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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](#)

## Exploring ordained ministry

Have you ever felt that God is calling you to become an ordained minister? A special day is being hosted by the Ministries: Vocations and Worship Team at Methodist Church House on Saturday 29 February 2020 to help you learn more about ordained life. Click [here](#) to book your place and [here](#) for more information.



## Pioneering eco-church opened

A virtually carbon neutral church hall has opened in Baildon, Bradford, West Yorkshire. Named The Fold, the new building at Baildon Methodist Church is believed to be the first of its kind built to standards similar to those of a Passivhaus on church premises in Britain. Read more [here](#).



## Welsh chapels and churches

The National Churches Trust has arranged workshops to put historic Welsh churches and chapels on the tourist map so that they can become a key part of Wales' tourism offer. Click below for details of venues and to book tickets.

[Cardiff Friday 22 November](#)

[South Wales Wednesday 27 November](#)

[North Wales Tuesday 3 December](#)



## Election support

JPIT are continuing to publish resources to help churches and individuals as we head towards December's election.

Resources are being uploaded throughout the campaign and are available [here](#).



## Get ready for 3Generate

As we prepare for 3Generate next weekend, Youth President Thelma Commey has released a video introducing this year's theme '[Where is God in Your Story!](#)' This is also a good time to start planning by downloading the 3Gen app that has the event's programme, a personal planner and a voting facility. The app is available free from the [Apple](#) and [Google](#) app stores.



## All We Can - Extraordinary Gifts

All We Can, the Methodist relief and development charity, has released its 2019 [Extraordinary Christmas Gifts Catalogue](#). Inside you'll discover a range of gifts that can change the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Helping not just at Christmas, but for generations to come.



## Women Against Violence Sunday

Women Against Violence Sunday takes place on the 24 November. You can find resources including hymns and prayers [here](#).



## Video Thursday: Reflection from the Milk Grotto

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, visits the Milk Grotto Church, also known as the Mother of God Church, in Bethlehem.



## Reflections

In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians throughout India, Asia and the Pacific as well as Britain. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#)

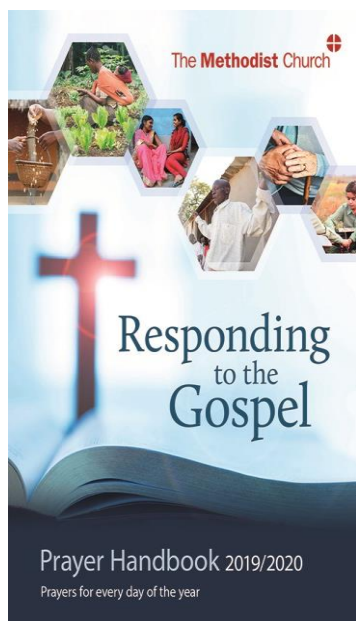
## Parliament



The House of Commons is in dissolution. The House will next sit on Monday 16 December 2019. If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, [click here](#) and the timetable for the National Assembly for

Wales, [click here](#).

[Bible studies](#) is "Privilege and Obedience". [Order your Prayer Handbook 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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