

Good Morning Church - 16th August 2026 - 20th in Ordinary Time

This Sunday as we gather for worship we continue our journey through Ordinary Time.

Our readings take us into some challenging territory. In Genesis, Joseph is finally reunited with his brothers – the very brothers who had sold him into slavery. Yet instead of revenge, Joseph offers reconciliation and a promise of care: "God sent me before you to preserve life."

In Romans, Paul reminds us that God's gifts and calling are not withdrawn. And in Matthew, we meet the Canaanite woman who refuses to be turned away. She persists in asking Jesus for help, and in doing so challenges the boundaries of who belongs. Jesus eventually responds, "Woman, great is your faith!"

Perhaps the thread running through all three readings is that **God's grace is wider than the boundaries we sometimes put around it**. As our Collect puts it, God is the one "to whose table all are invited and in whose kingdom no one is a stranger."

"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." – Romans 11:29

It has been another very hot week, and with the heatwave continuing, please do look after yourselves. Drink plenty, keep cool, take things slowly and, if you need to, **rest without feeling guilty about it!** There is wisdom in recognising when we need to stop.

And perhaps that is something we can bring with us into worship too: no need to arrive with everything sorted, everything understood or everything together. Come as you are. There is a place for you at God's table.

Every Blessing Phil

Sunday Services - 20th in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Mr Chris Ottershaw

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Holy Communion (Stream Source)

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Ruth & Mr Neil Eldridge - Holy Communion

St John's - 4pm: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Tea Church

[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 – 23rd August 2026 – 21st in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Mrs Linda Williams

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Kath Baldwin - Safeguarding Sunday

St John's - 10:30am: Dr Gillian & Mr Stephen Chowns (Stream Source)

[Lectionary readings](#)

Where is Phil?

Phil will be on annual leave from Saturday 22nd August to 1st September.

Action of the Week - HOPE School July newsletter

Hope school in Bethlehem is one of our Circuit Charities and I hope to visit there in November. St John's has recently sent them a donation and Ledbury has one on it's way.

This week, take a moment to read their newsletter and in particular Simon's Story, and please pray for Simon and the school.

[Hope School Newsletter July 2026](#)

Coming Up This Week

Monday 17th:

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

Tuesday 18th:

Ledbury - 2:30pm - Bible Study

Wednesday 19th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

Thursday 20th:

Friday 21st:

Saturday 22nd:

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

St John's - 2:30pm - 5pm - 90th Birthday celebration for John and Ruth. Look in at any time for a cuppa and a piece of cake!

Sunday 23rd:

Services as listed above

August InTouch Magazine

Some folks had a problem with the link for the August InTouch Magazine, I have generated a new link.

[August 2026 InTouch](#)

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 20

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 16th August 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 12/8/26](#)

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 13/8/26](#)

Methodist Prayer Handbooks

Methodist Prayer Handbooks for the coming year are now with the co-ordinator at each of the churches (Rosi for St Johns, Jane for Bromyard and Brian for Ledbury) so do make sure to collect (and pay!) for yours.

Something to Think About

There is a new reflection on our Devotions page on the website. Please take a look [here](#).

Season of Creation celebration at Belmont Abbey

There is a Season of Creation event being run by Belmont Abbey and CAFOD on 1 September starting at 10:15 at Belmont Abbey. All are welcome to celebrate creation and have fellowship!

Many thanks,

***Emma Wright *County Ecumenical Officer, Churches Together in Herefordshire**

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Work on front door at Ledbury

The work on the front door to improve access at Ledbury Methodist Church is due to take place from Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 4th September. No room bookings will be taken during these dates and we ask that where possible please do not visit the Church on these days unless absolutely necessary.

Faith-Rooted Community Organising 2-day course

Are you interested in how Faith-Rooted Community Organising could help your church to build relationships with the community, develop new leaders, grow as a congregation, or establish a new Christian community?

The next residential Faith-Rooted Community Organising Course is running at Yarnfield Park on 30th October – 1st November, and there are still opportunities to join. The 2-day course is free to attend, including meals. The course is interactive, with worship, learning and community building, and participants have the chance to leave with a certificate in Community Organising. You can join as a small group from a church or circuit, with the chance to learn, explore and plan together.

In this course, we will explore what's distinctive about faith-rooted community organising, and how it is grounded in who we are as a people of Christian faith; rooted and centred in God, in our practices of prayer and worship, and in the way we live out and share our faith.

By the end of this course, you will:

- Better understand the Faith-Rooted Community Organising process.
- Understand the importance of listening in building relationships.
- Better understand power and power dynamics.
- Have explored moving from listening to action.
- Have considered your own next steps in Faith-Rooted Community Organising.

Who is this course for?

- People who want to develop, or are already nurturing a new Christian community within their circuit or district.
- People who want to explore how FRCO can help strengthen their local church or circuit, and to build effective relationships and collaborations in their local communities.
- People who feel called to justice-seeking and transformation within their local communities and beyond."

Find out more and book your place here: [Faith-Rooted Community Organising - The Methodist Church](#)

New learning events

As part of [**Place for Hope's**](#) new strategy, they are offering a host of new learning events, free to partners, which means free to MCiGB members! Therefore, please do consider if you may like to attend any of the events at this link [Buy tickets – Place for Hope](#) , and all being well, book your free place!

Please also be invited to share this invitation within your networks.

(Tickets are available to those outside of the MCIGB, for a fee)

Connexional Economic Justice Listening Session

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*Can you help to build more economic justice across the Methodist Church? *A working group looking at how the distribution of resources for Mission and Ministry can be fairer and more in line with our justice-seeking across the Connexion is hosting online listening sessions to hear your thoughts. Sign up to join the first one next Monday 24th August 7-8pm: [Connexional Economic Justice - The Methodist Church](#)

Sign up to volunteer at 3Generate now!

Join us On The Way – Sign up to volunteer at 3Generate now!

3Generate is back this October, join one of our volunteer teams now! With roles for all ages, abilities and skillsets, there is truly something for everyone.

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.

Find out more about volunteering and sign up on our [website](#).

WhatsApp Groups

Each of our churches 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 12 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

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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](#)

[August 2026 InTouch](#)

[Preaching Plan](#)

[Our website](#)

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[Gallery - Ledbury Methodist Art Project](#)