

19 December 2019



Hello everyone and welcome to this final 'Week Ahead' for 2019 where we look forward to some of the events happening in 2020.

The next edition of The Week Ahead will be out on 9 January 2020.

Over the Christmas break, the out-of-hours media emergency support line can be contacted on 020 7467 5170 or via [email](#).

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas,
[the Communications team](#)

Christmas Message



The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson and Professor Clive Marsh, have released their 2019 Christmas message in which they reflect on the year and encourage us all to keep sharing our own stories.

An Open Letter to the Prime Minister

Following the general election, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have written to the Prime Minister assuring him of their prayers and asking for clarification on key issues including climate change, poverty and social cohesion. You can read their letter [here](#).



Songs of Praise: 5 Jan 2020

[Songs of Praise](#) will be marking the start of the New Year by exploring the Covenant Service on Sunday 5 January at 1:15pm. The Revd Kate Bottley visits the New Room, Bristol and speaks to historian Gary Best about John Wesley's radical preaching, his passion for social justice and the Covenant Service. Kate also meets Thelma Commey, the current Youth President of the Methodist Church, to hear about what the covenant service means to young Methodists.



Methodist Conference: 25 June - 2 July 2020

The [Methodist Conference](#) will take place at Telford International Centre, Shropshire, 25 June – 2 July 2020.

Visitors do not need a ticket except for the Opening of the Conference on the afternoon of Saturday 27 June and Reception into Full Connexion and Sunday Worship on Sunday 28 June. You will also need a ticket if you wish to attend one of the Ordination services on Sunday afternoon. Tickets are free and you will be able to book online from Monday 30 March 2020.



JPIT Conference: 7 March 2020

JPIT's national conference 'Renewal and Rebellion: faith, economy and climate' takes place on Saturday 7 March 2020, at The Riverside Centre, Derby and invites you to look at the challenges we face – rethinking economic structures



and taking steps towards climate justice, and how we can all act – in faith, for people and for the planet. Find out more [here](#).

Thy Kingdom Come: 21-31 May 2020

Join They Kingdom Come, the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. 21 - 31 May 2020. Special resources will be available for Methodist churches. Read more [here](#).



3Generate 30 Oct - 1 Nov 2020

[3Generate 2020](#) is taking place Friday 30 October to Sunday 1 November and is moving to the NEC Birmingham groups with groups sleeping in a tented village inside the centre. Pre-registration to volunteer at 3Generate 2020 is now open! If you are interested in volunteering at 3Generate 2020 for the first time, please complete our short [pre-registration form](#). Delivery Team members from 2019 have been sent their own link. More details for 3Generate 2020 will be available in the spring.



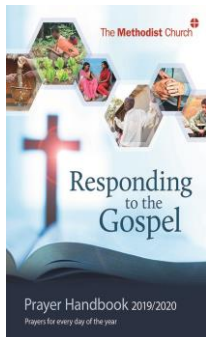
Prayer Wall

The Prayer Wall on the Methodist Church website can be used as inspiration for prayers or to submit prayers for others. You can read the wall and submit prayers [here](#).



Reflections

In the coming weeks, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians throughout the world, as well as Britain and Ireland. The themes for the [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) are "The Coming Light" , "The Word Incarnate" and "The Glory of God". [Order your Prayer Handbook here.](#)



Parliament



You can find details of the UK Parliament [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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