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Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

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Wishing you all a wonderful week,  
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## Susanna Wesley 350

Sunday 20 January 2019 marks 350 years since the birth of Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley. A [prayer](#) to mark the occasion has been written by Jenny Carpenter, Vice-Chair of Trustees at [Epworth Old Rectory](#). A short ['birth to burial' pilgrimage](#) will set off from Wesley's Chapel, London on 20 January, the pilgrimage follows worship which begins at 11.00am.



## Young Sacred Activist

The St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace is seeking nominations of young adults who are bringing spirituality and action together in powerful new ways for the [Sacred Activist of the Year Award](#).



St Ethelburga's  
Centre for Reconciliation and Peace

## Regional Learning and Development Officers

The Methodist Church is seeking two Regional Learning and Development Officers to cover the East of England. Applications for the positions, one permanent [full time](#) and [one part time](#) with a fixed term contract, close at noon on 30 January.



## Churches Together in England

Churches Together in England is seeking to appoint an experienced full-time [Evangelism & Mission Co-ordinator](#), and a part-time, one-year fixed term contract, [Communications & Media Officer](#). Applications for both close at noon on 1 February.



## The Well Learning Hub

The Children, Youth and Family Team have launched [The Well Learning Hub](#). This YouTube channel contains videos on a range of topics useful for children's, youth and family workers. Current videos cover topics including spirituality in gaming, inter-generational worship and digital well-being.



## Thinking Lunch

On Thursday 7 February [Marlborough Road Methodist Church](#), St Albans is holding another Thinking Lunch. Sally Seddon, the Volunteer Engagement Manager for the charity Shared Interest, will be talking about 'investing in a fairer world'.



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#) 2019 begins on Friday 18 January. This year's resources are from the churches of Indonesia, where there is a strong emphasis on the need for unity alongside the nation's ethnic and religious diversity.



# Methodist Publishing

The 2019 [Methodist Heritage calendar](#) and 2019 [Methodist diaries](#) are all now half price. Order yours while stocks last.



## On the radio

### [Good Morning Sunday](#)

**BBC Radio 2, 6.00am**

**Sunday, 13 January**

The Rev Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad are joined by comedian Mark Thomas, who is about to undertake a national tour with his new show all about the NHS.

### [I Feel for You](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 9.00pm**

**Monday, 14 January**

Jolyon Jenkins examines two sides of the same coin, empathy and narcissism.

### [The Orphanage Business](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm**

**Tuesday, 15 January**

Anna Cavell reports on the abuse of Ugandan children being cared for in illegal orphanages, many of which are funded by British charities.



## On TV

### [Digging Up Britain's Past](#)

**Channel 5, 7.00pm**

**Friday, 11 January**

Exploring fascinating periods in British history through a current archaeological dig. In the first episode, the team head for the island of Lindisfarne, to locate the site of an eighth-century monastery.

### [Call the Midwife](#)

**BBC One, 8.00pm**

**Sunday, 13 January**

New series. As spring arrives, Nonnatus House welcomes two new nuns, who must acclimatise to the changing East End.

### [Drinkers Like Me: Adrian Chiles](#)

**BBC Two, 10.00pm**

**Sunday, 13 January**

The broadcaster examines why he drinks alcohol and why some people do not think they have a problem, despite finding it impossible to enjoy life without.

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## Video Thursday: Mission Myth-busting

This video has been produced by our friends at the Church Mission Society to help dispel some of the misconceptions about mission. If you are interested in overseas mission with the Methodist Church you can find out more from the [World Church Relationships](#) team.



## Reflections



In the coming week, the 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook, *A World Transformed*, encourages us to pray with Christians in the Caribbean, the Americas and India, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is 'Of the House of David'. [Order your 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](#).

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***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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