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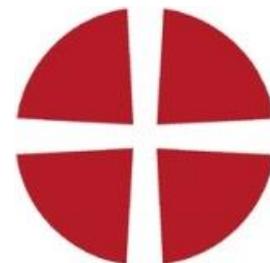
Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.  
On Sunday we celebrate Aldersgate Sunday.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week,  
[the Communications team](#)

## Aldersgate Sunday

This Sunday is Aldersgate Sunday - it recalls the day in 1738 when John Wesley attended a group meeting in Aldersgate, London, where he received an experience of assurance of his salvation. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the work of God in our lives, and to reflect on how we should respond to everything that God has given us. Five hymns are available [here](#), and there are more resources on our [website](#).



## 3Generate questionnaire

3Generate needs the input of young adults in order to develop their 19 - 23 year old group programme. If you are in this age group, please fill out the [questionnaire](#) (it will take about 6 - 7 minutes).



## New Courses, Cliff College

Cliff College has a new short course programme for the 2019 - 2020 academic year. The Methodist 'Worship: Leading and Preaching' training section will bring together the successful 'WLP Spring' and 'WLP



Summer School' weeks which have run over a number of years, with a new initiative 'WLP in a Year', enabling those training to be Methodist worship leaders and local preachers to complete their training within one academic year. [Find out more.](#)

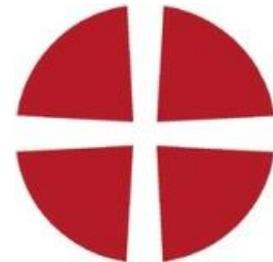
## Exploring Ordained Ministry

We have additional dates for those wishing to explore their Call to Ministry.

Saturday 5 October 2019 (for 18 - 30's) at Methodist Church House, London - [book here](#).

Saturday 29 February 2019 at Methodist Church House, London - [book here](#).

Please spread the word to those who you believe may be called by God to lead our Church.



## The Sandford St Martin Awards

The [Sandford St Martin Awards](#) celebrate the best TV and radio about faith, belief and ethics. One of these awards - The Radio Times Readers' Award - is currently open for votes. See the nominations and cast your [vote](#) by 19 May. The winners will be announced at the Sandford St Martin Awards ceremony at Lambeth Palace, London, on 13 June.



## Church Architecture Awards

Nominations for the 2019 Church Architecture Awards are now open. The awards are open to projects including re-ordering, roof, spire or tower repairs as well as for extensions and new buildings. Nominations by a church, architect or surveyor can be made on their [website](#) by 1 July. The award ceremony will take place on 31 October.



## National Estate Churches Network

Bookings for the [National Estate Churches Network Conference](#) on 20 June in Birmingham are now [open](#). It will be a day of sharing wisdom and stories from estate churches and projects around the country, including an address by Methodist Youth President, Jasmine Yeboah, who grew up on an estate in London.



## MHA Sunday

MHA invite church groups to celebrate MHA Sunday on 9 June by observing the theme 'One Sunday' and looking at ways in which we can make our worship as inclusive as possible. As the Sunday coincides with Pentecost some churches may prefer to hold a service on an alternative Sunday. A range of worship resources can be downloaded from the MHA [website](#).



## Thursday video: How Aldersgate changed John Wesley

Aldersgate Day recalls John Wesley's conversion experience on May 24, 1738. The founder of Methodism attended a religious meeting on Aldersgate Street in London and "felt his heart strangely warmed." This video is from the United Methodist Church.



## Reflections



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

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