

Good Morning Church - 27th September 2026 - 26th in Ordinary Time

Good Morning Church,

This Sunday is **Harvest Festival at St John's and at Ledbury**, when we pause to give thanks for the food that sustains us and for all the people whose work makes that food possible.

Harvest can sometimes feel like a rather quaint tradition – sheaves of corn, vegetables, flowers and tins of food decorating the church – but behind all of it are some very real and important questions. Where does our food come from? Who grows it? What pressures are our farmers facing? And what about those in our own communities who don't have enough food to put on the table?

This year at St John's we'll be bringing our Harvest gifts to support **Hereford Foodbank**, and we'll also be hearing from **We Are Farming Minds** about the wellbeing and mental health of people working in Herefordshire's farming community.

At Bromyard, we will welcome back Deacon Angie Allport to lead our Anniversary Service.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday give us some interesting connections. In Exodus, the Israelites find themselves in the wilderness without water, and Moses cries out to God on their behalf. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus challenges people to look beyond simply saying the right thing and instead to put their faith into action. And Paul's words to the Philippians remind us of the importance of looking beyond ourselves and considering the needs of others.

One sentence from Philippians seems particularly appropriate for Harvest:

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

Perhaps that is a good Harvest prayer for us. We give thanks for what we have received, we remember those who have worked to provide it, and then we ask how we can share what we have with others.

So, as we celebrate Harvest and Church Anniversary, let's bring our gratitude, our generosity and our concern for others – and perhaps leave with a renewed appreciation for something as ordinary, and as extraordinary, as the food on our plates.

Every blessing,

Phil

Sunday Services - 26th in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pmm: Deacon Angie Allport - Church Anniversary

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

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Harvest Festival (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 – 4th October 2026 – 27th in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Mr Tony Pitt

Ledbury - 10:30am: Mrs Linda Williams

Ledbury - 2:30pm: Mr Brian Hudson - Relaxed

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Martyn Sanders (Stream Source)

[Lectionary readings](#)

Action of the Week - Thinking about ethical finance

In a special collaboration between BRF Ministries and the [JustMoney Movement](#), Sarah Edwards highlights some key ethical questions in her upcoming reflections for [Guidelines](#). We have posted an extract on the BRF blog, and the full set of reflections are available as a free download. Sarah writes:

'We are directly connected to the wider financial system and its harms in many ways. Many of our high street banks lend to and invest in companies involved in nuclear weapons, fossil fuels, gambling, and tax avoidance. Trillions of pounds are invested through our pension funds in fossil fuel expansion, deforestation, and other harmful activities, shaping a future we might not want to retire into.' What might God be saying to you about your attitude towards money and how it shapes your relationship with others and the world God has made?'

[Read the article](#)

[Download a free sampler of the series](#)

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,

** for the rights of all who are destitute.**

Speak up and judge fairly;

** defend the rights of the poor and needy.**

Proverbs 31:8–9 (NIV)

Coming Up This Week

Monday 28th:

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

Tuesday 29th:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Ledbury - 2pm - Bible Study

Wednesday 30th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

Thursday 1st:

Friday 2nd:

Saturday 3rd:

Ledbury - 9am - Women's Breakfast Fellowship

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

Sunday 4th:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 26

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 27th September 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 23/9/26](#)

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 24/9/26](#)

Black History Month

Each October [Black History Month](#) provides an opportunity to recognise, celebrate and better understand the contributions, experiences and history of Black people in Britain.

You can find resources from CTBI, including a sermon by Richard Reddie, Director of Justice and Inclusion, [here](#).

Homelessness Sunday

Homelessness Sunday 2026 takes place on 4 October,

You can find resources, including prayers and reflections, on the [Housing Justice website](#).

Youth President and Conference Representative Elections:

Voting is open to all children and young people aged 8 to 18, whether or not they are attending 3Generate.

- Voting for those not attending 3Generate closes on 1st October.
- Voting for 3Generate attendees opens at 9:00am on 3rd October and remains available during the event.

How to vote:

If attending 3Generate:

- Vote through the 3Generate app, or
- Visit the Town Hall to cast your vote.

If not attending 3Generate:

- A church or circuit leader should email [Dilly Onyeka](#) to request voting information.

Full voting instructions are available on the webpage below:

[Elections & Voting - The Methodist Church](#)

Responding to anti-migrant protests

This article explores how churches and communities can respond to anti-migrant protests while supporting those affected.

Read it [** here **](#):

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](#)

[September 2026 InTouch](#)

[Preaching Plan](#)

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