The Methodist Church
Herefordshire (South & East) Circuit

Good Morning Church - 25th October 2026 - 30th in Ordinary Time

Good Morning Church,

I hope you're keeping well. Just a little reminder that the clocks go back an hour this Sunday morning, so we get an extra hour in bed! Do remember to change any clocks that don't do it automatically.

This Sunday is the **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, and our readings invite us to think about love, service and what it means to follow Jesus. They also remind us that our faith isn't just about what we believe or the words we say, but about how we treat others and the difference we make in the world around us.

Our first reading is **Deuteronomy 34:1–12**, which brings us to the end of Moses' story. After leading the Israelites through the wilderness, Moses is allowed to see the Promised Land, even though he won't enter it himself. It's a poignant moment, reminding us that sometimes we do the groundwork for things we may never see completed. We all have a part to play in God's bigger story, and the work we do today may bear fruit long after we've moved on.

Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 reflects on the passing of time and the faithfulness of God. Generations come and go, but God remains our home and our refuge. The psalm also asks God to help us make the most of the time we have, so that our lives and our work might have lasting value. It's a good reminder that, while we can't control everything that happens, we can ask God to help us use the days we're given wisely.

In **1 Thessalonians 2:1–8**, Paul describes how he and his companions shared the good news with the Thessalonians. What stands out is that they didn't simply turn up, deliver a message and disappear again! They cared deeply about the people they met, sharing not only the gospel but their own lives as well. There's a lovely picture here of faith lived out through genuine relationships, kindness and a willingness to walk alongside others.

Then, in **Matthew 22:34–46**, Jesus is asked a question that many of us might recognise: which is the greatest commandment? With so many rules and expectations, where do you start? Jesus brings it all back to two simple but profound instructions: love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself.

Simple to say, perhaps, but not always so easy to put into practice! Loving our neighbour means more than being pleasant to people we get on with. It challenges us to think about those we disagree with, those who are different from us, and those

whose needs are easily overlooked. And loving God isn't just about what happens on a Sunday morning; it should shape how we live throughout the week.

Perhaps the thread running through all these readings is that **a life of faith is a life shaped by love**. Moses leaves a legacy, the psalmist asks God to give meaning to our days, Paul shows his care through his relationships, and Jesus reminds us that love is at the very heart of it all.

A verse to take with us this week comes from our Gospel reading, where Jesus says:

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

(Matthew 22:39, NIV)

It's a familiar verse, but perhaps that's part of the challenge. We've heard it so often that we can forget just how radical it is. What might change in our homes, our churches and our communities if we really tried to see and love others as we would wish to be seen and loved ourselves?

So, as we gather for worship this Sunday, let's ask God to help us make the most of the days we're given, to care for one another as Paul cared for the Thessalonians, and to put Jesus' commandment of love into practice in the ordinary, everyday moments of life.

May you have a blessed and joyful Sunday, whether you're joining us in one of our churches or worshipping with us online. And may God's love guide you, strengthen you and shine through you in the week ahead.

Every blessing,

Phil

Sunday Services - 30th in Ordinary Time

Remember clocks go back an hour this Sunday.

This 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

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 – 1st November 2026 – 31st in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Holy Communion

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

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Roy Crew - Holy Communion (this service will include the opportunity for anyone who wishes to light a candle for someone who's died, it doesn't have to have been in the last year.)

Lectionary readings

Action of the Week - Call for tax justice ahead of next week's budget

The JustMoney Movement is a charity of the Ecumenical Movement for Corporate Responsibility.

Ahead of next week's budget, please read their blog **Tax, Wealth and Justice: a Christian Perspective,** and write to your MP.

https://justmoney.org.uk/blog/tax-wealth-and-justice-a-christian-perspective/

Coming Up This Week

Monday 26th:

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

Tuesday 27th:

Bromyard - 10:30am - Circuit Meeting

Ledbury - 2pm - Bible Study - The Good Samaritan - Neighbours

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Wednesday 28th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

Thursday 29th:

Friday 30th:

Saturday 31st:

St John's - 10am - 12pm - Place of Welcome, 10am - St John's Walking Group meet at Mordiford for a circular walk via The Bunch of Carrots. More details from Mark Jackson.

Sunday 1st:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 30

The Vine at Home for Sunday 25th October 2026

Ledbury Methodist Notices

Ledbury Methodist Notices 21/10/26

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter for 22/10/26

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.

november in Touch Magazine

Unfortunately the November edition of In Touch will not be available this Sunday but hard copies will be available on 1st November and the online version before that.

Something to Think About

There is a new reflection on our Devotions page on the website. Please take a look here.

Art Exhibition - Hereford Cathedral

There is currently an Art Exhibition showing at Hereford Cathedral. The exhibition brings to life the Bible through 21 contemporary portraits of Biblical characters giving the **opportunity to explore the sweeping story of the Bible in a fresh and engaging way**.

You can see a short video of the exhibition here.

It's on until 2nd November and is in the Cathedral Crypt, free entry during normal Cathedral opening hours. Suitable for all ages. More info on the Cathedral Website **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:-

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

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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

October 2026 InTouch

Preaching Plan

Our website

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Gallery - Ledbury Methodist Art Project