

Good Morning Church - 5th April 2026 -

Easter Day

A Happy and glorious easter to everyone.

As we contemplate our journey through Lent to Easter Sunday we Let go of fear, and embrace joy.

Our Object under the cross is now a real plant with flowers, surrounded by mini eggs..

Our Bible readings are:-

[Jeremiah 31:1-6](#) - God promises restoration and joy to a scattered people, declaring everlasting love and celebration with music and dancing.

[Matthew 28:1-10](#) - The risen Jesus meets the women at the tomb, transforming fear into joy and sending them out with good news.

Easter morning begins in fear. The women come to the tomb expecting death, not life. The guards are paralysed by fear (v. 4), and even the women – faithful and courageous – leave the tomb with “fear and great joy” (v. 8). But into this fear, the angel speaks: “Do not be afraid” (v. 5). And then Jesus himself repeats it: “Do not be afraid” (v. 10). The resurrection does not erase fear instantly, but it transforms it. Fear is not the end of the story. Joy breaks in.

This week’s mindset shift invites us to move from fear – of death, of change, of uncertainty – into the joy of resurrection. It’s not a shallow happiness, but a deep, defiant joy rooted in the reality that Christ is risen and nothing – not even death – can separate us from God’s love.

Ponder before church, the readings and - "Where in your life are you holding onto fear – fear of change, loss, failure, or the unknown?"

The good news we are trying to get across this week is - Christ is risen – and fear does not have the final word. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a past event; it’s a

present reality. It means that even in the face of fear, grief or uncertainty, God is at work bringing life, joy and hope. The risen Christ meets us where we are and sends us out with courage and purpose.

Hallelujah, Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed!

With every blessing,

Phillip

Sunday Services - Easter Day

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Holy Communion

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Kath Baldwin - Holy Communion

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Nigel Williams - Holy Communion (Stream Source)

[Lectionary readings](#)

The streaming this Sunday will be from Hereford

[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 – 12th April 2026 – 2nd of Easter

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Mr Ethan Ottershaw

Ledbury - 10:30am: Dr Gillian & Mr Stephen Chowns (Stream Source) - Swap Shop after the service

Ledbury - 6pm: Mr Chris Ottershaw - Iona Style Worship

St John's - 10:30am: Mr Adam Sanders

[Lectionary readings](#)

Action of the Week - Discover Molly's story and her journey with mental health

Could you help families like Molly's?

Thirteen-year-old Molly* was struggling with her mental health, school attendance and family relationships. School felt overwhelming, and at home she often isolated herself, leaving her mum Rebecca worried and exhausted.

[I want to help](#)

Action for Children's Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) service created a **personalised plan to support Molly**. A reward system improved her attendance, but turning off the internet for the whole household caused extra stress. Our therapist Lisa found a provider with device-specific controls, and the Family Fund covered the added cost so only Molly's access was limited. With rising living costs and delays in local authority support, Rebecca also had to pay privately for an autism diagnosis. To ease the strain, we provided essential school items through the Turner & Townsend Education Fund.

*"We've gone from having a house to a home. We're now a family again... Our future starts with a happy home and that's what we now have thanks to Action for Children."

*- Rebecca, Mother of Molly

Today, Molly attends school more regularly and her relationships at home have improved. Rebecca says the support "lifted a weight off their shoulders".

Helping young people like Molly is only possible because of the generosity of our supporters!. **Your donation could make a huge difference.**

[Donate now](#)

Where is Phil?

Phil will be having some annual leave from 5th to the 12th April. Returning to work on the 13th, with a further day of annual leave on the 15th (Time to start clearing Dad's house!)

Coming Up This Week

Monday 6th:

Tuesday 7th:

Wednesday 8th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

7pm - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday 9th:

Ledbury - 12noon - Lunch Club

Friday 10th:

Ledbury - 10am - Litter Pick

Saturday 11th:

Ledbury - 10am - Repair Shop

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

Sunday 12th:

Services as listed above

Dates for your Diary

Circuit Meeting - 30th April - 10am at St John's

St John's Away Day - 29th May 10am to 3pm - Saxon Hall

St John's Annual Church Meeting - post service 26th April

Bromyard Annual Church Meeting - post service 17th May

Ledbury Annual Church Meeting - post service 7th June

The Vine at Home Easter Sunday

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 5th April 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 25/3/26](#)

West Midlands District Newsletter

Growing your Calling in Worship, Resources and More!

The latest WM District Newsletter is available [here](#).

