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The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

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Wishing you all a wonderful week,

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Fair Trade Fortnight

[Fair Trade Fortnight](#) takes place from 25 February - 10 March. Thousands of individuals, companies and places of worship across the UK will come together to celebrate the people who grow our food and produce products in developing countries. Resources are available [here](#).



Rainbow magazine

Rainbow, the [Junior Mission for All](#) (JMA) children's magazine, will be landing on doorsteps soon with a fresh new look. In this issue there is a spotlight on Syria. The Spring edition is available to download as a PDF [here](#).



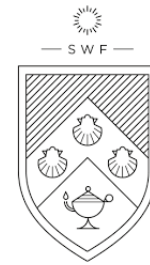
Methodist Summer Fellowship

The [Methodist Summer Fellowship](#) will be on Saturday 3 - Friday 9 August at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. This year's theme is 'Peacemaking: constructive, challenging and contemplative approaches to engaging with conflict in our lives and beyond.'



Susanna Wesley Foundation Conference

The [Susanna Wesley Foundation Conference](#) will be held on Wednesday 13 June at Southlands College, University of Roehampton. The theme for the event is 'Creating compassionate communities of inclusion: enabling and disabling theology.'



Pray for Haiti

Please pray for peace in Haiti as political and civil unrest continues in Port-au-Prince. You can read updates from the Haiti District of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas [here](#).



JPIT's Living Lent

As part of their [Living Lent](#) campaign, the [Joint Public Issues Team \(JPIT\)](#) are encouraging us all to make practical pledges to reduce our impact on the environment.



OneSound Summer School

OneSound are running a residential summer school for those aged 11-18 at Dearne Valley Activity Centre, Doncaster from 31 July - 3 August 2019. OneSound invite young musicians to experience singing, workshops, song-writing and worship. Tickets and more information [available here](#).



Advent Offering - feedback survey

If you used the Advent Offering 2018 resources, we would love to receive your [feedback](#) to help us shape the Advent Offering 2019 and make sure the resources work for you. Responses are required by Friday 1 March, 2019.



On the radio

[The Invention of Britain](#)

BBC Radio 4, 1.30pm

Sunday, 24 February

New series. Misha Glenny explores the history of British culture and the elements that define the nation, beginning with a look at the union of England and Scotland in 1707.

[The Life Scientific](#)

BBC Radio 4, 9.00am

Tuesday, 26 February

Professor Gwen Adshead is a Forensic Psychotherapist who works with some of the most vilified members of society. She helps violent offenders detained in prisons and NHS hospitals to change their minds.

[From Sensuality to Puritanism: How Muslim Culture Turned Grey](#)

BBC Radio 4, 11.00am

Wednesday, 27 February

Writer and broadcaster Yasmin Alibhai-Brown asks why, as Western culture moved from puritanical to vibrant and liberal, the opposite appears to have happened in Islamic countries.



On TV

[Songs of Praise](#)

BBC One, 1.15pm

Sunday, 24 February

Aled Jones explores a network of man-made caves under Nottingham, while JB Gill visits a charity that helps people with learning difficulties to develop skills for employment.

[Trans Kids: Why Medicine Matters - Panorama](#)

BBC One, 8.30pm

Monday, 25 February

More young people than ever are coming forward to explore their gender identity, with around 2500 under-18s referred to NHS England's gender identity clinics for support last year.

[Safe at Last: Inside a Women's Refuge](#)

Channel 4, 10.00pm

Tuesday, 26 February

Filmed over a year, cameras follow women as they flee from violent partners. Narrated by Julie Walters, this is also the story of a refuge struggling for the money to stay open.

Video Thursday: Fair Trade Coffee

Around 125 million people worldwide depend on coffee for their livelihoods. It is the most valuable and widely traded tropical agricultural product and is mainly produced by smallholder farmers. However, many of them are unable to earn a reliable living from the coffee they produce.



Reflections



In the coming week, the 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook, *A World Transformed*, encourages us to pray with Christians in the Pacific and Europe as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is 'Praying the Kingdom'. [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](#).

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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