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

JPIT Conference 2020

JPIT's 2020 national conference, *Renewal and Rebellion: faith, economy and climate*, invites you to look at the big challenges, rethinking economic structures and taking radical steps towards climate justice. The conference takes place on 7 March 2020 at the Riverside Centre, Derby. Tickets and information are available [here](#)



Homeless Sunday

This Sunday is Homeless Sunday. The theme for this year is 'the impact of volunteering on the volunteer'. You can discover more on the Housing Justice [website](#). Resources for Homeless Sunday can also be found on the Singing the Faith Plus [website](#).



Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday also takes place this weekend, highlighting the work being done on this important aspect of Church life and sharing positive safeguarding stories. You can read more and download resources [here](#).



Brexit pastoral letter

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson and Professor Clive Marsh, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have written a pastoral letter on how to lead church congregations and communities through the uncertainty of Brexit. You can read the letter [here](#).



All We Can - Rethinking Disasters

The Methodist relief and development charity, All We Can, have published a fascinating series of [micro-blogs](#) to illustrate the unique way they work with partners, not just to respond to disasters, but to help prepare communities and build resilience.



Methodist Women in Britain

MWiB is an independent charity with its roots firmly within the Methodist Church. MWiB are seeking volunteers to undertake key roles within the organisation; MWiB President / Vice-President and World Federation Area Officer. You can find out more information [here](#).



Conservative Party Conference

Professor Clive Marsh, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, has published a [blog post](#) following his attendance at this year's Conservative Party Conference held in Manchester. Reports from other party conferences will be published shortly.



Allchurches Trust

The Allchurches Trust grants programme, Growing Lives, aims to help churches and Christian organisations to connect with children and young people and to forge lasting links with families. You can learn more about the grants and how to apply for them [here](#).



Folk at the New Room

The autumn series of concerts '[Folk At The New Room](#)' Bristol kicks off on Thursday 24 October with a performance by highly-acclaimed trio Alden Patterson and Dashwood, hailed by BBC Radio 2 as a 'talented and poetic triumvirate.'



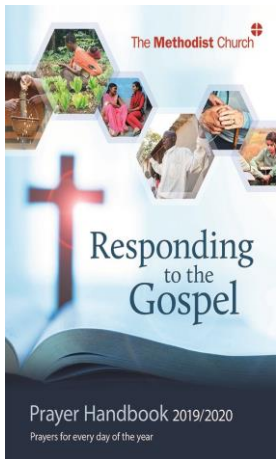
Video Thursday: Methodism and Miners

This fascinating documentary-drama produced by The Home Mission Department of the Methodist Church of Great Britain in 1959 focuses on the importance of faith, and in particular the Methodist faith, in the daily lives of miners. The final section of the film shows Methodist minsters and preachers at work in local communities around County Durham and South Wales and includes footage from a Durham Miners Gala.



Reflections

In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians in Asia, the Middle East and the Caribbean as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is "Parables of the Kingdom". [Order your Prayer Handbook here.](#)



Parliament



For UK Parliamentary business [click 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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