The Methodist Church
Herefordshire (South & East) Circuit

Good Morning Church - 15th November 2026 - 33rd in Ordinary Time

Good morning everyone,

I hope you've had a good week and are keeping well.

This Sunday we reach the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, and as we approach the end of the Church's year, our readings encourage us to think about how we live our lives, the gifts God has given us, and what we do with the opportunities that come our way.

Our Old Testament reading comes from **Judges (4:1–7)**. We hear about Deborah, a prophet and leader of Israel, who calls Barak to take action in the face of oppression. It's a story about listening to God, having courage and being prepared to step forward when we're called.

In **Psalm 123**, the psalmist lifts their eyes towards God, looking for mercy and help, just as a servant looks towards their master. It's a reminder that, whatever life throws at us, we can keep our eyes fixed on the God who cares for us.

Our New Testament reading comes from **1 Thessalonians (5:1–11)**. Paul writes about being ready for the coming of the Lord, encouraging us to live as children of the light rather than being caught unprepared. But there's also a lovely message about how we should treat one another. Paul writes:

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Perhaps that's something we could all do a little more of!

Finally, in **Matthew's Gospel (25:14–30)**, we have the familiar Parable of the Talents. A wealthy man entrusts different amounts of money to three servants before going away. Two put what they've been given to good use, while the third buries his money in the ground because he's afraid of getting it wrong.

It's a challenging story which asks us what we're doing with the gifts, abilities and opportunities God has entrusted to us. Are we prepared to take a few risks, have a go and make a difference, or are we sometimes tempted to play it safe and bury our gifts?

As we approach the end of the Church's year, perhaps it's a good opportunity to reflect on how we're living out our faith. God doesn't expect us all to do the same things, or to have the same gifts, but perhaps God does ask us to make the most of what we've been given.

And let's not forget Paul's encouragement to build one another up along the way. We are not on this journey alone!

Whatever this Sunday holds for you, may you know God's presence, find encouragement in the company of others, and discover new ways to use the gifts God has given you.

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Sunday, whether you're joining us for worship in one of our churches or online. It's good to have you with us!

Every blessing,

Phil

Sunday Services - 33rd in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 10:30am: Mr Chris Ottershaw

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Ruth & Mr Neil Eldridge (Steam Source)

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

St John's - 4pm: Rev'd Phil Warrey - 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 – 22nd November 2026 – Sunday before Advent

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard - 2:30pm: Rev'd Phil Warrey - Tea Church

Ledbury - 10:30am: Rev'd Phil Warrey - All Age Worship

St John's - 10:30am: Rev'd Kath Baldwin (Stream Source)

Lectionary readings

Action of the Week - ban school uniform from porn

In the original email there is a photo of three girls - We're Rose, Mae, Aylin and Willow. We're 15, we're in the middle of our GCSEs, and we're campaigning to ban school uniform from porn.

Mae first noticed it when she was 12, watching TV with her mum. A woman on screen put on a school uniform to turn a man on. Mae remembers thinking: "I'm going to have to wear a uniform like that tomorrow."

No 12-year-old should feel like that about the clothes they wear to school. But all of us have.

Right now, it's legal to make porn showing adults dressed in school uniform. A new law that has just come in will ban porn showing anyone pretending to be under 16. That's a step forward. But it still leaves a grey area for adults dressed as older schoolchildren - and that keeps clothes made for children linked to sex.

Lynne, will you sign our petition?

Sign now with a click

View petition

This has changed how we live. Some of us feel too uncomfortable to wear our uniform outside school. One of us has stopped wearing skirts completely. When we were invited to speak at an event in Parliament in July, we unanimously agreed not to wear our uniforms. In a world of AI, we knew the risk of being photographed in uniform while campaigning on this.

We're not alone. Surveys show one in three girls has been sexually harassed while wearing school uniform. Since we started, women and girls have sent us their own stories, going back generations. Older women told us they were never catcalled more than when they wore uniform as children. **One teenager told us the number of older men who harass her almost every day is "uncountable".**

We've had real support. Our local MP and an MSP are backing us, and one is handing our handwritten letter to the Prime Minister, Andy Burnham, and tabling an early day motion. We've also got meetings lined up with Alex Davies-Jones, the Minister for Victims, and with Jess Asato MP and Baroness Bertin.

