



Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead'.
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Wishing you all a wonderful week,
[the Communications team](#)

Support for churches in China and Chinese congregations in the UK

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, has written to the leadership of the Methodist Church in Britain's partner church in China to "share our love and prayers for the people of China" as they manage the health crisis associated with the Coronavirus outbreak. Read more [here](#).



COP26 Campaigns workers

Two young Methodists are being sought to form part of a new international climate justice team. The team will spend the next year creating and developing the vision, branding and strategy for a high-impact campaign that encourages Methodist people and churches around the world to engage more deeply with climate justice. To find out more about the role, click [here](#).



Psalm 23 Garden

Psalm 23 is being interpreted by the Bible Society for this year's Chelsea Flower Show taking place in June. Before then, on Saturday 29 February, between 11:30am and 12 noon, the garden's designer, Sarah Eberle, will be live on Facebook discussing the inspiration behind the project and answering your gardening questions. You can read more about the garden [here](#), the Facebook page is [here](#).



All We Can - Lent

Climate change is devastating the lives of families and children across our planet. This Lent, you can make an important difference with All In We Can and seek to radically change the story for millions of people in poverty affected by climate change. Click [here](#) for resources and more information.



The Methodist Podcast

This week's Methodist Podcast features an interview with a minister from the Chinese Methodist community who considers the impact of Coronavirus on his membership, we meet the new Church at the Margins Officer and preview this year's Lent resources from JPIT. Listen [here](#).



Sign to support youth services

Churches Together in England and the YMCA President, the Archbishop of York, are calling upon all church congregations to sign a petition in support of YMCA's campaign for the restoration of youth services. Many young people have suffered as a direct result of funding cuts across England and Wales. Since 2010/2011, youth services funding has been cut by 70%. Click [here](#) to sign the petition.



The Festival of Faith and Literature

The Festival of Faith and Literature takes place every two years at Bloxham School in Oxfordshire creating a thoughtful and relaxing space to consider works of literature and their religious and moral themes. The festival takes place 21 - 22 February 2020. Among the authors taking part is Janet Morley, who has worked for both Christian Aid and the Methodist Church. Read more details [here](#).

The CHURCH TIMES
Festival of
Faith & Literature
A literary festival with a theological slant

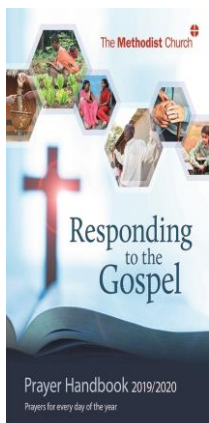
Video Thursday: Methodist Modern Art Collection

Tim Marlow, Artistic Director of the Royal Academy, talks through some of his favourite works from the collection. Twenty of the works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection will be appearing at the [Bewdley museum](#) later this spring.



Reflections

In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook,



'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians in the Caribbean, the Middle East and Asia as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is "Judgement and Mercy". [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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