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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  
020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,  
[the Communications team](#)

## A prayer from the President and Vice-President

Following the tragic deaths of 39 people in a lorry in Essex,  
the President and Vice-President have issued a [prayer](#).



## the connexion - Autumn 2019 issue is out!

The latest issue of the connexion magazine is out in hard copy  
and [online](#). This issue includes articles by Tom Donaghue,  
Evangelist at Cliff College, on connecting people for God;  
Emma Nash, Mission and Community Engagement Officer, on  
leadership; and the Revd Roger Hides, Superintendent of  
Ceredigion Circuit, on how companionship and nourishing  
food is bringing people in Wales to God.



## JPIT Conference - booking has opened!

Booking is now open for JPIT's conference next year. The theme is 'Renewal and Rebellion: Faith, Economy and Climate'. Speakers include Ed Miliband MP and Anthony Reddie, Director of the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture. The conference takes place on Saturday 7 March at the Riverside Centre in Derby. Book your tickets [here](#). More information can be found on the conference [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.



## Methodist Council update

The Methodist Council met at High Leigh Conference Centre on the 14-15 October. On the list of reports to be considered were updates regarding the on-going work to support *Our Calling* and the foundations of the Evangelism and Growth Strategy. Read a summary [here](#).



## Property projects - getting off on the right foot

The first property workshop held in conjunction with Capsticks is on Monday 28 October in Birmingham. Find out more and how to book [here](#). Further events will be held in Leeds, Winchester and London.



## JPIT Podcast

Your new hosts, Cameron and Rosella, muse on how the Bible shapes our attitudes to political relationships in the latest [JPIT podcast](#). Andy Flannagan, Director of Christians in Politics, offers valuable reflection on how we can not only 'listen well' but 'disagree well' in turbulent times.



## Advent Offering

The theme for this year's Advent Offering is 'Homelessness & Hospitality', focusing on personal stories from people with experience of homelessness. Donations will go towards the Mission in Britain Fund, which supports many inspiring projects across Britain. You can read more and download resources [here](#).



## Video Thursday: God For All consultation

"There was a palpable sense of the Holy Spirit here with us today": the Revd Trey Hall reflects on the God For All sessions at the recent consultation in London of the Church's Evangelism and Growth strategy.

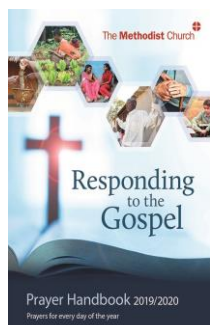


## Reflections

In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook,

'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with

Christians in Asia, the Pacific and Northern Europe as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is "Messiah and Lord". [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](#).

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**'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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