

Good Morning Church - 30th August 2026 - 22nd in Ordinary Time

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This Sunday is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – and also the first Sunday of Creation Time, when churches around the world are encouraged to celebrate God's good creation and reflect on our calling to care for the world in which we live.

Our readings give us plenty to think about.

In Exodus, Moses encounters God in the extraordinary sight of a burning bush that isn't consumed. He hears God calling him to a task that seems far beyond anything he feels ready for. Moses asks, in effect, "Who am I to do this?" Yet God promises to be with him.

Paul's words in Romans bring things down to earth. Rather than giving us a list of complicated rules, he offers some wonderfully practical advice about what Christian love looks like: genuine love, generosity, hospitality, patience, compassion and refusing to repay evil with evil.

And in Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples that following him is not always going to be easy. It means putting love into practice even when it costs us something.

Perhaps one simple phrase can hold all three readings together:

"Let love be genuine." – Romans 12:9

Genuine love isn't just something we feel. It shows itself in how we treat people, how we respond to those who disagree with us, how we welcome strangers, how we care for one another – and how we care for God's creation.

As Creation Time begins, perhaps that's a useful challenge for us: What would genuine love look like in the way I live this week?

And after the extraordinary heat we've experienced this summer, perhaps caring for creation feels a little less abstract than it sometimes does! As always, please take care of yourselves too and remember that sometimes stopping, resting and simply enjoying the world around us is a very good thing to do.

Every blessing,

Phil

Sunday Services - 22nd in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Mr Chris Ottershaw

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Nigel Williams (Stream Source)

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Paul Gill

[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 – 6th September 2026 – 23rd in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

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

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

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

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

[Lectionary readings](#)

Where is Phil?

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

Action of the Week - Read the Blog - "It is never too late" — voices from the climate frontline

Hope in spite of Super El Niño

[The Amos Climate Fellowship](#) supports women activists and land defenders in Mexico and Central America.

"The truth is that Super El Niño is really affecting us," says Silvia Argueta from El Salvador, one of fourteen women who took part in our latest Climate Fellowship meeting this June.

Stories of Hope

Their stories, gathered from across five countries, describe strikingly similar scenes: coffee plantations scorched so badly they looked chemically sprayed, mangrove nurseries destroyed by waterspouts, entire communities choosing not to plant this year for fear of losing everything. In El Salvador, Silvia's family lost saplings they'd just planted — but only after rationing their own water use to try to save them.

"I was left devastated... The truth is, I was terrified. Nothing like this has ever been seen before," says Litzy Picado, describing the drought in Nicaragua's Jinotega region — usually one of the coolest parts of the country.

Building Solutions

But alongside the fear, there's resolve. Fellowship participants are already building solutions of their own: emergency communication systems for communities cut off by hurricanes, mangrove restoration on Costa Rica's coast, mycelium-based soil recovery to help plants survive prolonged drought.

As Litzy puts it: *"We have to find a solution, or at least try."*

This is a story about climate change without borders — about what it means when the rains simply don't come, and about the women leading the response.

Read the full blog to hear all fourteen stories, in their own words.

[READ THE BLOG](#)

Coming Up This Week

Monday 31st:

Tuesday 1st:

Wednesday 2nd:

Ledbury: Building Work on Front Door - please do not visit the Church unless absolutely necessary

Bromyard: 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

Thursday 3rd:

Ledbury: Building Work on Front Door - please do not visit the Church unless absolutely necessary

Friday 4th:

Ledbury: Building Work on Front Door - please do not visit the Church unless absolutely necessary

Saturday 5th:

Ledbury: 9am - Women's Breakfast Fellowship

St John's: 10am - 12pm - Place of Welcome, 3pm - 5pm - Tea in the Garden at Pat and Roy's

Sunday 6th:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 22

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 30th August 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

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

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 27/8/26](#)

EAPPI Talk - Tuesday 6th October

EYE-WITNESS

Stories from Israel and the West Bank

Come and hear first-hand from Brad Baker, served as a human rights monitor in East Jerusalem and the West Bank in 2025

What is daily life under occupation really like?

What is the Israeli peace movement doing?

What can be done to promote a just peace in Israeli-occupied Palestine?

****Tuesday 6 October at 7.30pm *(tea/coffee from 7.15)*****

Event Poster can be viewed [here](#)

Hosted by Hereford PSC

Friends Meeting House

21 King Street

Hereford HR4 9BX

Free Event - ALL WELCOME!

Fairtrade Palestinian goods will be available to buy (including Zaytoun olive oil) - cash sales only

For more information about the programme please visit: www.eyewitnessblogs.com

The Hereford Mysteries - 23rd & 24th October 2026

This is the final production as part of Hereford Cathedral's Year of Storytelling and features the recorded voice of Sir David Suchet CBE.

The production is a sweeping retelling of the Bible's story from Genesis to Revelation, from creation to new creation.

Set within the awe-inspiring space of Hereford Cathedral and driven by a powerful soundtrack, this epic production brings to life God's story of hope, love, and

redemption in a bold and breath taking new way and is the perfect way of introducing someone to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Tickets cost £10. Group discount applies - purchase ten tickets receive your 11th for free.

[The Hereford Mysteries at Hereford Cathedral](#)

This production is sponsored by The Friends of Hereford Cathedral and Hereford Cathedral Theatre Angels.

Start of the Connexional Year Reflections from the President, the Revd Mark Slaney

"I invite you to contemplate deeply what solidarity you and the church to which you belong both practice, and might be called to practice, in local contexts and in relation to the cries for justice and mercy worldwide."

The President, the Revd Mark Slaney reflects on the start of the Connexional Year in this special address.

[Read Mark's reflection here.](#)

Recruiting a Superintendent Minister for The Methodist Church, Hong Kong

The Methodist Church Hong Kong is looking for a Superintendent minister for the Methodist International Church Hong Kong from 1 September 2027. The application deadline is 25 September 2026. Full details can be found at [this link](#). Could MCB applicants please note that in order to serve in Hong Kong they would need to seek permission from a Stationing Advisory Panel to serve another Church.

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](#)

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