



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](#)

## Youth President Lent Tour

Thelma Commey, the Methodist Youth President, is to visit selected parts of the Connexion as part of her Love in Action tour, a series of visits and reflections taking place during the season of Lent. The visits will focus on her offering practical service to others in order to live out Jesus' gospel of love, and to allow her a chance to listen to the voices of those young people she will be meeting during her travels. Read more [here](#).



## Coronavirus guidance

Guidance regarding the Coronavirus outbreak has been issued and is available [here](#)



## National Churches Trust

Churches, chapels and meeting houses in the UK are being asked to take part in a new online survey to establish their value to local communities. Data from the survey will be used in a new research study by the National Churches Trust into the social and economic benefits that churches provide to local communities and to the UK generally.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.



## Training with the Arthur Rank Centre

Applications are now open for the 2020 [Germinate Leadership](#) programme. The 18 month course is for lay and ordained leaders in rural churches who have already displayed some creative and entrepreneurial flair in rural mission. The next [Rural Ministry Course](#) will take place from Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 June 2020. This course is designed for lay and ordained church leaders entering a rural appointment for the first time or and those already in rural ministry who feel the need for a 'refresher'. This is a three-day residential programme.



## JPIT Podcast

This month's [JPIT podcast](#) features an interview with Sarah Mullally, the Bishop of London who sits in the House of Lords, discussing reform of the Lords and how her previous experience as the Chief Nursing Officer shapes her ministry and politics.



## Methodist Women in Britain

Methodist Women in Britain are seeking volunteers to undertake two positions, with both roles for a duration of five years, 2021 - 2026. Volunteers are sought for the position of the World Federation Area President for Europe, Britain and Ireland, and for the the position of World Church Liaison Officer. Further details of both roles can be found [here](#).



## The Methodist Podcast

In this week's Methodist Church podcast Youth President Thelma Commey discusses her Lent tour and reflections, we talk church twinning with Global Relationships and we meet an Intern working with The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community. [Listen here](#).



## International Young Adult Gathering

The Methodist Church in Britain is offering one funded place, not including flights, for an 18-26 year old to attend the First International Young Adult Gathering at the [Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center](#) in Jerusalem, June 17-25, 2020. You can read more information [here](#) and apply [here](#). The deadline for bursary applications is 1 April 2020



## Video: Martin Green on speaking truth to power

The voices of those affected by universal credit need to be heard, and churches can help. From Church Action on Poverty



## Reflections

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

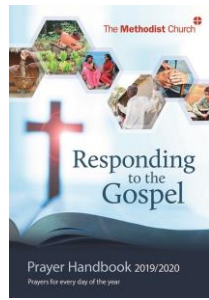
## Parliament



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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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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