But we can't change the law on our own. We're a small bookclub in a secondary school in Oxfordshire.** We're calling on the government to change the law so school uniform can't be used in porn, whatever the age of the person wearing it.

**The politicians who promised to halve violence against women and girls need to act, and they need to know adults are behind this too.

One day, we want to walk to school knowing our uniforms mean only one thing: it's time to learn.

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Thank you,

Rose, Mae, Aylin and Willow, petition starters with their teacher Kristan O'Flynn

COming Up This Week

Monday 16th:

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

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Tuesday 17th:

St John's - 10am - Twins & Tots

Ledbury - 2pm - Bible Study

Wednesday 18th:

Ledbury - 9:45am - Quiet Space

Bromyard - 10am - 2pm - Place of Welcome

St John's - 12:15pm for 12:30pm - 2pm - Lunch Club, 7pm - Zoom Bible Study

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Thursday 19th:

St John's - 2:30pm - River House Group

Ledbury - 7:30pm - Thursday Talk Burgage Hall

Friday 20th:

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

Saturday 21st:

Ledbury - 10am - Town Litter Sweep (meet at the Church)

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

Sunday 22nd:

Services as listed above

The Vine at Home - Ordinary 33

The Vine at Home for Sunday 15th November 2026

Ledbury Methodist Notices

Ledbury Methodist Notices 4/11//26

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter for 12/11/26

Christingle Service - 29th November at Bromyard

Please see the flyer for this service here.

All We Can's Extraordinary Gifts

'Are you looking for an impactful gift this Christmas?

With every Extraordinary Gift, you will receive a card to pass on to your loved one, showing them the difference their gift could make.

All the proceeds from Extraordinary Gifts go to wherever the need is greatest across our work.

You have until Wednesday 16th December to secure your Extraordinary Gifts in time for Christmas!

You can order your Extraordinary Gifts in one of three ways:

1. On the All We Can website: https://www.allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts
2. Via the Extraordinary Gifts Catalogue
3. By calling the All We Can Supporter Care Team: 020 3758 7700

Let's make this Christmas Extraordinary! '

EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS VIDEO LINK:

https://youtu.be/RoMIkYYPHWo

Menopause Awareness Sessions

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The first awareness session took place on 2nd November. If you were unable to attend attached is the recording, which is available until 1st December 2026 **https://menopausefriendly.co.uk/menopause-awareness-session-november-2026/**

For further information, you can contact the wellbeing team for an additional information pack.

Menopause Awareness Session for managers – places still available

Monday 16 November 2026 @12.30-13.30 – Menopause Awareness sessions for managers 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**

Login details for the session:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3421555097939185?p=YN9tme8LRDsJPCAbzf

Survey for survivors of abuse to complete to contribute to Review of Connexional Safeguarding Team

The Methodist Church's Connexional Safeguarding Team underwent a restructure in summer 2025. We have commissioned an independent consultant to carry out a review of the Methodist Church's Safeguarding arrangements just over a year into the new structure. The researcher is named Graham Tilby, who has much Safeguarding experience, including work with the Church of England.

We really want to find out (anonymously) what survivors think of our services – both at District level and the Connexional Safeguarding Team – both what is working well and what we could do to improve. Please find below an anonymous survey, which Graham has asked us to share with victims and survivors of abuse. Your answers (if you choose to complete it) will go only to Graham and anything you write would be anonymised if it is used in his eventual report. Any responses to the survey would be much appreciated and will contribute to helping us improve our services. Responses should be submitted by the 30th November 2026.

Below is the link (press "Ctrl" and click) and I have also attached a QR code.

Independent Evaluation of the Methodist Church Connexional Safeguarding Arrangements – Fill out form

Thanks very much for your time and consideration in completing the survey.

Kate Little, Safeguarding Survivor Lead Officer

Email: **littlek@methodistchurch.org.uk**

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

EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Officer - 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

November 2026 InTouch

Preaching Plan

Our website

Sign Up for Methodist News

Joint Public Issues Team Newsletter

Gallery - Ledbury Methodist Art Project