



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

Letter to the Church in China

The President of the Conference, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, has written a letter sharing our love and prayers for the people of China as they manage the health crisis associated with the Coronavirus outbreak in Hubei province. Read the letter [here](#).



Church in the Margins

Deacon Eunice Attwood has been announced as the Methodist Church's Church at the Margins Officer, a new position in the Evangelism & Growth Team aimed at building on the biblical connection between evangelism and social justice and starting a movement of new Christian communities led by people who have been marginalised by society. Read more [here](#).



New Places for New People

New Places for New People is at the heart of mission. In [his blog post](#), Revd Matt Finch, the Methodist Church Pioneering and Church Planting Officer, discusses how what seemed nearly impossible in years past, is becoming common place, with new Christian communities being established.



The Methodist Council

The Methodist Council met at High Leigh Conference Centre on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 January. On the agenda were discussions to streamline the trusteeship structure, updates on the Methodist Way of Life and the Ministerial Covenant. You can read a report from the meeting [here](#).



3Generate manifesto

The manifesto is a summary of the key things children and young people at 3Generate said they cared about or wanted to see changed. At 3Generate 2019 children and young people built the Manifesto in a visible way - by adding bricks to a wall each time a new key point was made. You can read the Manifesto [here](#).



JPIT Living Lent

The JPIT team have launched their Living Lent campaign for us to recognise that changing our climate is not just an activity but a lifestyle. This Lent, JPIT invites us all to respond to the call to climate action by making significant personal commitments to changing our lifestyles for the climate. Find out more about Living Lent [here](#).



The Methodist Podcast

This week's Methodist Podcast previews the Methodist gathering taking place in Birmingham this Saturday to consider homelessness and housing, takes a look at the newly published 3Generate manifesto and we consider new forms of church and church planting. Listen [here](#).



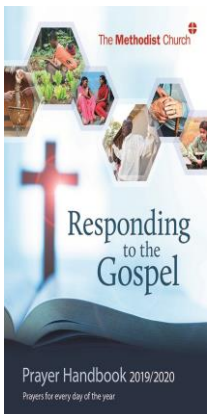
Video Thursday: Tackling Homeless

Last week's video illustrated the need for us to increase support for homeless people. The Methodist Church in Manchester has been working alongside partners to dramatically reduce the number of those living on the streets. Our video this week is from Twitter and features the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, looking at projects for the homeless in the city. If you would like to attend the Gathering on [Housing and Homelessness](#), click [here](#) for more information.



Reflections

In the coming week, the 2019/2020 Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Responding to the Gospel' encourages us to pray with Christians in the Caribbean, Asia and the Americas as well as Britain and Ireland. The theme



for next week's [A Word in Time Bible studies](#) is "Responding to Glory". [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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