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What happened, how did Lent creep up on us, surely it was only Christmas last week!

This Sunday is the first week of Lent, and we launch into the Lent 2026 Resources - Pause. Breathe. Make space for God. Lent is bigger than giving up chocolate. It's about letting go of what weighs us down and being open to what lifts us up. The benefits last longer than 40 days – it's a way of life, and we do it together.

This Sunday our theme is - Let go of idols, make room for God

Our Object under the cross is a Fake plastic plant.

Our Bible readings are:- Bible readings

[Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7](#) - Adam and Eve are tempted to grasp autonomy by eating forbidden fruit, leading to shame and separation from God.

[Matthew 4:1–11](#) - Jesus resists three temptations in the wilderness, choosing trust in God over power, spectacle and self-reliance.

Ponder before church, the readings and - "What are some 'idols' – visible or hidden – that we are tempted to trust more than God?"

With every blessing,

*Phillip*

## **Where is Phil?**

Phil has some quarter days due, and will not be around on Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th, back Thursday.

## **Sunday Services - 1st of Lent**

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Rev'd Phil Warrey  
- Tea Church

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Ruth & Mr  
Neil Eldridge - Holy Communion  
(Stream Source)

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey

[Lectionary readings](#)

The streaming this Sunday will be from  
Ledbury

[Watch the live stream live on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Worship Page on the Circuit  
Website](#)

Please pray for our preachers and  
worship leaders as they prepare to  
lead worship.

## **Next Sunday – 1st March 2026 – 2nd of Lent**

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Mrs Wendy  
Werrell

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Peter  
Grimwood

Ledbury - 2:30pm Rev'd Phil Warrey -  
Relaxed Service

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Mary Jolly  
(Stream Source)

[Lectionary readings](#)

## **Action of the Week - Save our Swifts**

Swifts are disappearing from our  
skies *fast*.. Numbers have fallen by up  
to 60% in a single generation.

There's a simple solution to this speedy  
decline. The Government just needs to  
make it a legal requirement for all new  
houses to include swift bricks, a £35  
hollow brick that gives these birds a  
safe place to nest.

In a bold move to protect swifts,  
Scotland has done just that and  
mandated swift bricks in all new homes  
but – across the rest of the UK –  
developers can continue to ignore  
Government guidance and build  
thousands of new homes that push  
swifts out. Now we need to get the UK  
Government to do the same here in  
England. But they aren't going to do  
that unless we pile on the  
pressure. So please add your name to  
a massive new petition today, urging  
them to follow Scotland and properly  
introduce Swift bricks here?

[Save our swifts: include swift bricks in every new house](#)

## **Coming Up This Week**

### **Monday 23rd:**

Ledbury - 10:30am - 1pm - Place of Welcome

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### **Tuesday 24th:**

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Ledbury (Holy Trinity Church) - 7:15pm  
- Ecumenical Lent Service

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### **Wednesday 25th:**

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome, 12:30pm Lent Soup Lunch

St John's - 12:15pm for 12:30pm - 2pm  
- Lunch Club

7pm - Zoom Bible Study

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### **Thursday 26th:**

Bromyard - 4:30pm - Soul Space (for 9-12 year olds)

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### **Friday 27th:**

St John's - 11:30am - Lent Course,  
7pm Singing for Fun

Ledbury - 2pm - Litter Pick

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### **Saturday 28th:**

Ledbury - 9am - Women's Breakfast  
Fellowship Away Day

St John's - 10am - 12pm - Place of Welcome

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## **Sunday 1st:**

Services as listed above

St John's - 12noon - St David's Day  
Social

## **Change of Date - Circuit Meeting**

Please note we are moving the circuit meeting to 30th April at St John's at 10am. It was in week commencing 5th April, which we have now realised is a holiday week.

## **Church Awaydays**

Ledbury Methodists had their away day in August 2025, at Canon Frome Court.

St John's Away Day will be on Friday 29th May Saxon Hall, 10am to 3pm, food provided. Opening worship, a session in the morning, a session in the afternoon, concluding with Holy Communion. We have called this day "Awaken the Future - discerning God's call for our church". Please make a note in your diaries, we'd like as many as possible to come.

Bromyard's awayday is approaching fast on Saturday 21st March 10am to 3-pm, however we are still seeking a venue. Again please make a note in your diaries, we'd like as many as possible to come.

## **The Vine at Home Lent 1**

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 22nd  
February 2026](#)

## **Ledbury Methodist Notices**

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 11/2/26](#)

# **Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter**

[Newsletter for 19/2/26](#)

## **The sophia course - worcester cathedral**

The Sophia Course (or Wisdom Course) is a one-year spiritual formation programme with a focus on creation-attuned spirituality. Find out more [here](#).

## **Chatty Café**

Every Monday from 10.00am – 12.00pm, our Chatter & Natter sessions will offer a warm, friendly space where people of all ages and backgrounds can drop in, enjoy a drink, share a chat and make new connections. Whether you fancy a good natter, a gentle conversation or simply being around friendly faces, you'll find a seat at the table with us.

Our goal is simple: to reduce isolation, spark friendships and bring people together, one conversation at a time. Everyone is welcome, no booking needed... just turn up and say hello! Find out more details [here](#).

6, St Peter's Square, Hereford (next to Tanners Wines)

## **Lent 2026 - A Journey with Jesus**

During Lent and Holy Week you can follow regular video reflections and insights from the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.

[These can be viewed on the Resource Hub](#), where you can also download video files for showing without an internet connection.

Other Lent resources, including Bible Studies and Justice Conversations can be found on the [main Lent and Easter page](#).

## **Explore 2026**

The next cohort of the vocational support programme, Explore, begins in May 2026.

The Explore programme is for any Methodist member who wants to explore Church leadership, lay or ordained, and for those who want to enter in to the DOV1 and 2 processes this is a strong foundation.

Taster session 14 April 2026, 7pm – [booking here](#) if you would like to attend the taster session.

## **Property Matters - February 2026**

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **WhatsApp Groups**

Each of our churches now have a WhatsApp group, if you'd like to join please ask and we will add you.

## **District Treasurer Vacancy**

The advert, role description and application form for the District Treasurer vacancy can be found [here](#).

## **Vacancies**

We have the following vacancies in our circuit and churches:-

Circuit Archivist - [Role Description](#) - [More Details](#)

If you would like to know more about any of these vacancies, please speak to Phil.

# **Circuit Admin & Ledbury Admin**

Lynne will be generally working her 14 hours across Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

She can be contacted at [admin@herefordshiremethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshiremethodists.org.uk)

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## **Links**

*The links below are to websites or adobe cloud documents (all underlined in blue) A mouse click on the link will open the relevant documents for you or direct you to the websites referred to. These have all been checked and are safe links to click.*

[Watch the live stream live on YouTube at 10:30am](#)

[Sunday Worship Page on the Circuit Website](#)

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