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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](#)

Homegrown

The new Homegrown Conference takes place on Tuesday 8 October, exploring how faith is grown at home and how we can encourage families and households to nurture faith together, spurring each other on to encounter Jesus and faith in daily life. With guest presenter Gemma Hunt, you can watch the event live online. Click [here](#) for more information.



Statement on public discourse

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, released a [statement](#) last week regarding the standard of discourse during the current political situation.



Proroguing of parliament

Paul Morrison, the JPIT policy advisor with particular responsibility for issues around the economy including poverty and inequality, considers the Supreme Court ruling on the proroguing of Parliament in his [blog](#).



Property

Capsticks Solicitors, in partnership with the Connexional Team and TMCP, invite Managing Trustees to their upcoming [Methodist Property seminar series](#). Taking place during October and November in Birmingham, Leeds, Winchester and London, the seminars cover legal, connexional and



surveying issues as well as offering a chance to reflect on personal experiences.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day takes place on Thursday 10 October. PeerTalk, support by the Methodist Church, helps those with depression through its growing national network of groups. You can find out more [here](#).



Black History Month

October is Black History Month, celebrating great black British achievers. You can find out more on the website that celebrates the month of events [here](#).



100 Dreams

[100 Dreams](#) is an initiative to equip a generation of lay leaders to pioneer new missional projects across London. Lay people aged 20-40 who want to start something new for the Kingdom receive training, coaching, plus ongoing community support to help them set up a new project



Methodist Insurance

Methodist Insurance is calling on churches to nominate volunteers for awards that celebrate the dedication, commitment and energy of the many thousands of people who contribute through volunteering to the life of the Church and wider community. Applications close at the end of October, you can read more [here](#).



Taketime meditations

Taketime uses online Ignatian meditations to introduce people to Jesus and is accessible to those with no faith background. The programme is being used in schools, universities, homeless outreach projects and prisons. It has been shortlisted for the Premier Digital Awards. You can experience the meditations for yourself [here](#).



Video Thursday: Property Strategy

This week's video features the highlights from the 'Our Calling to Fulfil: Reimagining Methodist Property' conference.

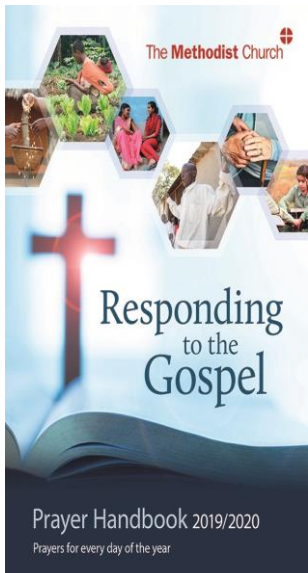


Reflections

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

'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians in Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A](#)

[Word in Time Bible studies](#) is "Law and Grace". [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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