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The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hi everyone and welcome to the new-look *Week Ahead* at the start of this new Connexional year.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

[Rosie Winn and Mike Ivatt](#)

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New Methodist Youth President promises a year of courageousness

Jasmine Yeboah was [inducted as the new Youth President](#) of the Methodist Church with a service at St Mark's Methodist Church, Tottenham, London on Saturday 1 September.



Certificate in Social Activism

Bookings are now open for the [Certificate in Social Activism](#) course at Cliff College, Sheffield. The week-long course is hosted by Ian White and led by Nigel Pimlott, with input from Rachel Lampard, Anthony Reddie and Justin Thacker.



Engaging with community issues

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



The York Lent course

The York Courses produce a course every year for Lent and its [2019 course](#) includes contributions from Rachel Lampard, a Past Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. [York Courses](#) are specially designed for groups of Christians to learn and share their experiences and understanding of the Christian faith together.



Poet-in-residence

The Revd Lucy Berry, a performance poet and United Reformed Church minister, has been named as the first [poet-in-residence](#) for the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT). You can watch and read some of Lucy's poems [here](#).



Ticket to CRE 2018

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



Church consult

A [new initiative](#) for church leaders, has been launched in partnership with the Susanna Wesley Foundation. Experienced theologians who have worked in church, business and academic environments over many years



are offering a reflective and strategic space at three events.

Heritage weekends

Stanhill Methodist Church, Accrington, will [open its doors](#) as part of Heritage Weekends on Sunday 9 September, Saturday 15 September and Sunday 16 September. The weekends will feature a Heritage service to remember World War 1, sermons, spinning and storytelling.



Belonging conference

Belonging supports churches to have a welcoming and accessible ministry with children and young people with additional needs. It is hosting a one-day [live streamed conference](#) on Thursday 13 September, 9.30am-2.30pm. You can [download guidelines](#) on hosting your own Belonging event.



On the radio

[Moral Heroes: Morality in the 21st Century](#)

Friday 7 September

BBC Radio 4, 9.00am

Former Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks explores who young people see as their moral role models in the 21st century and explores the powerful reasons and hopes for a better, more ethical and more responsible world.

[The Dream of World Government](#)

Saturday 8 September

BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm

David Miliband looks at the ideas behind a single global government, beginning with the formation of the League of Nations at the end of World War 1.



On TV

[Massacre at Ballymurphy](#)

Saturday 8 September

Channel Four, 9.00pm

Documentary investigating the massacre in west Belfast in August 1971 in which 11 people died when British troops opened fire on Catholic residents. The film presents evidence suggesting that, contrary to the claims of the army at the time, all of the victims were innocent and unarmed.

[Songs of Praise](#)

Sunday 9 September

BBC One, 3.00pm

Josie d'Arby visits Bristol's 40th Balloon Fiesta meeting members of St Peter's Hospice and a man creating living spaces for homeless people from shipping containers.

[Good Morning Sunday](#)

Sunday 9 September

BBC Radio 2, 6.00am

Tenor Russell Watson is in the *Good Morning Sunday* studio before he starts his next British tour. Ahead of the Jewish New Year, Angela Epstein brings in some of the food associated with Rosh Hashanah and its religious significance.

[Romancing the Stone: Masons of God](#)

Monday 10 September

BBC 4, 11.00pm

Alastair Sooke examines the three 'golden ages' of British sculpture and the technical breakthroughs that made them possible. He begins with a look at the Norman ecclesiastical building programme.

Video Thursday: the Methodist Conference

This week's [film](#) features highlights of the Methodist Conference



Reflections

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](#).



In the coming week, [the Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in southern and eastern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is 'God of Compassion'.

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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