



Good Morning Church - 7th December 2025 – 2nd of Advent

,

Good Morning Church - 7th December 2025 – 2nd of Advent

As we gather for the second Sunday of Advent, we're carrying on our *Gifted 2025* journey — and this week's theme is wonderfully down-to-earth: **"The Orange in the Stocking."**

It's a reminder that the gifts God gives aren't flashy extras or little fillers, but the real, nourishing things that help us grow. Psalm 72 paints a picture of leadership grounded in justice and compassion, and John the Baptist calls us to "bear fruit worthy of repentance" — the kind of fruit that blesses others with love, kindness, generosity and hope.

Like that simple orange tucked into a Christmas stocking, we're invited to let the Spirit peel back what we don't

need, and let the good fruit in us come through.

We'd love you to join us this Sunday as we light our second candle and explore how we can be God's life-giving gift to our neighbours and our world.

Every blessing,

Sunday Services - 2nd of Advent

This Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard – 10:30am - Revd Phil
Warrey - Christingle

Ledbury – 10:30am – Revd Peter
Grimwood (Stream Source)

Ledbury - 2:30pm - Revd Beverley
Ramsden - Light Up a Life

St John's – 10:30am – Mr Keith White

[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 – 14th December 2025 – 3rd of Advent

Next Sunday, our services are:

Bromyard – 2:30pm - Revd Ruth and
Mr Neil Eldridge - Holy Communion

Ledbury – 10:30am – Revd Kath
Baldwin - Holy Communion (after
service Swap Shop)

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

St John's – 10:30am – Mr Chris
Ottershaw (Stream Source)

[Lectionary readings](#)

Light Up a Life Service at Ledbury Methodist Church - 7th December

Revd Beverley Ramsden will be
leading this service at 2:30pm on 7th
December for anyone who is grieving
the loss of a loved one. Please see
more information [here](#).

Action of the Week - Action for children

Could you help spread a little magic
this Christmas?

The Christmas season is in full swing,
and many people are making
preparations for the big day. But for
vulnerable children across the UK,
Christmas is anything but magical.

Christmas becomes just another day of
empty cupboards, putting on an extra
jumper to keep warm, and wondering
why Santa remembered their friends
and not them.

**Want to make a difference this
Christmas?**

[Become a Secret Santa](#)

*"The children only had hoodies and
walked to school in all weathers. We
were able to help keep them warm by
providing winter coats and cosy
bedding."* Action for Children Support
Worker

From a trip to see Santa to providing a
child with the warmth and comfort of

winter clothes and bedding. Discover how your gift could make a difference.

[Find out More](#)

Coming up this week

Monday 8th: 10:30am - 1pm -
Ledbury's Place of Welcome, 6:30pm
Stretton House Group

Tuesday 9th: 10am - 12 noon - St
John's Twins & Tots (last one of the
year), 5:30pm - Ledbury Carol Singing
at Co-op New Street

Wednesday 10th: 10:00am – 2pm –
Bromyard's Place of Welcome,
12:15pm for 12:30pm - 2pm - St John's
Lunch Club (last one of the year), 7pm
Bible Study via zoom

Thursday 11th: 12noon - Ledbury
Lunch Club, 4:30pm - Bromyard -
SoulSpace for 9-12s

Friday 12th: 2pm - Bromyard Advent
Bible Study, 4pm - Ledbury Nativity
Festival, 7pm - St John's - Singing for
Fun

Saturday 13th: 10am - 12pm - St
John's Place of Welcome, 10am -
Ledbury Nativity Festival, 10am -
Ledbury Litter Pick, 2/2:30pm - Omega
House Group meet at Val's

Sunday 14th: Services as listed above

The Vine at Home 2nd of Advent

[The Vine at Home for Sunday 7
December](#)

Ledbury Methodist Notices

[Ledbury Methodist Notices 3/12/25](#)

Methodist Connexional Weekly Newsletter

[Newsletter for 4/12/25](#)

Wholehearted Monthly

Wholehearted Monthly takes a break in December during the busyness of Christmas: it'll be back on **Tuesday 13th January**, when the New York Times bestselling author of *This Here Flesh* and *Black Liturgies*, **Cole Arthur Riley**, will be with us. Inspired by Cole, we'll be exploring prayer, spirituality and contemplation, and the way they intersect with mission and justice. As always, do feel free to forward this email to others so that they can join us too using [this link](#), which will be the same every month.

Peace be with you.

Cyclonic Destruction across parts of Asia

Separate cyclonic systems have caused flooding, mudslides and devastation across Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. As part of the response, the Global Relationships team is in touch with Methodist Church Partners to prepare Solidarity Grant funding from the World Mission Fund. You can support the World Mission Fund here: [Give to the World Mission Fund - The Methodist Church](#)

We hold the situation in our prayers:

Loving Creator God,

We pray for the people of Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

May those who have lost love ones
and homes know your comfort.

May those working in essential aid
know your strength and support.

