

4 April 2019

# The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to The Week Ahead.

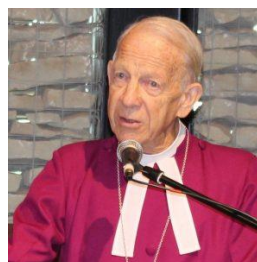
Mike Ivatt will be staffing the out-of-hours media emergency support line on 020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,  
[The Communications Team](#)



## The Revd Prof W. Peter Stephens

It is with sadness that the Methodist Church announces the death of [the Revd Prof W Peter Stephens](#) who died on Monday 1 April 2019. He was a Past President of the Methodist Conference 1998/1999.



## Methodist Modern Art Collection

One of Britain's most important collections of modern religious art is coming to Leicester. [The Methodist Modern Art Collection](#) will be on display at five venues from 2 May - 9 June 2019 and will be accompanied by a month long programme of exciting creative events.

**Methodist Modern**  
 **Art Collection**

## Methodist Heritage News

The spring edition of Methodist Heritage News is out now featuring Susanna Wesley, the rededication of the Raithby by Spilsby Chapel and much more. You can download a digital copy from the [website](#).



## Living Lent poetry

Lucy Berry has written a new poem for Living Lent, [Before We Got Plastic](#). Hosted by the Joint Public Issues Team, Living Lent is an opportunity to respond to the urgent call for climate action by making a significant personal commitment to change our lifestyle.



## 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.



## Book launch: From A Mother's Pen

As part of the Susanna 350 celebrations, there will be a book launch for the anniversary publication, 'From a Mother's Pen: Selections from the spiritual writing of Susanna Wesley'. This will take place on Thursday 16 May, 6.00pm at Wesley's Chapel, London. [Book your free place](#).



## Methodist Research Conference

The Methodist Research Conference will be at Southlands College, Roehampton University, London from 9.30am on Wednesday 12 June. The keynote speaker will be Professor Clive Marsh. [Register for your free place](#).



## Susanna Wesley Foundation Annual Conference

## [The Susanna Wesley Foundation Annual Conference](#)

will be held at Southlands College, Roehampton University, London on Thursday 13 June. The day will explore creating inclusive communities and belonging through the lens of disability.



## Cyclone Idai

An estimated three million people have been affected by [Cyclone Idai](#) in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. At least 750 people have been killed and some 400,000 have lost their homes. A [presentation](#) is available to download showing the work of Christian Aid in the area.



## Action for Children turns 150

As Action for Children turns 150 this year, they have launched a nationwide search for the descendants of the first children in care. They have hundreds of photos in their archives of children from Victorian Britain in 1869 through to 1919 – could one of them be your relative?



**Reflections**

**Parliament**



In the coming week, the 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook, *A World Transformed*, encourages us to pray with Christians in Africa, 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 Cost of Redemption'. [Order your Prayer Handbook here.](#)



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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