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

Thelma's welcome service

Thelma Commey will be welcomed as the new Youth President of the Methodist Church in a service to be held in her home town of Milton Keynes this Sunday. Listen [here](#) as she discusses how she was elected into the role and talks about her theme, Jesus Loves All.



People, Protest and Politics: Methodists, Mow Cop and social change

Celebrate the Primitive Methodist movement which transformed the lives of working people in the 19th century at this event on 7 September at Mow Cop Castle. Organised by [The National Trust](#), in partnership with Englesea Brook and Mow Cop Methodist Church, the day will include pop-up speakers, poetry from Emily Galvin, the Staffordshire poet laureate, and singing from the John Moore Quire. Find out more [here](#).



Apply to be Methodist Youth President 2020/2021

There is still time to [apply](#) to be the Methodist Youth President 2020/2021. For more information, see the [website](#) or contact [Ella Sibley](#). The deadline for applications is 23 September at 12 noon.



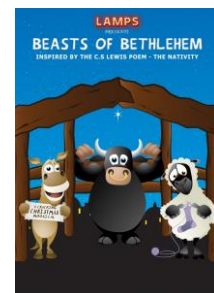
Open letter to The Times

In an open letter to The Times, over 30 children's health and well-being professionals, campaigners and unions, along with the President of the conference, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, have called upon the government to protect school meals in the event of no-deal Brexit. You can read the full open letter [here](#).



LAMPS Collective

LAMPS Collective, an Oxfordshire based Christian theatre company have two exciting shows this Advent and Christmas. LAMPS Collective's family musical, Beasts of Bethlehem, is highly accessible, huge fun for all ages and has the baby in the manger firmly at its heart. For further information on hosting a show, please see their [website](#).



Harvest appeal

This harvest season, All We Can is inviting you to 'Deepen Your Roots' with stories from Ethiopia where potatoes are helping to change people's lives. Watch the video and download the resources for use during worship in groups, with children and young people [here](#).



Methodist media

The Revd David Butterworth has written an article for Birmingham City Council's website about helping newly arrived refugees. You can read the article [here](#).

Ex-President, the Revd Michaela Youngson, led last Friday's Daily Service on BBC Radio Four Long Wave. You can listen to the programme [here](#).



Christian Aid newsletter

There is a Scottish Christian Aid Newsletter available which includes up to date information on their Harvest Appeal 2019, the Gatherings 2020, Christmas resources and more. For information and to sign up, click [here](#).



Thursday video: The Revd Lansford Penn Timmity

The Revd Lansford Penn Timmity reflects on what it's like being a Methodist minister.



Reflections



In the coming week, the 2018/2019 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'The Spirit and the Bride', encourages us to pray with Christians in Africa, 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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