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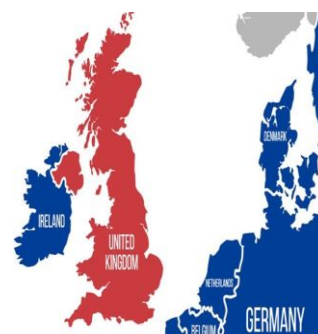


Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.
Jill Moody will be staffing the out-of-hours media emergency support line on
020 7467 5170.

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

Brexit - Depart in Peace

The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, reflects on the UK leaving the European Union on 31 January, [here](#), along with a prayer by the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference.



Faith in Politics Podcast

This month's Faith in Politics podcast is 'Relief or Return: The role of international development' featuring an interview with Sir Desmond Swayne, the ex-Minister for International Development. Links to the podcast can be found [here](#).



The Methodist Podcast

A new podcast reporting on the life of the Methodist Church is available now. This week's podcast features a firsthand account of the demonstrations in Chile, a pilot project to tackle rural isolation and the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. Listen [here](#).



JPIT Conference

A small number of free tickets are available for the JPIT Conference 'Renewal and Rebellion: Faith, Economy and Climate' taking place on the 7 March in Derby. The tickets, intended for those who are unwaged, receiving financial support or students, are available through the general ticketing system and can be found [here](#).



Bible Month - Ruth

This year's Bible Month encourages us to engage with the book of Ruth over a period of 30 days. The Bible Month resources include Bible notes with preaching ideas, small group study guides, children and youth resources and reflections. You can order printed versions of the study guide and download a free copy [here](#).



Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on the 27 January, with this year marking the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) is asking churches around the UK to join together in prayer to remember the Holocaust and to recommit to a better future. You can find resources [here](#).



Managing Trustees

A new video has been produced to support trustees within the Methodist Church. You can find the video, along with all the documents and information you need as a Methodist trustee [here](#).



Climate Sunday Project

With the UK hosting UN climate negotiations in November 2020, UK Christian charities and denominations are organising a unique national event, Climate Sunday, this autumn. The Churches Environmental Issues Network is looking for an effective project manager to develop and coordinate the delivery of Climate Sunday. Click [here](#) for more information.



Methodist Modern Art Collection

The Methodist Modern Art Collection is one of Britain's most important collections of modern religious art. Twenty pieces from the collection are being displayed at an exhibition taking place at the Wyre Forest Gallery, Bewdley, Shropshire, Saturday 21 March to Sunday 19 April 2020. Admission is free. Details can be found [here](#).



Ministry in the Methodist Church

The deadline for feedback on the draft Conference Statement on Ministry in the Methodist Church is the 1 February. All responses should be sent to faithandorder@methodistchurch.org.uk. A copy of the draft statement can be found [here](#). Resources to support conversations and reflection are [here](#).



Methodist Church in the media

The Assistant Secretary of the Conference, the Revd Ruth Gee, was interviewed on last weekend's Sunday programme on BBC Radio 4 where she updated listeners on the 'God in Love Unites Us' consultation. Listen [here](#), from 5mins 55secs.



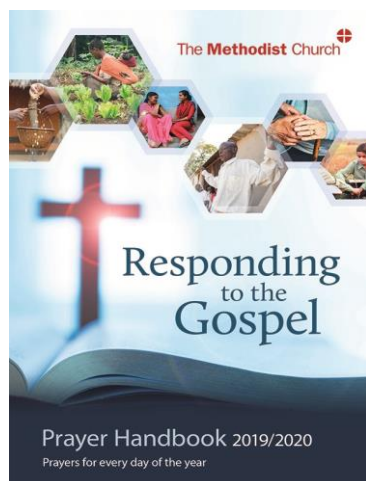
What is Holocaust Memorial Day?

This film explains what is marked on Holocaust Memorial Day and why it is important for everyone to get involved.



Reflections

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



Parliament



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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