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The
Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.

This week, we celebrate Trinity 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](#)

Refugee Week

[Refugee Week](#) will take place from 17 - 23 June this year, celebrating the contribution that refugees make to the UK, and encouraging a better understanding between communities with a nationwide programme of events. The theme is 'You, me and those who came before' and is an invitation to explore the lives of refugees – and those who have welcomed them – throughout the generations. Resources are available [here](#).



A call to Churches in the age of migration

Churches of the Methodist tradition met recently to explore the relationship between church and migration. A set of principles came out of the discussion which have been offered to churches working with migrants and to new migrant congregations.

More information is here:

[God is on the Move: A Call to be the Church in a New Way](#)
(Pdf)



Conference - how to find out more

Members of the Connexional Team and many willing volunteers are getting ready for the 2019 Conference which takes place in Birmingham from Thursday 27 June – Thursday 4 July. The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler has been

stationed as Secretary of the Conference following the departure of the Revd Gareth Powell.

The Conference first met in 1744 under John Wesley, who gathered together his assistants to talk about 'what to teach, how to teach, and what to do'. The contemporary Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church, made up of representatives from each Methodist District, along with some who have been elected by the Conference, ex officio members and representatives of the Youth Assembly and other connexional bodies.

Representatives are a mixture of lay people, ordained presbyters and deacons and this year 306 representatives and 24 associate members will attend.

This year's Conference Agenda is [here](#):

And you can watch the proceedings [live](#) online during the Representative Session (from Friday 28 June – Thursday 4 July).

Conference - join the MHA fringe event

During the MHA Fringe Event on Wednesday 3 July at Conference there will be the signing of an Expression of Commitment between MHA and the Methodist Church. The Chair of MHA, Mr John Robinson CBE, and the Chair of the Methodist Council, the Revd' Jill Baker, will lead the signing which marks a renewal of commitment between the Church and the Charity in the care of those in later life.

The event will also provide an opportunity for discussion with MHA's CEO Sam Monaghan and the presentation of new content designed to enhance worship engagement for those living with dementia. Book to join the event [here](#).

The Revd Prof W Peter Stephens

A memorial service for the life and ministry of the Revd Prof W Peter Stephens, former President of the Conference, will take place at 2pm on 20 July at Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU.



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OneSound 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](#).



RSCM Music Sunday

[RSCM](#) Music Sunday returns this week, coinciding with Trinity Sunday. It is an opportunity for all to come together to celebrate and give thanks for the role of music in the life of the church, and the way in which music can draw both the church and community together. For more information see the RSCM [website](#).



Honorary Treasurer vacancy

The Aldershot Methodist Military Trust is looking for an Honorary Treasurer. The closing date for this voluntary role is Thursday 27 June. Find out more [here](#).



Methodist media

The second anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire falls tomorrow, 14 June. The Revd Mike Long of the Notting Hill Methodist Church, which lies just below the tower, has conducted a number of media interviews including for the BBC Sunday programme talking about the role of faith for people affected by the tragedy. The Sunday discussion starts at 25:13 [here](#).



Carolyn Lawrence, Education Programme Support Officer in the Connexional Team was interviewed by TWR about mission. The interview will be broadcast on TWR on 15 June at 7am and 16 June at 7pm. Listen [here](#).

Reflect retreat

For contemplation, silence, spiritual growth, renewal and a greater involvement in Christ's world '[Journey of the Soul](#)', is an opportunity to reflect on your own journey over the weekend 19 - 21 July at Wychcroft Retreat Centre led by Jane Hoskins. The price is £160, and to make a booking please contact [Brian Sherrell](#).



Thursday video: The Revd Helen Jenkins

The Revd Helen Jenkins discusses life as a Methodist Minister.



Reflections

Parliament



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

'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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