

Good Morning Church - 6th September 2026 - 23rd in Ordinary Time

Good Morning Church,

Welcome to a new Methodist year!

This Sunday is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, but for us as Methodists it also marks a new beginning. Across the Connexion, new ministers are beginning new appointments, churches and circuits are welcoming new colleagues, and others are taking a step back from active ministry after years of faithful service. So, as we look ahead to another Methodist year, we give thanks for all who have served, pray for those beginning something new, and remember with gratitude those who have recently "sat down".

Our readings this Sunday have plenty to say about what it means to live together as God's people.

In Exodus, we hear the story of the Passover – a people preparing to leave behind what has been and begin a new journey. Psalm 149 calls God's people to sing, praise and rejoice together. Paul, writing to the Romans, brings everything down to one wonderfully simple command: **"Owe no one anything, except to love one another."** And in Matthew, Jesus speaks about the difficult business of relationships – what happens when things go wrong between us, and how we seek reconciliation rather than simply walking away.

Perhaps that makes a particularly good combination of readings for the beginning of a new Methodist year. There will be new journeys, new relationships, new opportunities and, inevitably, new challenges. But underneath it all is that simple calling: to love one another, to listen, to forgive, to work things out, and to discover Christ present among us.

I love the way Paul puts it:

"Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

— Romans 13:10

That feels like a pretty good motto for the year ahead!

So this Sunday, let's give thanks for the Methodist Church in all its wonderfully varied places and people. Let's pray for those beginning new appointments and new chapters, for churches welcoming new ministers, and for those whose active ministry

has come to an end. And let's pray for ourselves too – that whatever this new Methodist year brings, we might be ready to recognise where God is calling us next.

A new year. A new chapter. And, as ever, the same God who goes with us.

Have a wonderful Sunday, and every blessing for the week ahead.

Phil

Sunday Services - 23rd in Ordinary Time

This 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](#)

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 – 13th September 2026 – 24th in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Rev'd David Hall

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Peter Grimwood (Stream Source)

Ledbury - 6pm: Mrs Caroline Warrey - Iona Style Worship

St John's - 10:30am: Mr Keith White

[Lectionary readings](#)

Action of the Week - consider donating to the nepal floods appeal

Massive flash floods have swept through communities on the Nepal-Tibet border. At least 1000 people have been killed. More than 3900 are missing. Homes have been destroyed, roads swamped and bridges swept away.

The time to act is now.

Christian Aid partners are already responding. Your support helps them go further, faster.

What's happening in Nepal and Tibet?

On 26 August 2026, a devastating flash flood occurred in the Bhote Koshi River. This was created by a powerful surge of water and debris from upstream, reportedly caused by a landslide. There are fears that further floods could cause more destruction.

Entire areas have been cut off. Travel has been brought to a halt in parts of the country. More than 3900 people are missing, including workers, tourists and pilgrims. Families urgently need clean water, food, shelter and medical care.

Rescue and evacuation operations are underway, but remote communities remain cut off, and local authorities are struggling to cope with the scale of the disaster.

[Donate and help us reach families with shelter, food and medical care.](#)

How Christian Aid is responding to the floods

We're releasing emergency funds to our trusted partners in Nepal.

Our partners are involved in the relief efforts now. They're ensuring that support is going to communities most in need – especially with emergency shelter, food, water and sanitation, and other vital support.

Donate and support people in need in the coming weeks and months.

Prayer for Communities Affected by Flooding in Nepal and Tibet

Communities across Nepal and Tibet are facing devastating loss following floods triggered by a glacier collapse in the Himalayan border region. In these early stages of rescue and relief, the situation is changing rapidly, but hundreds of people are known to have died, many more remain missing, and thousands of lives have been

disrupted. Local residents, pilgrims and international visitors are among those affected.

The scale and speed of the flooding swept away bridges, damaged roads and cut off communities, making rescue efforts and access to affected areas particularly difficult. Churches across the region are responding, assessing relief needs and preparing response plans as rescue efforts continue. As we hold those affected in prayer, the disaster also reminds us of the growing risks faced by communities in the Himalayas, where shrinking glaciers and a changing climate are contributing to greater environmental instability and making sudden and destructive floods more likely.

Prayer for Nepal and Tibet

Loving God,

We pray for all those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Be near to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and to all who wait in uncertainty for news of family and friends.

Hold close those whose homes, livelihoods and communities have been swept away, and all who are shocked, displaced or afraid.

Strengthen rescue workers, local communities, churches and all who are searching, serving and offering care in the midst of this crisis.

Grant courage and resilience to those waiting for news, facing uncertainty, and fearing the days ahead.

As we witness the growing fragility of creation, renew our commitment to care for one another and for the earth of which we are a part.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Coming Up This Week

Monday 7th:

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

Ledbury - 2pm - Film Afternoon, Wellbeing Art Group

Tuesday 8th:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Wednesday 9th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

Thursday 10th:

Ledbury - 12noon - 2pm - Lunch Club

Friday 11th:

St John's - 7pm - Singing for Fun

Saturday 12th:

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

Sunday 13th:

Services as listed above

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.](#)

Message from Roy Little

Hi Phil, In good morning church can you mention that parking for our Tea in the Garden will be in car park B of the College. Thanks. Roy

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 23

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 6th September 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

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

September InTouch

September InTouch is coming, we will print it on Saturday, and hopefully it will be in your churches on Sunday, and emailed out on Saturday.

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 3/9/26](#)

Don't be afraid! Christmas resources are coming soon

This year's Advent and Christmas resources from The Methodist Church help us share with our churches and communities the angel's words: "Don't be afraid". Together we recognise the presence of God in the midst of frightening times. Yes, the world is a scary place. Yes, life is hard. We are not alone. Sign up for one of the Christmas webinars [here](#) – choose 8th September or 15th October – and get a sneak peek of the resources at methodist.org.uk/christmasresources.

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

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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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