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 2/4/26](#)

PREACHING PLAN FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2026

The preaching plan for April to June 2026 has been updated for some changes to Pentecost, as when the plan went to press we were not aware of the plans for Ecumenical Services on Pentecost in Ledbury & Bromyard. You can see this updated plan [here](#).

Preaching Availability – July to September 2026

Please can Local Preachers and Worship Leaders provide their availability for the next preaching plan using the Chrestos Cloud System by the deadline of 26 April 2026. You can access the system [here](#) and will need your username and password that you were given previously. If you have any difficulties or need a reminder of your log in details, please email [Lynne](#).

Hereford URC newsletter

Our friends at Hereford URC have sent us their newsletter for April and May, you can read it [here](#).

Talk Community Updates

The **Kindle Centre** shares a series of FREE in person, technology training sessions – see poster [here](#).

For more details and to book call: 01432 278070

With Easter approaching next week, please take a look at events across the county listed on the Talk Community Directory 😊

[Easter 2026 Holiday Activity Ideas - Talk Community Directory](#)

There is a Meet the Funder event on 30th April [Meet the Funder is BACK - HVOSS | Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support](#) Service Guest speaker Tim Dutton – The Clive Richards Foundation.

STEP BY STEP: NURTURING GROWTH

TASTER SESSIONS AND COMMUNITY OF

PRACTICE COHORTS

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 AND SIGN-UP HERE](#)

Walking Humbly – Launch of new resources

Is your church a place where people facing hunger and hardship can belong fully? You are invited to the launch of Trussell's **Walking Humbly** resources online on May 7th from 9am to 10.30am.

The resources include a booklet for church leaders and a series of Bible Studies to help explore how churches can be communities where all are welcomed and all voices are heard. The resources were written with Trussell's group of Lived Experience Partners - people who are Christians who have needed to access the support of a food bank. You can see the resources here: [Resources | Trussell](#)

Speakers at the event will include Hannah Fremont-Brown, **Justice Seeking Church Officer** for the Methodist Church and co-author of the resources, Bishop Martyn Snow, **Bishop of Leicester and the CofE's lead Bishop on Poverty**, and members of the Lived Experience Group and Trussell staff.

Please sign up for the webinar at [Trussell Church Online Events | Trussell](#). If you want to order copies of the resources but can't make the webinar, please let us know at churches@trussell.org.uk

Internship recruitment

We're recruiting!

Applications are open for 9 more days for the 2026-27 Internship programme.

If you are a young Christian (aged 21-30) who is passionate about issues of justice and peace, you should apply!

- Explore the intersection of faith and politics
- Develop skills in campaigning, communications, research, and policy
- Receive training, mentoring and networking opportunities.
- Full-time, paid roles from September 2026 - August 2027

Deadline: Friday 10 April

****Interviews: ****Wednesday 6 May

For more information - <https://methodist.current-vacancies.com/.../4123583...>

Eclipse 2026: A Methodist Day of Outreach

Save the date! On Wednesday 12th August, between 18:00 and 20:00, the UK will experience its most total solar eclipse since 1999 and until 2090. During this amazing spectacle, churches across the Connexion are invited to host community viewing events, during which they can meet new people, have a shared experience of awe and wonder, and engage in gentle, authentic faith-sharing. Resources to support churches in planning and hosting viewing events will become available in the coming months. For now, find out more and express your interest in getting involved at [Eclipse 2026: A Methodist Day of Outreach - The Methodist Church](#)

Join the 3Generate Delivery Team!

We are delighted to announce we have now opened sign-ups to the Delivery Team for 3Generate 2026, which returns to the NEC from 2-4 October 2026.

See the link below to sign up. We have now transitioned from iKnowChurch, meaning all volunteers will need to create an account on EventsAir, our new event management platform. We are confident that this new platform will make signing up and sharing your details with us much easier, but please let us know if you have any feedback or questions.

This year's theme, On The Way, reminds us that everyone—children, young people and adults—are travelling with God. By volunteering, you help create the welcoming, faith filled spaces where those journeys begin and continue. As a volunteer, you'll make a real impact, as you support children and young people as they explore faith in accessible ways, and experience the joy, energy and community that make 3Generate so special. Step out On The Way with us—volunteer at 3Generate 2026 - and walk with children and young people as they take their next steps on their way with God.

Sign up here:

<https://phproductions.eventsair.com/3gen2026/volunteering/Site/Register>

We can't wait to welcome you back to 3Generate

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](#)

[Click to watch any of our services again, or refer your friends and families to our services](#)

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