

Good Morning Church - 11th October 2026 - 28th in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we gather around a rather extraordinary invitation.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus tells a story about a king who prepares a wedding feast. The food is ready, the invitations have gone out — but not everyone who is invited wants to come. So the invitation is widened, and the servants are sent out to invite everyone they can find.

It is quite a story!

And perhaps there is something here for all of us. We can be so busy, distracted or anxious about other things that we miss the invitations God is placing before us. Yet God's invitation keeps coming: come, join the feast, receive the gift, share in the joy.

Paul gives us another part of the picture in Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always." He goes on to speak about gentleness, prayer, thanksgiving and the peace of God which guards our hearts and minds.

And that seems particularly appropriate for those of us who gather around the Communion table this Sunday.

We don't come because we have everything sorted out. We come because we are invited.

At Communion we receive bread and wine — simple gifts which remind us of God's extraordinary generosity in Christ. And then, having been fed, we are sent out again to live as people shaped by that grace.

So perhaps this Sunday we might ask ourselves:

What invitation from God am I noticing?

What am I grateful for?

And how might I carry the joy and peace of God's table with me into the week ahead?

Whatever the week has brought, there is a place for us at Christ's table.

See you on Sunday,

Phil

Sunday Services - 28th in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Holy Communion

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Dan Bishop - Holy Communion (Stream Source)

Ledbury - 6pm: Dr Gillian & Mr Stephen Chowns - Taizé Style Worship

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

[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 – 18th October 2026 – 29th in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Rev'd Richard Wilde - Harvest Festival

Ledbury - 10:30am: Mrs Wendy Werrell (Stream Source)

St John's - 10:30am: Mr Tony Taylor - Tea Church

[Lectionary readings](#)

Where is Phil

Phil will be on annual leave from 13th to the 23rd October, returning to work on the 24th and services on the 25th.

Some News Updates that missed the magazine

A few updates:-

CYP Worker for Bromyard and Ledbury

Following the receipt of a grant from the West Midlands District we are in the process of on boarding a Children's and Young Persons worker for Bromyard and Ledbury. 15 hours a week, fully funded from a DAF grant. Once we have done the preliminaries with our successful interviewee, we will let you know more information and a start date. Please pray for our new CYP worker and that the on boarding goes smoothly, and Praise the Lord!

NPNP Worker for the Circuit (Initially Hereford & Bromyard)

You know that joke about buses, waiting days for one, then two arrive! Well, we have also been granted an NPNP (New Places for New People) Worker for the circuit initially to work in Hereford St Johns and Bromyard. This work is particularly for building community amongst those with additional needs.

The vacancy is shown in our vacancy information at the bottom of this email and also [here](#). If you know of anyone that might be suitable for this role please do let them know, or if you want to apply yourself, all the information you need is on the web page.

Relaxed Service - Ledbury

At Ledbury's Church Council this week, we discerned that the current season of Relaxed Service has come to an end, and will cease immediately. If a need for this service arises again in the future we can re-start it. The original need for a service such as this was to cover a group of people that were not able to get to church on the mornings.

If folk are not able to access communion, please do ask your Pastoral Visitor and we will make the necessary arrangements,

Action of the Week - Time to ACT

The Methodist Church (via our friend Dave) is a founder member of the Just Peace Coalition, which has its tag line as Time to Act: A Just Peace for all who call the Holy Land Home.

Across Palestine and Israel, communities are living through devastating violence, loss and injustice. Palestinian Christians have called on the global Church to respond not with silence or despair, but with courage, compassion, and action.

The Just Peace Coalition brings together churches and Christian organisations across the UK to respond to that call. Together, we are inviting individuals, churches, and communities to commit to working and praying for a just peace for all who call the Holy Land home.

This is not simply a moment of awareness. It is time to act.

By adding your name, you are joining a growing movement of people committed to listening, learning, living differently, and taking action for justice, accountability, and peace.

To add your name or to read more visit their webpage at <https://justpeacecoalition.com/>

This week there is a new action called for: <https://justpeacecoalition.com/act/>

In particular on the Act page you will find template letters to send to your Church Leader (Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler - not Phil!), [information to read](#) and [videos to watch](#). The video is of Beit Sahour, one of the places Phil will visit early December).

