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The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

Mike Ivatt 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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JPIT - Living Lent

Lent begins on 6 March this year and JPIT, the Joint Public Issues Team, is inviting us to take up one of six personal challenges to tackle climate change.

Visit [Living Lent](#) to find out more, sign up to a challenge, receive daily emails through Lent and join a community of people making a commitment.



Creating a climate of change.

Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday, coordinated by CTBI, takes place this weekend. This year's resources have been provided by the United Reformed Church and follow the theme of ['YES, to full Life for All'](#).



Director of Global Relationships

The Methodist Church in Britain is pleased to announce the new Director of Global Relationships will be the [Revd Conrad Hicks](#). Currently the Assistant Chair of the South East District and a presbyter in the Hants-Surrey Border Circuit, Conrad brings a wide range of world church experience to the role.



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 Wednesday 20 February, 2019.



Shaped by Prayer and Silence Conference

The Joint Liturgical Group Conference with Calvin Samuel and Jo Love will explore different aspects of worship, offering stimulating discussion across the denominations and sharing good practice. The event takes place [Wednesday 13 March](#).



Brexit and Beyond

[The Methodist Council](#) has considered the challenges presented by Brexit. This [discussion paper](#) offers background and some questions for thought and conversation. You may also be interested in [Conversation Welcome](#), a resource to help churches hold discussions.



All We Can - Lent resources

All We Can invite us to travel lightly this Lent and to join in solidarity with our global neighbours. A range



of individual, group, church and young people [resources](#) are available.

Cyber Security

Following a number of 'phishing attacks' across the Connexion, you are advised to take [extra care](#) when clicking on links and downloading attachments in emails. Even if these emails come from an address you recognise and appear legitimate, please exercise caution to prevent the theft of data and the spread of computer viruses.



On the radio

[Something Understood:](#)

[The Wisdom of Equality](#)

BBC Radio 4, 6.05am

Sunday, 10 February

Suryagupta Dharmacharini, chair of the London Buddhist Centre, considers what it means to be equal and how society can achieve equality.

[No Place Like Home :](#)

[The Inside Story of Supported Living](#)

BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm

Tuesday, 12 February

Claire Bolderson reports on the growth in supported living homes for learning disabled adults, and whether the sector is able to provide the safe accommodation it is intended to.

[Only Artists](#)

BBC Radio 4, 9.00am

Wednesday, 13 February

Two artists from different disciplines discuss creative questions, processes and decisions.



On TV

[Million Pound Selfie Sell Off:](#)

[Panorama](#)

BBC One, 8.30pm

Monday, 11 February

The rise of social media has brought with it a new kind of celebrity - the digital influencer. These megastars of Instagram and YouTube have upended the advertising industry by converting their virtual followers into real-world currency.

[Inside the Real Saudi Arabia:](#)

[Why I Had to Leave](#)

BBC One, 10.45pm

Tuesday, 12 February

Saudi Arabia is ranked as one of the most dangerous countries in the world to be a woman. Basma Khalifa travels back to the country where she was born to see if she could ever live there again.

[Skint Britain:](#)

[Friends Without Benefits](#)

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Wednesday, 13 February

Following the residents of North East town of Hartlepool as they became guinea pigs for the roll-out of Universal Credit.

Video Thursday: All We Can

This week's Video Thursday illustrates All We Can's Lent campaign.



Reflections



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