The Methodist Church
Herefordshire (South & East) Circuit

Good Morning Church - 1st November 2026 - 31st in Ordinary Time

This Sunday is **All Saints Day**, when we remember those who have gone before us in faith, give thanks for the people who have helped shape our Christian journey, and celebrate the wonderful, diverse family of God that stretches across generations and around the world.

Our readings this week remind us that God's love reaches further than we can imagine, and that being part of God's family is both a gift and a calling.

In **Revelation 7:9-17**, we are given a beautiful picture of a great crowd of people from every nation, tribe, people and language, gathered before God's throne. It is a vision of a family united not by their background or circumstances, but by their worship of God. In a world that so often divides people into groups, what a wonderful reminder that God's vision is much bigger than ours!

Our Psalm, **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**, encourages us to praise God in every circumstance and reminds us that God is close to those who are struggling. Faith doesn't mean that life is always easy, but we can trust that we are not alone in the difficult times.

In **1 John 3:1-3**, we are reminded of the extraordinary gift of being called children of God. We don't have to earn God's love or prove that we deserve a place in the family. We are loved and welcomed, and that love can transform the way we live and the way we treat others.

Finally, in **Matthew 5:1-12**, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes – those wonderful, upside-down blessings that begin his Sermon on the Mount. Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. These aren't necessarily the people the world would consider successful, but Jesus sees them differently. His kingdom turns many of our expectations on their head!

One verse that brings all these readings together is this wonderful reminder from 1 John 3:1:

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

What a thought to carry with us! We are loved by God, we belong to God's family, and we share that family with people from every background and generation. On All Saints Day, we give thanks for those who have shown us what faith looks like, remember those we miss, and consider how we might live out that same love in our own lives today.

So, as we gather this Sunday, let's celebrate the saints who have gone before us, recognise the saints among us today, and remember that we are all part of God's ongoing story of love, hope and grace.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Sunday, whether you're worshipping with us in one of our churches or joining us online. May you know afresh just how much you are loved, and may you carry that love with you into the week ahead.

Every blessing,

Phil

Sunday Services - 31st in Ordinary Time

This 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

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 – 8th November 2026 – 32nd in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Remembrance Sunday

Ledbury - **9:30am**: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Remembrance Sunday

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

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

Lectionary readings

Action of the Week - Tent Of Nations

The Tent of Nationsis a Christian family farm near Bethlehem, owned by the Nassar family since 1916. For decades, they have faced legal challenges, restrictions and threats to their land. Most recently, on 8 October 2026, an Israeli Military Committee rejected their land registration application, placing the future of the farm under renewed threat. The Methodist Church has expressed grave concern about the decision.

Yet the family's response is summed up in the words carved into a stone at the entrance to their farm: "We refuse to be enemies." They are committed to peace, justice and non-violence, refusing to allow hatred to have the final word.

This is a story with a special connection to the Methodist Church. The family received the World Methodist Peace Award in 2017, and the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem, where Revd Dave Hardman works, helps connect Methodists in Britain with Palestinian communities and projects such as the Tent of Nations. Dave has also helped bring the realities of life in Israel and Palestine to young people through 3Generate. At 3Generate this October, Daoud Nassar shared his family's story and offered a message of hope to the next generation, reminding young people that they too can make a difference.

For us, this is more than a story about land thousands of miles away. It challenges us to ask how we respond when people are treated unjustly, how we stand alongside those whose voices are ignored, and how we teach our children and young people to be peacemakers.

As Methodists, we might remember John Wesley's words about being "the friends of all, and the enemies of none." The Nassar family are living out that challenge in extraordinarily difficult circumstances. Their message is simple, but it asks a great deal of us: What might it mean for us, in our own lives and communities, to refuse to be enemies?

The Tent of All Nations is under threat, please consider sending a letter to your MP, such as this:-

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Full Address and Postcode

Dear *Ms/Mr/Dame/Sir Full Name*:

*Introduce yourself with a very brief description of your connection to the Tent of Nations. *

I am writing regarding the denial of the Nassar family's land registration by the Israeli Civil Administration's land registration committee on October 8th, 2026. The family has been engaged in a 35 year long non-violent, legal struggle to register their 100-

acre farm located in Area C outside of Bethlehem in the West Bank: as is required by Israeli law.

The committee rejected the family's application requiring that the Nassar family must register not only its own 427 dunams of land but also all surrounding land belonging to neighboring owners, encompassing approximately 1,000 dunams in total.

This is impossible for them to do as the owners of the other 573 dunams are unknown to them.

I am asking that you contact the Foreign Office and Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband about the Nassar land cases (#3714/2 and 3715/2) and communicate your dismay about this decision and ask them to advocate with the Israeli government for the following:

- The family's right to access and work their land without fearing encroachment from settlers or the military, and
- their right to have their legally documented farm land registered without newly introduced and impossible to meet conditions being imposed.

If you have the opportunity to travel to Israel/Palestine, please consider taking the time to visit the Tent of Nations farm to see the situation for yourself. You can find a detailed summary of the cases here.

Yours Sincerely,

*Full Name *

Coming Up This Week

Monday 2nd:

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

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Tuesday 3rd:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Ledbury - 2pm - Bible Study - The Lost Son - Forgiveness

Ledbury (St Michael's) - 7pm - Service of Welcome and Induction of Rev Canon Sarah Hillman

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Wednesday 4th:

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

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

St John's - 7pm - CTiH Open Meeting

Thursday 5th:

Friday 6th:

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

Saturday 7th:

Ledbury - 9am - Women's Breakfast Fellowship, 9am for 9:15am - Men's Breakfast at The Feathers Hotel (let Simon know if you are attending)

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

Sunday 8th:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 31

The Vine at Home for Sunday 1st November 2026

Ledbury Methodist Notices

Ledbury Methodist Notices 21/10/26

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter for 29/10/26

Conference Reps

Please see here for information on the role of Conference Rep and the amended 2027 application form here.

