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# The Week Ahead

The Methodist Church 

Hi everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

This week we are marking [National Poetry Day](#) and [Good Money Week](#).

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

[Rosie Winn and Mike Ivatt](#)

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## Indonesia appeal

All We Can and The Methodist Church in Britain have launched an [urgent appeal](#) for the people of Indonesia, following the destruction caused by the earthquake and tsunami on Sulawesi.



## Methodist Ministers' Housing Society

Methodist Ministers' Housing Society want to recruit for [three new members](#) to join its Board of Governance and develop its skills and insight. The deadline is Friday 2 November.



## Meet Your MP

On Friday 5 October the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) is launching a new initiative, 'Meet Your MP', to build links between congregations and MPs in England and Wales. You can download a toolkit, how-to guide and youth resources [to support the initiative](#).



## Religious Freedom report

The *Methodist Church Consultation on Religious Freedom* report is [now available to download](#). The report follows the Church's first consultation on religious freedom and includes a summary of the presentations, discussions and outcomes.



## Lift the ban

Throughout October, Refugee Action is campaigning to lift the ban preventing those seeking asylum from working. [Join the campaign here.](#)



## Week of Prayer for World Peace

Taking place from 14-21 October, the week holds events throughout the UK, welcoming everyone of all faith traditions or none [to take part](#).



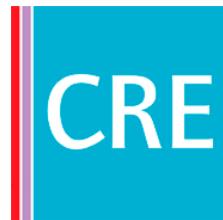
## Advent Offering

This year's Advent Offering theme is '[Overflowing Love](#)'. Resources are now available to download, featuring 'Welcoming Love' stories from the Open Doors project in Hull which supports asylum seekers and refugees.



## Tickets for 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.



## 'Wobbly Bits of the Bible'

Explore how to deal with the 'Wobbly Bits of the Bible' and scripture at a [one-day event](#), hosted by the Open Churches Network, on Saturday 20 October, 10am-4pm at the Oasis Centre, London. Use promo code METHODIST15 for a 25% discount.



### On the radio

#### [The Verb](#)

**Friday 5 October**

**BBC Radio 3, 10.00pm**

Recorded at the Contains Strong Language Festival of poetry and performance in Hull, *The Verb* examines young poets celebrating 20 years of the Foyle Young Poet Award.

#### [Tommies](#)

**Saturday 6 October**

**BBC Radio 4, 9.00pm**

From TE Lawrence and the Great Pyramid at Giza to the Third Battle of Gaza, Michael Chaplin's drama explores the Intelligence battle redrawing the Middle East.

#### [The Global Philosopher](#)

**Saturday 6 October**

**BBC Radio 4, 10.15pm**

Free speech is a cornerstone of democracy, and freedom of expression is regarded as a fundamental human right. But even in democracies there are disputes about the limits to free speech.



### On TV

#### [The Debt Saviours](#)

**Friday 5 October**

**BBC Two, 9.00pm**

With more than four million people across Britain bearing debts that are considered unsustainable, responsibility for offering advice and help is increasingly falling to charities.

#### [Troubles: The Life After](#)

**Saturday 6 October**

**BBC Two, 9.30pm**

An intimate account of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, told through the stories of people who lost loved ones during the conflict, which lasted more than 30 years.

#### [A Dangerous Dynasty: House of Assad](#)

**Tuesday 9 October**

**BBC Two, 9.00pm**

Documentary about the al-Assad family, which has ruled Syria since 1971 and established an authoritarian government in the country under the control of the Ba'ath Party.

## Video Thursday: Photos of my son

In this week's [film](#), the Revd Lucy Berry, the Joint Public Issues Team's poet-in-residence, has written a poem for #NationalPoetryDay.



## Reflections



In the coming week, the 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook, *A World Transformed*, encourages us to pray with Christians in Africa and Latin America, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is 'Wisdom and Mystery'. [Order your new Prayer Handbook here.](#)

## 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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