

The Week Ahead

The **Methodist** Church 

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](#)

A prayer for Australia

As the fires continue to burn, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have written to Dr Dierdre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia. You can read their letter and a prayer for Australia [here](#).



Housing and homelessness

A Housing and homelessness Methodist gathering takes place in Birmingham at Carrs Lane Conference Centre on Saturday 8 February 2020. On the agenda are political campaigning, new projects, best practice and the practicalities of addressing the rise in rough-sleeping. For details and to book please email the Revd Ian Rutherford - ianr7@hotmail.co.uk.



Exploring Ordination Day

If you feel that God is calling you to serve the Methodist Church as a deacon or presbyter then an [Exploring Ordination Day](#) will help you discover an Ordained person. The event takes place on February 2020 at Methodist Church House, London however, [booking](#) is required.



more about being
Saturday 29
and is free,

MHA ride

This year is the 75th anniversary of MHA's first carehome in Ryelands, Surrey. To mark the occasion, MHA CEO, Sam Monaghan, will be joined by supporters and partners on a 365 mile sponsored bike ride, raising funds towards the charity's vital services. To challenge yourself and [register your interest](#) click [here](#).



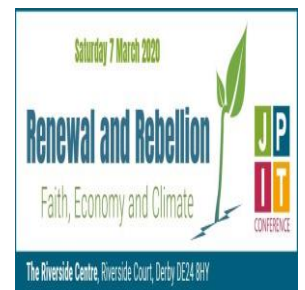
Global Relationships

Steve Pearce, Partnership Coordinator for Asia Pacific, is currently visiting [Sri Lanka](#). You can keep up to date with his travels through his blog posts and read those of other Global Relationship partners [here](#).



JPIT Conference

How fundamental changes to economic and political attitudes could tackle the climate crisis will be at the heart the JPIT conference, 'Renewal and Rebellion: Faith, Economy and Climate'. The conference will take place at the Riverside Centre in Derby, on Saturday 7 March. Information and tickets are available [here](#).



Circuit Stewards Handbook

The new Circuit Steward Handbook is available to download from the Methodist Church website. The handbook offers guidance on the responsibilities of this vital role in the life of our Church. Click [here](#) to download.



Photography Consent

The Methodist Church has released new guidance on consent for photographs and videos. Details of policies and the appropriate forms are available to download; for subjects under the age of 12 [here](#) and for those 12 and over [here](#).



Methodist Church in the media

Last Sunday's [Songs of Praise](#) was about the Methodist Covenant service from the New Room in Bristol and Wesley's and the [Sunday Service](#) on BBC Radio 4 from Rayleigh Methodist Church.



Video Thursday:

A Look Back at 3Generate 2019 - AfterMovie

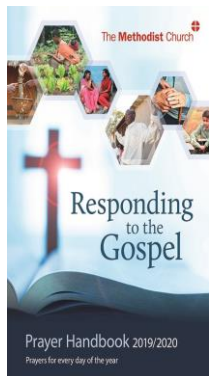
The 3Generate team have produced an exciting video looking back at the highlights from last year's event!



Reflections

Parliament

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



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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