

Good Morning Church - 3rd May 2026 - 5th of Easter

Sometimes our lectionary surprises us. Last week we looked at the first part of Jesus telling us about the Good Shepherd. Without looking I naturally assumed that this week we'd be looking at the second part of that reading, having dealt with Jesus being the gate and moved on to the next great "I am" statement. Instead we have fast forwarded to John 14, and a very familiar reading oft chosen for funerals, where Jesus tells a very frightened group of disciples, in fear of their own deaths at the hands of the authorities. "In my Father's house there are many mansions." Jesus giving them comfort at a time of trouble.

So here are 2 questions to ponder before hearing the word this Sunday:-

- *"What does it really mean, for you, to trust Jesus as 'the way' in your everyday life?"*
- *"If Jesus is 'the way, the truth, and the life,' what might you need to let go of in order to follow more closely?"*

Have a great Sunday.

With every blessing,

Phillip

Sunday Services - 5th of Easter

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Rev'd Ruth & Mr Neil Eldridge - Holy Communion

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Martyn Sanders

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

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

[Lectionary readings](#)

The streaming this Sunday will be from St John's.

[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 – 10th May 2026 – 6th of Easter

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Mrs Wendy Werrell - Tea Church

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Mary Jolly - Holy Communion (Stream Source)

Ledbury - 6pm: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Iona Style Worship

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

[Lectionary readings](#)

Action of the Week - Take Action with Defend Our Juries

Our friend Revd David Hardman has suggested this one to Angie as our Action of the Week: Please consider signing this petition.

Your rights and freedoms in the UK are under attack.

From the UK Government's plans to severely restrict jury trials, to judges removing legal defences in activist trials, and the Home Office criminalising protest groups - the British justice system is being weaponised to serve corporate interests against our democracy and civil liberties.

The unlawful ban on Palestine Action was not an accident, it is part of a strategic effort for the UK government to be able to ban whichever group they don't agree with. If we do not oppose our government's attempts to corrupt UK law, who will they choose to ban next? Trade Unions? Striking workers? Peaceful marches?

Thousands came together on April 11th - Everyone Day - to demand an end to this madness. Will you now join the next stage of this fight for our rights and freedoms?

Sign the form on this page and let us know how you'd like to get involved.

In unity, not uniformity.

*Please note that some of these actions may come with legal risks and potential consequences, but there's no reason to suspect that signing the form itself is a crime. Legal briefings and ongoing support are offered by Defend Our Juries and supporting organisations, to help ensure you are informed prior to taking any action.

Read more [here](#).

There is a Network of Methodist Activists that send emails to each other each week. If you would like to know more, please ask Phil for an introduction to the group.

Coming Up This Week

Monday 4th:

Bank Holiday - So no Place of Welcome at Ledbury

Tuesday 5th:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Wednesday 6th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

Thursday 7th:

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

Friday 8th:

St John's - 2:30pm - Bible Study

St John's - 7pm - Singing for Fun

Saturday 9th:

2:30pm - Omega House Group meet at Beryl's (change of venue)

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

Sunday 10th:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home 5th of Easter

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 3rd May 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 22/4/26](#)

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 30/4/26](#)

Hereford Prayer Walk - Saturday 16th May

Please click [here](#) for more information about the Hereford Prayer walk on 16th May – for all churches and Christians

Family in need of a cooker

We've been made aware of a local family who are in need of a cooker. If you're able to help in any way, please do let me know.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

Tara Campbell - LEAF Administrator & PA taracampbell@leafledbury.com

Churches Ministerial Counselling Service

Recruiting New Trustees (April 2026)

The Churches' Ministerial Counselling Service (CMCS) is seeking new Trustees to strengthen its Board as we enter an exciting phase of growth and development. If you have skills in finance, accountancy, or legal compliance, and a heart for supporting ministers and their families across the UK, we would love to hear from you.

Please [**see the attached **](#)for more information.

Walk this May

May is a great time to get moving, enjoy the outdoors and look after your wellbeing, and Walk This May is all about encouraging people to do just that.

Walking is one of the easiest ways to be active, and you don't need special equipment or lots of experience to take part. Whether you want to move a bit more, boost your mood or meet new people, walking can be a simple first step.

If you'd like to walk with others, Herefordshire's Wellbeing Walks offer a friendly and supportive way to get involved. These free, regular group walks take place all across the county and are led by experienced Ramblers Wellbeing Walks leaders along tried and tested routes. Walks are taken at a steady pace and over easy ground, making them suitable for most people. Walking with others means you'll feel supported and safe along the way, and many walks finish with a cup of tea or coffee and time for a chat. There's no need to book, just turn up at the starting point 10 - 15 minutes before the walk begins and join in.

This May, why not step outside and give a local wellbeing walk a try? To find a local walk near you, visit the [Talk Community Directory 'What's On' calendar](#).

Get out and about this May with Community Action Ledbury

Community Action Ledbury has a full programme of minibus trips, meals and days out planned for May 2026, with something to suit a wide range of interests.

Trips this month include relaxed community lunches, shopping visits, scenic outings and cultural events. Highlights range from meals at local pubs and cafés, to a canal boat trip, a steam railway journey through the Brecon Beacons, a visit to Malvern Retail Park, and a classical concert at Malvern Priory. There's also a full day out to Yarpole and Ludlow later in the month. Many trips include transport by minibus from Ledbury, helping people get out and about, meet others and enjoy a day out without the worry of travel.

Bookings can be made by phone on 01531 635339 (Monday to Friday, 9:00am–1:30pm), in person at the Community Action Ledbury office at 4b Hill House, Bye Street, Ledbury, or by post using a booking form. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or card.

For full details of dates, costs and availability, contact [Community Action Ledbury](#) directly.

Dementia Action Week at Hereford Meeting Centre

Dementia Action Week is a national awareness week that shines a light on dementia, challenges stigma and encourages people to take positive action to support those affected.

This year, Hereford Meeting Centre is marking Dementia Action Week by opening its doors to the public with a special open day on Monday 18 May, 11.30am–2.30pm, at St John's Church, St Owen's Street, Hereford.

The open day is a chance to find out what a Meeting Centre is, meet the team and members, and get a feel for the activities and support on offer. There will be fun activities, information and advice, light refreshments, and time to chat with others who have personal or professional experience of dementia. The event is open to everyone, including people living with dementia, carers, family members, professionals and anyone who wants to learn more. No booking is required.

To find out more about dementia, memory loss and local support available in Herefordshire, visit the [Dementia and Memory Loss page](#) on the Talk Community Directory.

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](#)

There is a batch of work to be done now, and if you are not mobile, but could do some work at home, we could bring the stuff to you and then take it to the County Archives for you. Basically, its going through boxes of files, then according to the criteria in the Archive Manual, discerning what needs to be kept, indexing it and then it can go to the county archives. Its a slow burn job, not a rush.

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

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Church Administrator - Ledbury Methodist Church

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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](#)

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

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