

# Monday

## DRAMA

### The Sixth Commandment

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via *iPlayer*

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Screenwriter Sarah Phelps has adapted plenty of Agatha Christie works, and at the heart of this tragic true story she's moulded into a four-part drama is a real-life antagonist as calculating and callous as any Christie killer.

The pre-titles sequence states this is in memory of Peter Farquhar and Ann Moore-Martin. The deaths of these elderly neighbours, in 2015 and 2017 respectively, were not initially thought to be suspicious. But one man was close to both of them.

Timothy Spall conjures sympathy in spades as the quiet, fragile Peter – a well-respected scholar who lives a solitary and deeply religious life that only begins unravelling once he meets new student Ben (Eanna Hardwicke, exuding cold charm). Emotionally vulnerable, Peter is overwhelmed as the two embark on a relationship. But soon, Peter is having dizzy spells and hallucinating. Unbeknownst to the host, he's welcomed a parasite into his home. Continues tomorrow.

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**IN DANGER**  
Peter Farquhar  
(Timothy Spall) and,  
below, Eanna  
Hardwicke as new  
arrival Ben Field

