Boyd Gelfand argues that we are all fragile and explores the lessons we can learn from that fragility.



On TV

[Darwin's Dangerous Ideas](#)

Thursday 20 September

BBC Four, 8.00pm

Andrew Marr traces the development of evolutionary theory from its beginnings to the present day, showing how it has influenced virtually every area of modern life.

[Egypt's Great Pyramid:](#)

[The New Evidence](#)

Saturday 22 September

Channel 4, 8.00pm

Documentary shedding light on a fresh discovery at the foot of Egypt's Great Pyramid, which may explain how the ancient Egyptians were capable of building such a vast structure without the aid of computers or complex machinery.

[The Food Programme](#)

Sunday 23 September
BBC Radio 4, 12.32pm

Stories of harvest from around the UK to celebrate the autumn equinox and the passing of summer.

[Panorama](#)

Monday 24 September
BBC One, 8.30pm

In this Panorama, Sean Fletcher, whose own teenage son Reuben has been hospitalised with severe obsessive compulsive disorder, investigates the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

Video Thursday: The Early Church

In this week's [film](#), the Bible Society tells the story of the journey of the Early Church in 3 1/2 minutes.



Reflections



In the coming week, [the Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Asia, the Pacific and northern Europe, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is 'Vocation and Ministry'.

Parliament

You can find the UK 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](#).

The Week Ahead is a regular mailing that gives you a heads-up on forthcoming events and opportunities, as well as highlighting new information and resources across the Methodist Church. We cannot know about everything that's going on, so please [do email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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