

# The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to *The Week Ahead*.

Tomorrow marks [International Women's Day](#), this year's theme is #BalanceforBetter.

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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## Book launch: From a Mother's Pen

As part of the Susanna 350 celebrations, a new book has been published, 'From a Mother's Pen: Selections from the spiritual writing of Susanna Wesley'. The book is going to be launched on Thursday 16 May, at 6pm in Wesley's Chapel, London. [Book](#) your free place and find out more [here](#).



## Job opportunities with the Connexional Team

There are two new vacancies at Methodist Church House. The closing date for the [Property Support Officer](#) is Friday 15 March with interviews to be held on Tuesday 2 April. Applications for the [Chair of the Connexional Allowances Committee](#) close



on Thursday 21 March, with interviews on Wednesday 27 March.

## Ordination Exploration Day

Is God calling you to ordained Ministry? [Register](#) for the new Ordination Exploration Day to learn more about the call. The day takes place at Methodist Church House on Saturday 4 May. Further dates will follow for late 2019 and early 2020 in other locations.



## Living Lent: week one

It's the first week of Lent, and many will be making sacrifices and changes to their lifestyle. Read some of the first impressions and reactions of those taking part in the environment-conscious Living Lent campaign [here](#).



## Sound of Silence

A day to reflect on the Cistercian tradition and the life and writings of Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx takes place on Saturday 20 July 2019. The day will be based at the Methodist chapel in Rievaulx and includes admission to the Abbey. Book with Siân Henderson; [yorkshirenemethodist@icloud.com](mailto:yorkshirenemethodist@icloud.com).



## Methodist Ministers' Housing Society

The [Methodist Ministers' Housing Society](#) (MMHS) has moved. Their new address is 109 Baker Street, London W1U 6RP and the new general number is [020 3848 6020](tel:02038486020).



MMHS provide housing for retiring Methodist presbyters and deacons, their widowed partners and for ministers who retire early due to ill-health.

## Georgian Tea Room

Enjoy cake and tea served by Georgian style re-enactors in the [Georgian Tea Room at Radnor Hall, Wesley's Chapel](#) on Saturday 30 March, from 12pm – 3.30pm. Free entry, with donations for tea and cake. Entrance is on a first come, first served basis.



### On the radio

#### [Sunday Worship](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.10am**

**Sunday, 10 March**

Dr Krish Kandiah presents the first in a series of live services for Lent from St Mary's Church in Bowden, reflecting on forgiveness and building bridges between communities.

#### [The Brexit PM](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 8.00pm**

**Monday, 11 March**

Steve Richards talks to key insiders about Theresa May's decisions, leadership and diplomacy through the turbulent years since the EU referendum. The first edition traces the story from July 2016, when she became prime minister, to the eve of the Chequers Brexit deal, recalling dramatic moments including the key speeches, the general election and its aftermath.

#### [Mae Martin's Guide to 21st Century](#)

##### [Addiction](#)

**BBC Radio 4, 6.30pm**

**Wednesday, 13 March**

Jim Al-Khalili talks to Ken Gabriel, the engineer responsible for popularising much



### On TV

#### [Travelling Blind](#)

**BBC Two, 7.00pm**

**Sunday, 10 March**

Presenter Amar Latif has been blind since the age of 18 but embraces new experiences with an enthusiasm and willingness to take risks, the exact opposite of his travelling guide, comedian Sara Pascoe.

#### [The Art of Japanese Life](#)

**BBC Four, 8.00pm**

**Tuesday, 12 March**

We may admire Japanese technical ingenuity and enjoy a nice bit of sushi, but many of us are still in the dark about Japanese culture and ritual – centuries of deliberate isolation and vicious armed conflict haven't helped. So it's up to art historian Dr James Fox to turn his sharp, incisive intelligence on to the mysteries of Japanese art.

#### [60 Days on the Streets](#)

**Channel 4, 9.00pm**

**Thursday, 14 March**

Today, more people are sleeping rough than at any time since the Second World

of the technology found in smartphones and computers. He is now involved in developing driverless cars and drug-production systems for personalised medicine.

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War. Ed Stafford gets a first-hand view of the crisis by spending two winter months living among the homeless people of three major cities.

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## Video Thursday: Radical Grace

A spoken word piece on the Radical Grace of God by Past Youth President, Craig Gaffney.



## Reflections



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