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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](#)

## New Secretary of the Conference

The Methodist Council has agreed to nominate to the Conference the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler to serve as the Secretary of the Conference from 1 September 2020. The role is one of the most senior positions of Church leadership in Methodism, alongside the roles of President and Vice-President of the Conference. You can read more [here](#).



## the connexion magazine

The winter 2020 edition of *the connexion* will be arriving through letterboxes shortly. The theme for this issue is 'choices: choosing life' and considers the consequences of our decisions. You can download a digital edition by clicking [here](#).



## Brexit

Church leaders, including the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have released a joint statement regarding the UK's exit from the European Union. This was accompanied by a letter from Church leaders to partner Churches and Church organisations in Europe. You can read both [here](#).



## The Methodist Podcast

This week's Methodist podcast features an interview with the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler following his nomination as Secretary of the Conference, considers what Brexit means for relationships with partner churches across Europe and explores the Methodist Diaconal Order. You can listen [here](#).



## Housing and Homelessness

A Methodist Housing and Homelessness Gathering takes place in Birmingham on Saturday 8 February. The event will include discussions on political campaigning, new projects and best practice when working with the homeless. You can find out more details [here](#), download a PDF of the event [here](#) or [email](#) the Revd Ian Rutherford to book.



## OneSound Summer School

The [OneSound Summer School](#) is being held 31 July to 3 August 2020. The residential camp takes place at Kingswood, Dearne Valley, South Yorkshire and features learning, rehearsing and performing great worship music along with adventure at the centre's outdoor pursuits facility.



## Thy Kingdom Come

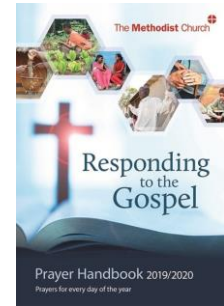
The Thy Kingdom Come team are offering Inspire and Enable workshops to support the global wave of prayer, 21 - 31 May 2020. These events give churches a chance to sample some of the resources that will be available. Click [here](#) to register.



## Prayer Handbook images

The editors of the Prayer Handbook are seeking photographs for the next edition to illustrate how our churches and members are helping the environment. Photos

must include at least one person and should be emailed [here](#), you can read the full submission guidelines [here](#).



## It's 6.00am in Manchester....

This report from the Manchester Evening News in 2018 shows how tough life can be for those living on the streets during the winter months.



## Reflections

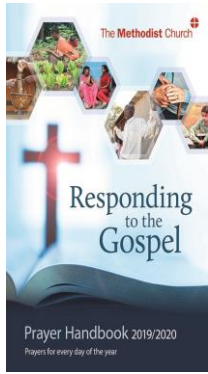
In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Prayer and Faith' encourages us to pray with Christians in the Pacific and Europe, as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is

## 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](#).



"Returning to the Lord" [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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