



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

## Coronavirus Guidance

At this time, the UK Chief Medical Officers consider the risk to individuals from Coronavirus as low. The Methodist Church is monitoring the situation and has issued the [following guidance](#) to ensure the risks are reduced, recommending practical precautions to prevent the spread of infection.



## Flooding

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, has written a [prayer](#) for the communities affected by the current floods.



## Church Action on Poverty

Sunday 23 February is Church Action on Poverty Sunday, a national ecumenical event committed to tackling poverty in the UK. The event works in partnership with churches, and with people in poverty themselves, tackling the root causes of poverty. You can find out more and download resources [here](#).



## Hurricane Dorian - update

In early September 2019, Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas killing at least 70 people and leaving many more missing. An estimated 70,000 people have been made homeless. All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain launched a joint emergency appeal in response; supporters responded quickly and generously, having raised more than £100,000.00 since September. [This update](#) shows how the money is being used.



## Schools Chaplaincy

A training day for school chaplains is being organised by Methodist Schools on Thursday, 5 March at Methodist Church House in London. All are welcome, whether lay or ordained. The attendance fee is £10 per person and includes lunch and training materials. Book [here](#).



## The Methodist Podcast

In this week's Methodist Podcast we look at how the Church is supporting communities affected by the current flooding, interview a mission partner who has been working in Japan for over 30 years, hear about the Lent resources from All We Can and find out why the Joint Public Issues Team is on a global search for young Methodists to tackle climate change. [Listen here](#)



## A Director of Practical/Contextual theology

A Director of Practical/Contextual theology is sought by Wesley House, Cambridge. Applications are invited from those with experience of qualitative research. The successful applicant will be committed to developing leadership and scholarship within the global Methodist family. Click [here](#) for more information.



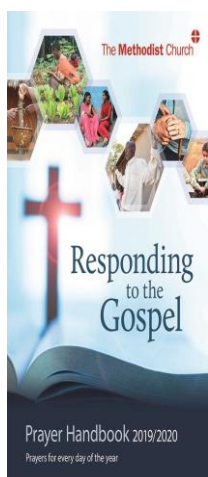
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## Video: Church Action on Poverty

This week's video illustrates the need for those in poverty to have their voices heard by those in power.



## Reflections



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

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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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