

21 November 2019



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](#)

Do something extraordinary this Christmas with All We Can

Inspire generosity and raise money for All We Can's Extraordinary Christmas Appeal. Use creative Advent and Christmas [resources](#) associated with the campaign or find an extraordinary [gift](#) for friends and family.



Watch this [film](#) to be inspired:

Follow the Twitter nativity this advent

Join in as we tell the story of Advent on social media every day during December. The Natwivity will be led by the Revd Lucy Berry, URC Minister and Poet-in-Residence at the Joint Public Issues Team.

For 2019, the Natwivity will encourage followers to dig deeper into what the nativity story has to offer us today. It will explore how God uses voices from the margins of society to share the story of Jesus' birth, and encourage followers to consider how voices from the margins of society today have an important message to share.



The Natwivity can be found on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

Further resources can be found [here](#).

Love Pray Vote: resources to use ahead of the General Election

A comprehensive set of resources have been published by [JPIT](#) on the following topics:



- Brexit
- Climate change
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Poverty in the UK
- Public services in England
- Britain in the world
- The future shape of the UK: Scotland and Wales

These are for everyone to use as individuals and groups in consideration of the major policy issues presented by the election. Scroll down for a short film.

Don't forget to follow JPIT on social media – [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

Christmas Resources from Methodist Publishing

Want to host a carol sing in a community location such as a school or pub? Want to invite your neighbours to join you for Christmas worship? These [resources](#) will help you get started.



Christmas heritage events

Important sites of Methodist history will be hosting a number of Christmas events this year. At the Museum of Methodism in London on Saturday 30th November, Jess Hebden, art teacher at The Leys School in Cambridge, will lead a hands on session using print making to create unique cards, wrapping paper and tags. Young artists aged 8-15 will be able to create their own print design and see it brought to life.



On 14th December John Wesley's House next to the Museum will host a Georgian Christmas. There will be seasonal treats to taste, lace making and the house will be traditionally decorated. For families, there will be a Christmas trail and craft activities.

At the home of Charles Wesley in Bristol exclusive festive tours will be available on four dates in December revealing how Christmas was celebrated in the eighteenth century. There will be carols to sing along to, seasonal floral displays and of course mince pies.

To book events at these Wesley heritage sites visit the Museum of Methodism [here](#) and the New Room [here](#).

JPIT Conference 2020

Tickets for the for the JPIT conference "Renewal and Rebellion: faith, economy and climate" are now on sale!

Join us in March to discuss rethinking economic structures and the radical steps we can take towards climate justice. Tickets are available [here](#).



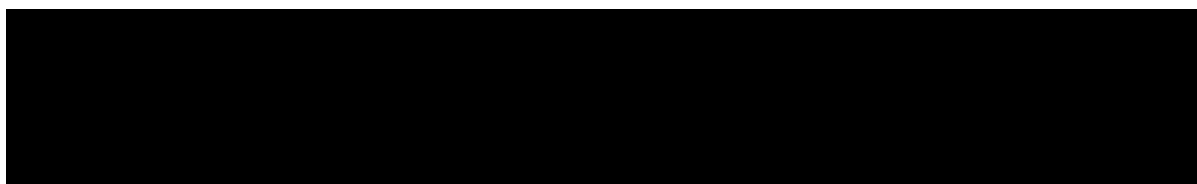
Barbara Glasson's visit to Israel/Palestine

Barbara Glasson visited the WI'AM project in Bethlehem as part of her recent visit to the region. Watch this [video](#) to find out how bread unites people.

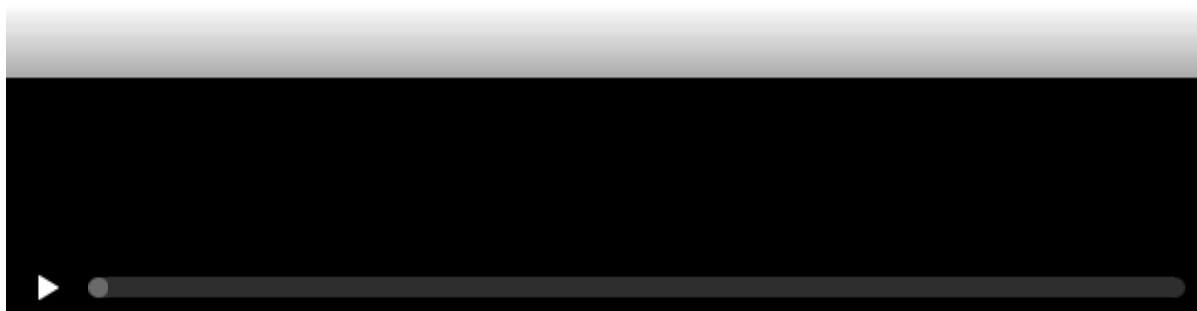


Video Thursday: God For All consultation

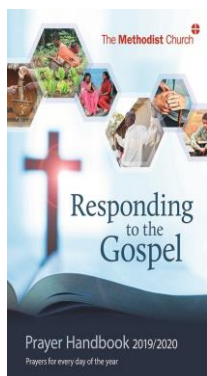
This General Election, JPIT is encouraging Christians to Love, Pray, Vote. But why? The JPIT team explore what Love, Pray, Vote means.



WHY LOVE, PRAY, VOTE ?



Reflections



In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to be faithful in ministry. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#)

Parliament



UK Parliament is in recess. If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, [click here](#) and the

[Bible studies](#) is "Messiah and Lord". [Order your Prayer Handbook here.](#)

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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