

Good Morning Church - 8th March 2026 – 3rd of Lent

This Sunday is the third week of Lent, and we continue with the Lent 2026 Resources - Pause. Breathe. Make space for God. This week, we are considering - God's Spirit is not confined by structure. - God moves freely, surprises us, and invites us into a living, breathing relationship.

This Sunday our theme is - Let go of scarcity, embrace abundance

Our Object under the cross is a measuring jug.

Our Bible readings are:-

[Exodus 17:1-7](#) - God provides water from a rock for the thirsty Israelites, revealing divine presence and provision in the wilderness.

[John 4:5-42](#) - Jesus offers 'living water' to a Samaritan woman, transforming her identity and empowering her as a witness to God's presence.

Ponder before church, the readings and - "Where in your life do you feel stuck in a mindset of scarcity – emotionally, spiritually or practically?"

The good news we are trying to get across this week is - God's grace is abundant and overflowing. We are not defined by what we lack, but by the generous love of God that meets us where we are and fills us with life.

With every blessing,

Phillip

Sunday Services - 3rd of Lent

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Mrs Linda Williams

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Kath Baldwin - Holy Communion (Stream Source)

Ledbury - 6pm: Dr Gillian & Mr Stephen Chowns - Taizé Style Worship

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Martyn Sanders - Holy Communion

[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.

Where is Phil?

Phil is away with some of the young people from Bromyard Soul Space and Ledbury Junior Church at the West Midlands District Amplify 2026 event. Phil had to re-take his MiDAS certificate on Thursday and Friday to be able to drive the minibus. As well as the young people, there are 2 leaders each from Bromyard and Ledbury. Please pray that the young people have a great time, and please pray for grace, strength and endurance for Phil and all the leaders.

Next Sunday – 15th March 2026 – 4rd of Lent

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Rev'd Mary Jolly - Holy Communion / Mothering Sunday

Ledbury - 10:30am: Mr Brian Hudson - Mothering Sunday

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Mothering Sunday (Stream Source)

[Lectionary readings](#)

Action of the Week - Emergency Appeal Keeping Hope Alive

***“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed” - 2 Corinthians 4:8*

From Embrace the Middle East.....

Dear friends, As violence escalates across the Middle East, families are bracing for what comes next. In moments like this, headlines can move quickly - but fear, disruption, and trauma settle deeply and last.

Right now, through trusted local partners, we are reaching into communities quickly, even when access is difficult, to bring practical help where it's needed most.

In this fast-moving emergency, needs are evolving by the hour.

That is why we are asking you to [please make a gift to our Keeping Hope Alive Appeal](#), so our partners can respond quickly, as needs arise.

[Donate to Emergency Appeal](#)

A donation from you today will enable vital, life-giving responses such as:

- Medical interventions for those injured, unwell, or without access to essential treatment and medicines
- Food aid for families facing sudden shortages, displacement, and rising costs
- Mental health support for adults and children carrying intense anxiety, grief, and shock
- Trauma care for people affected directly by conflict, helping prevent long-term harm and supporting recovery

Please respond today. Early help will make a real difference, before shortages deepen, before services are overwhelmed, and before the most vulnerable slip further into crisis.

Thank you for standing with our sisters and brothers in the Middle East at this time. When you give, you are not watching from a distance - you are equipping trusted Christian partners on the ground to act with compassion, skill, and urgency.** **

Please consider giving now to our Keeping Hope Alive Appeal. Thank you.

Coming Up This Week

Monday 9th:

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

Tuesday 10th:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Ledbury - 2:15pm - Lent Meeting

Wednesday 11th:

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

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

Ledbury - 7:15pm - Lent Meeting

7pm Zoom Bible Study

Thursday 12th:

Ledbury - 12 noon - Lunch Club

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

Friday 13th:

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

Saturday 14th:

St John's - 10am - 12pm - Place of Welcome, 2:30pm Omega House Group meet at Beryl's

Sunday 15th:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home Lent 3

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 8th March 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 25/2/26](#)

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 5/3/26](#)

Save the Date for the visit of the President of Conference - 9th May 2026

Something special is coming...

A day to refocus. A day to be inspired. A day to grow your calling in worship with the West Midlands District and the President of Conference.

What: Our Story, Our Song: Growing your Calling in Worship

When: Saturday 9 May, 9:30 – 15:30 Where: Trinity Methodist Church in Kidderminster, DY10 2JL

Interested? Save the date - more details to follow soon!

The first in-person District Forum event on Saturday 14th March

A bit short notice, but this invite got lost.....

We are looking for 2 people to attend the District Forum on our behalf, this is not a place where we vote for things, but a forum that will discuss particular topics, hoping that folk with an interest and voice will attend. This forum has an Eco flavour.

Dear friends,

We are delighted to be inviting you all to the first in-person District Forum event on Saturday 14th March.

The District Forum is a place where circuits can raise matters that concern them and through which they can be consulted about proposals as they are being developed. It is a non-executive, consultative body and relates closely to the Superintendents' and Circuit Stewards' Consultations organised by the District's Senior Leadership Team.

The focus of this Forum event will be the District's Eco Policy and Plan, gathering feedback for the development of these as well as to encourage local leaders in their roles. Therefore, we are asking that you send two people from your circuit, ideally one ordained person and one lay person, who would be able to share updates from your circuit regarding your response to the [Hope in God's Future connexional strategy](#) and working towards Net Zero. These representatives could be your Eco Champion or Eco Coordinator if you have one, or other members of your circuit leadership team with an interest in environmental issues.

To help us to finalise the agenda we would be grateful if your representatives could complete the booking form here to reserve their space: [Forum Booking Form](#)

Practical Details:

- **Time:** 11am-3pm, with refreshments available from 10.30am
- **Location:** St John's Methodist Church, Bloxwich - Victoria Ave, Walsall, WS3 3HS.
- Parking is available on site, though we do encourage participants to use public transport wherever possible. Bloxwich station is a 10-15 minute walk away from the venue, and Bloxwich High Street is well served by local bus routes.
- **Refreshments:** Tea and Coffee will be available throughout the day. Please bring your packed lunch.

We look forward to welcoming you to St John's and our conversation together.

Yours sincerely,

Novette and Rachel

Revd Novette Headley and Revd Dr Rachel Deigh

West Midlands District Newsletter - Feb 2026

[Newsletter for February 2026](#)

Christian women: survivors of domestic abuse

The Safeguarding Team is interested to hear (via an anonymous survey) from Christian women who are survivors of domestic abuse. We are considering whether there would be uptake if we were to deliver the "Always Hopeful" recovery programmes for Christian women who are experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse. We want to ascertain whether there would be interest. More information is available here about the programme:

<http://www.alwayshopeful.org.uk/what-is-always-hopeful/>

If this is relevant to you, or to any of your congregation members, we would be very grateful if you could please complete the following anonymous questionnaire and could you please also forward this to any other Christian women survivors of domestic abuse who you may know (not only Methodists):

[Domestic abuse - A Group recovery programme for Christian women - Fill out form](#)

Want to Grow Ministry with Children, Youth or Families?

Are you exploring new ways to support **children, young people, young adults or families** in your church or community?

Whether you're:

- starting from **no current engagement**,

- running a **Toddler Group or Messy Church** and want to grow deeper connections, or
- looking to **develop new ministry ideas...**

we're here to help you take the next step.

Find out more here: [Step by Step: Nurturing Growth - The Methodist Church](#)

WhatsApp Groups

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

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

Circuit Administrator - Herefordshire (South & East) Methodist Circuit

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Church Administrator - Ledbury Methodist Church

Tel 01531 598007

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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