

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 Media Office















Eco Circuit and Eco District

Two new schemes have been launched to continue the ongoing commitment of the Methodist Church in reducing its impact on God's creation. The new Eco Circuit and Eco District awards have been developed to support the successful Eco Church scheme.



Brexit prayers

Brexit has led to many MPs and their staff receiving abuse, in person, through letters, emails and on social media. The Joint Public Issues Team, JPIT, are calling upon us to send a kind and positive message and to hold them in prayer. Find out more about how you can write to your MP using this template.



Youth President Exploration Day

The Methodist Youth President serves the young people of the Methodist Church for one year. Those interested in learning more about the role with a view to applying are invited to an Exploration Day at Methodist Church House, London on Wednesday 17 April from 10.30am. Book a place here.



Living Lent: How to keep going

Will Fremont-Barnes shares some <u>tips</u> for those who have taken up one of the six Living Lent challenges. Read more about the community's responses on the <u>blog</u>.



Job opportunity

An <u>opportunity</u> for an enthusiastic editor to support the production of Methodist Church publications has arisen. The role is part time and for three months. Applications close on Monday 25 March. Interviews will be held on Monday 1 April.



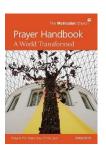
Volunteering

Applications for the volunteer position of <u>Chair of</u>
<u>the Connexional Allowances Committee</u> close on
Thursday 21 March, with interviews on Wednesday
27 March.



Methodist Prayer Handbook

The date for Action for Children Sunday 2019 is incorrect in the 'Methodist Prayer Handbook: A World Transformed (2018/2019)', page 50. It should read Action for Children Sunday 2019 on Sunday 14 July 2019 (and not 7 July).



Methodist Diaconal Order

The Methodist Diaconal Order is both an Order of Ministry and a Religious Order within the Methodist Church. A new Methodist Diaconal Order members' section has now been launched within the Methodist Church website.



Video Thursday: Methodist Youth President

Recruitment for the Methodist Youth President 2019/20 begins in the summer. If you or someone you know will be aged 18-23 on 1 August 2020 and might be interested, this short video that explains the role.



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 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook, *A World Transformed*, encourages us to pray with Christians in America and Asia, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's <u>A Word in Time Bible studies</u> is 'No Other Gospel'. <u>Order your Prayer Handbook here</u>.

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.