Coming Up This Week

Monday 12th:

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

Tuesday 13th:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Wednesday 14th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

Thursday 15th:

St John's - 2:30pm - River House Group, 3pm - Rose Garden Group

Friday 16th:

Bromyard - 11am - 'On the Way' Bible Study

Saturday 17th:

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

Sunday 18th:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 28

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 11th October 2026](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 7/10/26](#)

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 8/10/26](#)

Preaching Availability – January to March 2027

Please can Local Preachers and Worship Leaders provide their availability for the next preaching plan using the Chrestos Cloud System by the deadline of **25th October 2026**. You can access the system [here](#) and will need your username and password that you were given previously. If you have any difficulties or need a reminder of your log in details, please email [Lynne](#).

'on the Way' Bible Study - Bromyard Methodist Church

The 'On the Way' Bible Study is starting this Friday, 9th October for 7 weeks at 11.00am - 12.30pm, excluding 30th October. This will be led by Rev Ruth and Neil Eldridge at Bromyard Methodist Church.

Tea and Talk - 29th October and 26th November, 2:30pm

For more information see [here](#)

LEAF - Wellspring events

Please see these links for information about events being held at The Wellspring just outside Ledbury:

Quiet Day - [Come, All Who Thirst](#) - 23rd October

Guided Retreat - [The Throne of Grace](#) - 6th November

Art & Crafts Workshop - [Christmas Wreath Making Day 1](#) - 27th November

Arts & Crafts Workshop - [Christmas Wreath Making Day 2](#) - 28th November

Teaching and Ministry Day - [Hope and Healing](#) - A day of support for the bereaved - 4th December

Advent Retreat - [The Meaning is in the Waiting](#) - 18th December

Opportunity - be a member of the Discerning Ordained Vocation (DOV2) committee

We are in need of members for the DOV2 Committee, particularly lay people. If you feel called to be a member of this committee, please e-mail candidates@methodistchurch.org.uk

Opportunity – Discerning Ordained Vocation (DOV) - Become an accompanist

We are seeking to recruit volunteers as Accompanists to all people exploring vocation and candidates for Ordained Ministry from across the Methodist Connexion.

An accompanist provides an ongoing relationship, conversation and reflection space, is alert to and sensitive to cultural differences and will seek to affirm the person throughout the processes whatever the outcome.

[For more information, click here.](#)

Opportunity – Discerning Ordained Vocation (DOV) - Portfolio Readers

Do you know anyone, lay or ordained, who has gifts in assessing written, video and creative work? If so, please encourage them to apply to be a 'reader' of candidates' portfolios.

Those who do this work each year speak of the privilege they feel at having this insight into the discernment journeys of those Candidating for ministry. The work of 'reading' the portfolios and writing reports on them is carried out between the third week of November and the first week of January each year. Reports are moderated by the group of readers, so this is supportive and collaborative ministry. The group also gather together for a day of training, review and induction each summer. The [application form](#) can be found on the Methodist Church website.

Opportunity – Discerning Ordained Vocation (DOV) - DOV1 advisory group

There are opportunities for lay and ordained people to serve the Connexion on the Discerning Ordained Vocation 1 Advisory Group. The group operates as a pool of prepared people from which panels of three people are identified to do the work each year. Panels meet all those who are discerning ordained vocation to listen to their call to ordained ministry and discuss this with them. The panels then discern their recommendation for the applicant's next steps which is shared by letter with the applicant, their Superintendent and Chair of District. Care is taken to ensure that there is balance on these panels so that applicants feel they are being fully understood.

It is helpful if those serving on these panels are people who have prior experience either:

- of discerning vocation in others formally or informally at local or Connexional level,
- or of theological training of others.

If you are interested please complete and [return this form fully](#) and return it to candidates@methodistchurch.org.uk

If you apply, please note that you will need to be available for the interviews on 3, 4 and 5 June 2027 and at some online preparation meetings.

This is an opportunity to be part of discernment journeys and those who have been involved in the past have found it to be humbling, fulfilling and a real privilege.

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:-

NPNP Worker - [Bromyard & Hereford](#)

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

Tel 01432 356023

Church Administrator - Ledbury Methodist Church

Tel 01531 598007

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](#)

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