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

'God in Love Unites Us'

As the Methodist Church reaches the mid-point of consultations on the 'God in Love Unites Us' report, the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Conference, has written an update on the progress so far. You can read the update [here](#).



Methodist Church website

The homepage of the Methodist Church website has a new look highlighting news and multimedia content such blogs, podcasts and videos. You can see the new page [here](#).



VE / VJ Day

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The Royal British Legion are seeking assistance in locating any UK based veterans, including Commonwealth veterans, who may wish to participate in the commemoration events. For further details please email Joseph Miller, Remembrance Manager, at jmiller@britishlegion.org.uk.



Haiti Earthquake

On the afternoon of 12 January 2010, a devastating earthquake struck Haiti. The number of lives lost was estimated at 250,000 with 300,000 injured. To mark a decade since the tragedy [here](#) are some reflections on the recovery.



Christian Resources Exhibition - Midlands

The Christian Resources Exhibition for the Midlands, a one-stop shop for church supplies, resources and ideas, takes place 4 - 5 March 2020 at the NAEC, Stoneleigh. To book tickets and for information, click [here](#).



All We Can - Lent

Climate change is devastating the lives of families and children across our planet. This Lent, All We Can is seeking to radically change the story for millions of people in poverty who are affected by climate change. You can download resources [here](#) including biblical reflections and service materials.



Student Sunday

The Universal Day of Prayer for Students, also known as 'Student Sunday', takes place on 16 February 2020. SCM, the Student Christian Movement, has produced a resource toolkit that can be used by churches, student groups and individuals. You can download a copy [here](#). The theme this year is Known By Name and you can find a selection of hymns [here](#) on the Singing the Faith Plus website.



Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18 to 25 January. This year's theme is "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2). Click [here](#) for more information on the theme and to download resources.



Divine Intimacy, Ordinary Holiness

'Divine Intimacy, Ordinary Holiness' is a five-day community for spiritual formation, to be held at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, in the north of Ireland, 14-19 June 2020. Following a Benedictine-style rhythm, the five-day community incorporates teaching, silence, worship, reflection and small group sharing. Click [here](#) for more details.



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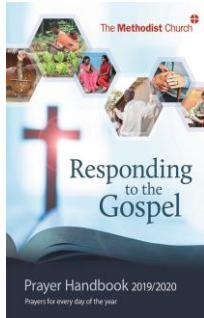
The Revd Laurence Graham is a former President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and was a mission partner in Haiti. He shares his thoughts as we mark the tenth anniversary of the earthquake.



Reflections

Parliament

In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians in India, Asia and the Pacific, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is "Children of God". [Order your Prayer Handbook here.](#)



For the sittings of the UK Parliament [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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