

25 July 2019



Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.  
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](#)

## Letter to New Prime Minister

An open letter to Boris Johnson from the leaders of seven Christian denominations, including the Methodist Church, expresses concern that failing to agree a deal on Brexit will “hit those held back by poverty very hard indeed.” Read more and sign the letter [here](#).



## Advent Offering 2019

It may be the hottest day of the year for some but this is a good time to start thinking of Advent. This year's Advent Offering for the Mission in Britain Fund focuses on homelessness and hospitality. The downloadable resources are to include a candle liturgy, suggested Bible passages, prayers and hymns. Also included are a video, a PowerPoint presentation, all-age discussion guidance and role play. You can register [here](#).



## MHA lecture

Everyone is invited to the inaugural Walter Hall Lecture given by the Rt Hon. Lord David Willetts on 23 October at 6.30pm at Central Methodist Hall, London.

The lecture will focus on the needs of older people and intergenerational responsibility. Visit MHA's [website](#) or RSVP to [chaplaincypa@mha.org.uk](mailto:chaplaincypa@mha.org.uk).



## A mission plan for your church

To help churches, circuits and districts consider their next steps, a mission planning [toolkit](#) can be found on the Methodist Church website. The kits offers resources to guide and support those who are thinking about and planning the next chapter in their story.



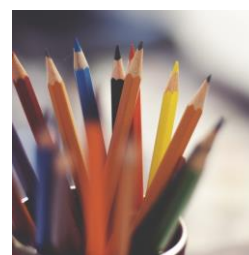
## JPIT intern visits Hiroshima

A JPIT intern working on issues of peace and justice will be visiting Hiroshima in Japan at the end of July to attend the ICAN Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security Conference. Will Fremont-Barnes is one of 14 young people from around the world, all aged 25 or younger, who will be attending. [Read more](#).



## Artwork for *the connexion*

Editors of *the connexion* magazine are looking to commission artwork with the theme 'going for growth', inspired by Ephesians 3:17 "*Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong*" (New Living Translation). Editors are particularly looking for Bible journaling artwork. Submissions should be sent to [theconnexioneditor@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:theconnexioneditor@methodistchurch.org.uk) by 16 August. Not all work submitted will be used.



## Methodist media

[The Observer](#) reported on how Methodist Churches are supporting families over the summer holidays. The piece includes the South London Mission and Darlington Methodist Circuit and quotes JPIT's Paul Morrison.



## Thursday video: The Revd Jonathan Dean

The Revd Jonathan Dean discusses what it's like being a presbyter and Methodist tutor.



## Reflections



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

## Parliament



Parliament is in recess. 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.

Email: [mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:mediaoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk)