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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](#)

Ordination Exploration

If you feel that God may be calling you to be an ordained minister in the Methodist Church then you should attend an Ordination Exploration Day to discover more about the life of the ordained. Two events are planned, [Saturday 5 October](#) for those 18 to 30 and [Saturday 29 February 2020](#).



WLM's Sleep Out

Join the West London Mission's annual [Sleep Out](#) on Friday 25 October and help support homeless people off the streets and onto a better chapter in their lives. The sleep out is an opportunity for you to be sponsored by friends, family and colleagues, sleeping out for just one night so that others don't have to. Hosted in the secure gardens of St James's Church, Piccadilly, you get to safely experience a few of the challenges that homeless people have to face every night.



An extraordinary call

Ordained women ministers now have numerical equality in Methodism. Taking inspiration from John Wesley's 'extraordinary call' for lay and female preachers, this conference will focus on women preachers past and present. Taking place Friday 8 to Saturday 9 November at Harcourt Hill Campus, Oxford Brookes University. Email admin.ocmch@brookes.ac.uk for details.



Methodist Publishing

Connexional resources for 2019/2020 are now available to order from [Methodist Publishing](#). You can sign up for the [Methodist Publishing newsletter](#).



Jasmine's Final Thoughts

You can read about Jasmine Yeboah's journey through her year as Youth President [here](#).



BBC Daily Service

Ex-President Revd Michaela Youngson will be leading the Daily Service on Friday 23 August at 9.45am on BBC Radio Four Long Wave. You can also hear the programme on a special [DAB](#) channel and [Radio Four Long Wave online](#). It will be available after broadcast [here](#).



Methodists in the media

Please email the media team when your church, circuit or district gets into the newspaper or onto TV or radio. Not only can we share in your good news but it helps us to grow the voice of the Church. [Email us](#) when you get coverage in the media or if you need support.



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 chaplaincy@mha.org.uk.



Thursday video: Jasmine's Final Thoughts

Youth President Jasmine Yeboah reflects on her presidential year.



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 'New Life in Christ'. [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.

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