May those managing operations know
your guidance.

We pray in particular for churches in
the region as they work in partnership
with their communities to respond to
people in need.

Help us to work and pray in solidarity
with them.

We hold in prayer all those in Britain
worried about family and loved ones,
that they may know your steadfast
love.

In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

Rural and Wild weekend - at Cliff College

Why not join us on the new

Rural & Wild weekend course

****6-8 Feb **2026** at Cliff College,
Derbyshire S32 3XG

Come and gather with other
ecumenical rural leaders to explore
what outdoor community, mission &
church can look like in the wild.

For further information & to book,
please visit:

**[https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/rural
andwild/](https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/ruralandwild/)**

£275 bursary for Methodists -
please contact Sarah Hulme, rural
mission & ministry officer via
hulmes@methodistchurch.org.uk for
further details.

Rural Mission and Ministry courses 2026

Why not join us on the [Rural Mission & Ministry Course](#)

19-20 May 2026 at Yarnfield, ST15
ONL

10-11 Nov 2026 at Woking, GU22 8AB

Come and gather with other ecumenical rural leaders to explore what community, mission, evangelism & leadership can look like in rural contexts.

“Excellent course, speakers & resources!” - * Sept 25 RMMC participant.*

“A full, energizing couple of days. My passion for rural ministry has been renewed.” * – May RMMC participant*

For further information & to book, please visit: <https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/ruralministrycourse/>

£275 bursary for Methodists - please contact Sarah Hulme, rural mission & ministry officer via hulmes@methodistchurch.org.uk for further details.

Supporting refugees and responding to asylum proposals

On 17 November, the government announced some major proposed changes to UK asylum policy. There is a briefing on the proposals from JPIT here: [What are the government's asylum reform proposals? – Joint Public Issues Team](#)

The President of Conference joined a public statement responding to the proposals, on behalf of the Methodist Church, which can be found here: [Response to asylum reforms - The Methodist Church](#). This also includes a prayer.

The proposals will have created uncertainty and anxiety for many people who are currently in the asylum and immigration system. It should be stressed that the changes are just proposals at this stage, and most will require legislation and consultation before coming into effect. More guidance will be available on their implications for individuals at that point.

The Methodist Church is part of a new campaign that aims to show that not only are refugees welcome here, but that our communities stand wholeheartedly together. Focused on the first weekend of December (5-7 December), individuals, groups and organisations are invited to join in with creating public displays of orange hearts – a symbol of compassion for people fleeing war and persecution – in thousands of different ways in local communities. You can:

- Order free posters for your church and church members to display
- Pray for the campaign in your service on 7 December
- Organise a community event with a message of hope and welcome
- Meet your MP to show your support for refugees

Find out more about getting involved and free resources to help at www.jpit.uk/stand-with-refugees

New Places for New People - November 2025

Click [here](#) for more information.

The Methodist Church's 2025 Christmas film

Each year, the Methodist Church releases a short film as part of its Advent and Christmas campaign – a resource that reaches hundreds of thousands of people across social media and in churches. This film is designed to spark curiosity about faith and encourage people to take the next step on their journey of faith. Christmas is a season rich with opportunity to share the extraordinary good news we hold as the Church. We hope this year's film will support your ministry and outreach throughout Advent and Christmas.

This year's film is a little different. It tells a real story – following the journey of someone who discovers that they are a gift to others, that the Church can be a gift to them, and that Jesus is **the** ultimate gift for all. The story concludes in one of our vibrant Methodist communities, and while the film is slightly longer than previous years, we believe every moment is worth sharing. It will be released on Thursday 4 December on our website and through our social media channels. We hope that you feel able to encourage your Church or Circuit to engage with this video as a missional opportunity.

As the film follows a Cantonese-speaking community, the film will be released in the following formats, to allow as many people as possible to engage with the story:

- Cantonese speaking, English subtitles
- English-dubbed

- Cantonese speaking, English subtitles with British Sign Language
- English-dubbed with British Sign Language

The film is part of our 2025 Advent and Christmas campaign, *Gifted*, which invites people to see themselves as a gift, the Church as a gift, and Jesus as **the** gift. You can explore the full range of resources and campaign details on our website, [as well as a short blog on how everything fits together.](#)

As we approach Christmas, we hope and pray you will be reminded: **You are a gift. Made with love.**

WhatsApp Groups

Each of our churches now 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 14 hours across Monday, Tuesday 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](#)

[InTouch Magazine for December 2025 and January 2026](#)

[Preaching Plan](#)

[Our website](#)

[Sign Up for Methodist News](#)

[Joint Public Issues Team Newsletter](#)

[Gallery - Ledbury Methodist Art Project](#)

The Methodist Church - HSE Circuit 3/10, 1 Prince Rupert Road, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2FA
07917 077785 | phil.warrey@methodist.org.uk

This email was sent by sheepCRM on behalf of The Methodist Church - HSE Circuit 3/10
[sheepCRM](#)

