The Methodist Church
Herefordshire (South & East) Circuit

Good Morning Church - 18th October 2026 - 29th in Ordinary Time

Good Morning Church,

I hope you're keeping well and finding a little time to enjoy the autumn colours as the days get shorter and the evenings draw in.

This Sunday is the **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, and our readings invite us to think about our relationship with God, what it means to follow Jesus, and how we use the gifts and resources we've been given.

In **Exodus 33:12–23**, Moses asks God to show him the way forward and to make his presence known. Moses knows that leading God's people is no easy task, and he doesn't want to do it without God alongside him. It's a reminder that we don't have to work everything out on our own. When the way ahead feels uncertain, we can ask God to guide us and trust that we are not travelling alone.

Our psalm, **Psalm 99**, celebrates God as king, holy and just. It reminds us that God's greatness isn't just about power and majesty, but also about justice and righteousness. God cares about how we treat one another, especially those who are vulnerable or overlooked.

In **1 Thessalonians 1:1–10**, Paul gives thanks for the faith, love and hope he sees in the Thessalonian church. Their faith isn't just something they talk about; it shows in how they live and in the example they set for others. It's an encouragement to us, too. The way we live out our faith in our homes, workplaces, communities and churches can speak volumes, often without us needing to say very much at all.

Finally, in **Matthew 22:15–22**, Jesus is challenged with a tricky question about paying taxes to Caesar. His famous response is, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." It's a clever answer, but it also leaves us with a bigger question: if we are made in God's image, what does it mean to give ourselves to God? It's not simply a question about money or what we put in the collection plate. It's about our priorities, our choices, our relationships and the way we use all that God has entrusted to us.

Perhaps this Sunday's readings are asking us to consider where God fits into our everyday lives. Do we turn to God when we need guidance? Does our faith make a difference to the way we treat people? And are we offering God not just a little of what we have, but something of who we are?

One verse to carry with us this week comes from our reading in 1 Thessalonians:

"Your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

(1 Thessalonians 1:3, NIV)

What a lovely reminder that faith, love and hope belong together. Faith gets us moving, love shapes what we do, and hope helps us keep going when things get difficult.

So, as we gather for worship this Sunday, may we be encouraged to trust in God's presence, live out our faith in practical ways, and remember that all we have and all we are can be offered in God's service.

May you have a blessed and joyful Sunday, whether you're joining us in one of our churches or worshipping with us online.

Sunday Services - 29th in Ordinary Time

This 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 Keith White

St John's - 4pm - Rosi & Tony Taylor - 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 – 25th October 2026 – 30th in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Mr Ethan Ottershaw - Tea Church

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey - All Age Worship / Junior Church Anniversary (swap shop after service)

St John's - 10:30am: Ms Lisa-Jayne Lewis (Stream Source)

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.

Action of the Week - Download the Ethical Buying Guide

The Just Money Movement has recently launched a refreshed version of their **Ethical Buying Guide for churches**. This guide is packed with practical ideas to help your church or organisation align its spending with the change you want to see in the world – from buying Fairtrade products, to supporting social enterprises and co-operatives.

Download the Ethical Buying Guide

Coming Up This Week

Monday 19th:

Ledbury - 10:30am - 1pm - Place of Welcome, 2pm - Wellbeing Art Group

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Tuesday 20th:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Wednesday 21st:

Ledbury - 9:45am - Quiet Space

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

Thursday 22nd:

Friday 23rd:

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

Hereford Cathedral - 7:30pm - Hereford Mystery Play

Saturday 24th:

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

Sunday 25th:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 29

The Vine at Home for Sunday 18th October 2026

Ledbury Methodist Notices

Ledbury Methodist Notices 7/10/26

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter for 15/10/26

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.

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

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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

Our website

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Gallery - Ledbury Methodist Art Project