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Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.  
Jillian Moody will be staffing the out-of-hours media emergency support line on  
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Wishing you all a wonderful week,  
[the Communications team](#)

## The Methodist Diaconal Order

The Methodist Diaconal Order have a new magazine 'Keep Calm and Carry on Serving' available from their Pastoral Centre at Methodist Church House. Please contact [mdosupport@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:mdosupport@methodistchurch.org.uk) if you would like to receive a copy. Their new [video](#) 'Exploring the Diaconal Order' highlights the work of Deacons, particularly in relation to how Deacons enable the Church to live out Our Calling.



## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is the largest ecumenical movement in the world. There is an opportunity for a Methodist woman to be a representative of the English Methodist Churches on the National WDP Committee for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. To find out more, email [admin@mwib.org.uk](mailto:admin@mwib.org.uk) for the job description and application pack. The deadline for applications is 26 July and interviews will be on 9 September at Methodist Church House.



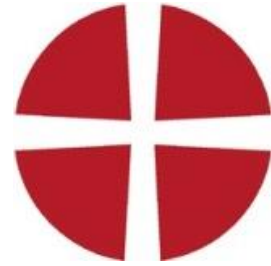
## Exploring Ordained Ministry

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](#).

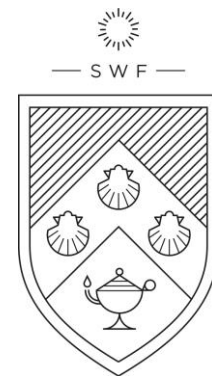
Saturday 29 February 2020 at Methodist Church House, London - [book here](#).

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



## Annual Methodist Research Conference

The fourth Annual Methodist [Research Conference](#) will take place on 12 June at Southlands College, London. The conference has become an annual event which offers opportunities for Methodist researchers and those engaged in Methodist-related research to present papers and share their insights. Register [here](#).



## The Sound of Silence

The Sound of Silence is a district day to explore and reflect on the Cistercian tradition and the life and writings of Aelred, abbot of Rievaulx, North Yorkshire. The event will take place on 20 July, 10am - 4pm at the Methodist chapel in Rievaulx with admission to the Abbey. The day will be led by the Revd Dr Kenneth Carveley, The cost is £5. Book with Siân Henderson on [yorkshirenemethodist@icloud.com](mailto:yorkshirenemethodist@icloud.com) or 01904 786275.



## OneSound's Summer School

[OneSound](#) is running a residential summer school for 11-18 year olds at Dearne Valley Outward Bound Activity Centre, Doncaster from 31 July - 3 August. Their summer school will offer a chance to experience singing together, workshops and worship. Tickets are available [here](#).



## Growing Lives

[Allchurches Trust](#) has launched a new grants programme, [Growing Lives](#), aimed at helping churches and Christian organisations in the UK and Ireland connect with young people. Grants of up to £25,000 are available, and the amount you receive will depend upon the cost of your project and need in your community. Find ideas about how Allchurches Trust's new grants programme could help your church or organisation and apply [online](#).



## Physic Garden Celebration

In 1747 John Wesley published his 'Primitive Physic', a book featuring cures for every day ailments that were made from plants or easily available ingredients. This year Wesley Chapel planted a new [Physic Garden Trail](#) that features plants from the book. Celebrate and learn more about this fascinating aspect of John Wesley's life on 8 June, 11am - 3pm at John Wesley's House, London.



## Thinking Lunch

'Thinking Lunch' will be on 6 June, 12.30pm - 1.30pm at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans. His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, the Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London will be speaking on 'Christian Witness in the face of challenge'. Tea and coffee will be provided.

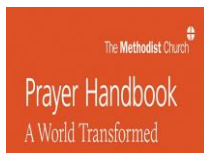


## Thursday video: Thy Kingdom Come

Jasmine Yeboah, Youth President of the Methodist Conference reflects on the power of praise as part of this year's Thy Kingdom Come; a global, ecumenical prayer movement happening from the Ascension to Pentecost calling for more people to come to faith in Jesus Christ.



## Reflections



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