LEAF EVENTS

LEAF upcoming events as we move towards the Christmas season:

- 31st October – Light Party at St Michael's Parish Church
- 29th November – Advent Party at Ledbury Community Hall
- 23rd December – Christingle making at St Katherine's Hall

Remembrance

The following prayer has been offered by the Chaplain General for use across the Methodist Church as we mark Remembrance Sunday. In this, his final year as Chaplain General before returning to regional Methodist ministry, he invites churches and communities to hold together gratitude, lament and hope as we remember those who have served, those who continue to bear the cost of conflict, and all who long for peace.

You can download a video of the Chaplain General reading the prayer **here.**

God of peace and justice, on this Remembrance Sunday we come before you in gratitude, sorrow and hope.

We remember all who have given their lives in the service of others; those who returned bearing wounds seen and unseen; and all whose lives are still marked by conflict, loss and grief. May our remembering deepen our compassion, renew our commitment to peace, and strengthen our care for all who serve and all who suffer.

Guide your Church to be a people of reconciliation: honest about the cost of war, faithful in prayer, generous in service, and steadfast in seeking the way of Christ's peace.

Warm our hearts with your love and help us to do all the good we can in the cause of justice and peace. Comfort the bereaved, uphold the weary, and lead all nations from darkness into light. In the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our peace.

Amen.

The Revd Canon Michael Parker KHC, Chaplain General to His Majesty's Land Forces

Menopause Awareness month

October marks Menopause Awareness month and on 18 October World Menopause Day, which aims to educate, support, and empower women experiencing menopause while promoting understanding and reducing stigma. In line with this we will be holding the following sessions:-

Monday 2 November 2026 @12.30 - 13.30 (**https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/311551308176989?p=guZAvfxxYkJ6FueBte**) - Menopause awareness session for connexional staff and ministers. You will gain a better understanding of what the menopause and perimenopause is, the symptoms and what support can be put in place.

Monday 16 November 2026 @12.30-13.30 (**https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3421555097939185?p=YN9tme8LRDsJPCAbzf**) – Menopause Awareness sessions for manager and ministers with leadership responsibilities. This is a follow-on session from the first session which aims to provide managers with additional skills and considerations in supporting their team members going through the menopause.

To register your interest please email **wellbeing@methodistchurch.org.uk**

These dates are replacing the previous session due to take place in October 2026.

Encounter Together in Brazil

We're pleased to launch Encounter Together in Brazil. A two-week group pilgrimage for young adults of the Methodist Church in Britain, aged 18–30. From 3-18 July, young adults will travel together in faith, joining in the Methodist Church in Brazil's mission and evangelism programme.

We would appreciate your support in sharing this opportunity widely, and to prayerfully consider whether you may be able to offer any assistance to enable participants in your church, circuit or district to reach their **£500** fundraising target. We expect the full cost to be £2800 per person (including a residential training weekend, travel expenses in Britain, food and accommodation in Brazil, leader costs, and travel to and from Brazil). With support from The World Mission Fund, and other Connexional funds, we are able to subsidise this to **£500.**

There is an online information evening on** 4 November at 6pm **and the closing date for applications is 27 November.

You can find out more from our webpage: **Encounter Together in Brazil - The Methodist Church**

Or, if you have specific questions, contact **Vicky Royle**

President and Vice-President Visit Aberfan 60 Years After Disaster

Click **here** to read about the President's and Vice-President's visit to Aberfan 60 years after the disaster.

Global Communities Webinar with Methodists in World Mission

Global Communities Webinar with Methodists in World Mission (MWM), Wednesday 18th November 7:30—8:30pm. Introducing the theme for the MWM conference 'World Mission in a Global Britain: United in Diversity, Strong in Fellowship'. A chance to explore together living in a Global Britian, celebrating our diversity and fellowship.

Speaker: The Very Revd Opeyemi Awe Coordinating Chaplain for the Nigeria Methodist Chaplaincy UK; former General Secretary of the Africa Methodist Council; and a minister in the London North West Mission Circuit. To request the zoom link, please email **methodistsinworldmission@gmail.com**

Director of Ministry Formation, Research and Scholarship

We are delighted to be able to announce that the Rev Dr Christine Dutton has been appointed to the role of Director of Ministry Formation, Research and Scholarship. She will be taking up the new role from 1 January 2027 and we are working to ensure a smooth transition for her current teaching commitments at both The Queen's Foundation and Cliff College.

Christine brings to this role experience of teaching students in initial formation and probationers at the Queen's Foundation, lay leadership formation at Cliff College as well as work supporting Superintendents and District Chairs in her current role as Officer and Tutor for Evangelism and Leadership in the Ministries and Learning Team. As well as her own research in the field of new and emerging forms of Church, she supervises PhD students in Methodist related research areas through Queen's/VU Amsterdam.

I am looking forward to Christine taking up this new role within the Ministries and Learning team, working alongside Dan Bishop, Director of Ministry Development, Katie Deadman-Vernall, Director of Ministry Learning and helping us to further develop our work of ministerial formation, research and scholarship.

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

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

October 2026 InTouch

Preaching Plan

Our website

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