LIGHTING THE WAY

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALDERLEY EDGE & KNUTSFORD CIRCUIT OF The Methodist Church

AUTUMN EDITION – SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2026

OUR CIRCUIT VISION…

We believe that the Christian faith is fostered in communities of love where Christ is at the centre. We have a desire to work with God's Spirit to see our Churches grow in order to foster new communities of faith and to enable passionate worship, intentional faith development, loving service, and caring mission.

As we reflect on what makes for a healthy Circuit, we can learn from the forest, because a forest is healthy when..

..it is rooted in good soil – we seek for our churches to be rooted in the love of Christ.

..it is well-watered – we seek for our churches to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit.

..it is dynamic, where death leads to regeneration – we seek for our churches to recognise that in death comes new life, that what dies in the forest becomes the source of resurrection life.

..it is diverse – we benefit from our churches having a diversity; we are not seeking a monoculture of church, but instead living communities of faith that are messy, individual, and good news to their community.

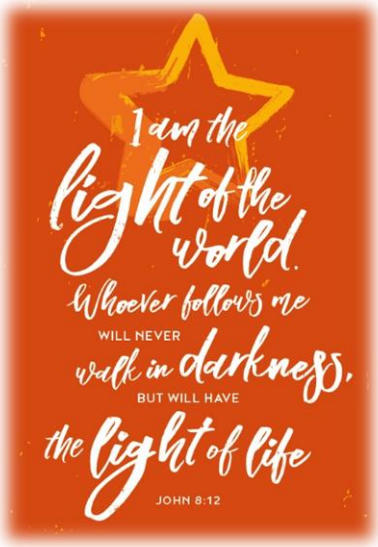
..it is interdependent – we seek to work together using our gifts to strengthen one another.

..there is space for new life – we seek to foster new communities and make room for the church at the margins.

Healthy churches are ones that are rooted in Christ, grow, and show the fruit of the Spirit that is "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."
Galatians 5:22, NIV

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of **Lighting The Way**!

As summer gives way to autumn, we are reminded that life is full of changing seasons. The long evenings begin to shorten, the leaves slowly turn to gold, and our routines settle once again after the holidays. Yet, whilst the world around us changes, one thing remains constant: the light of Christ continues to shine.



Our Newsletter is called *Lighting The Way*, and that title is much more than simply a name – it is a reminder of our calling as followers of Jesus. We are each invited to reflect His light in our homes, our churches, our workplaces, and our communities, helping others to discover the hope, peace, and love that can only be found in Him.

Jesus said: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)
Those words continue to shape our purpose as a Circuit. We are not simply here to maintain buildings, or organise services and events, important though those things are – we are here to make Christ known; to love generously, serve faithfully, and offer hope wherever God has placed us.

Over the coming months, there will be countless opportunities across our churches to worship, pray, learn, serve, and celebrate together. Some will take place in our church buildings, whilst others will happen in cafés, schools, community centres, care homes, and on our streets. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every welcome offered to a stranger, every prayer spoken in faith has the potential to become a light that points someone towards Christ.

As you read through this Edition, I hope that you'll discover not only what's happening around the Circuit, but also be encouraged by the many ways in which God is already at work amongst us. Every story, every event, and every photograph is another reminder that the Church is far more than a collection of buildings – it is God's people living out His love day by day.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this Edition, and to the countless volunteers, leaders, ministers, and members whose quiet faithfulness often goes unseen. Your service makes a lasting difference, and together we continue to build God's Kingdom across the Alderley Edge & Knutsford Circuit of The Methodist Church.

As we step into this new season, my prayer is that we would each ask ourselves one simple question:
Where is God calling me to light the way today?
Whether through a kind word, an invitation, an act of service, a listening ear, or simply by faithfully living out our faith, may we be people who reflect the light of Christ wherever we go.

May this autumn be a season of renewed hope, deeper faith, and fresh opportunities to share God's love with those around us.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105)

May God bless you and those you serve.

With every blessing,
Lee.

IMPORTANT DATES

CIRCUIT DIARY…

The next **Circuit Leadership Team meeting** is on Monday the 7th of September, commencing at 7:30pm, and is to be held at Knutsford Methodist Church.

The next **Local Preachers meeting** (including Communion) is on Wednesday the 9th of September, commencing at 7:30pm, and is to be held at Knutsford Methodist Church.

The next **Circuit Meeting** is on Tuesday the 15th of September, commencing at 7:30pm, and is to be held at Alderley Edge Methodist Church.

The next **Circuit Stewards Meeting** is on Tuesday the 27th of October, commencing at 7:30pm, and is to be held at Knutsford Methodist Church.

There is **Foundation Module Safeguarding Training** taking place on both Monday the 21st of September and Tuesday the 10th of November – both are from 7pm 'til 9pm, and being held at Knutsford Methodist Church. To reserve a place on either of the two dates, contact Jenny Bailey on 07711803291. Please make sure these dates are known to all those who need to complete it – if any of you are unsure, please speak to Lee Leighton, and he will clarify the situation for you.

The following **Circuit Leadership Team meeting** is on Thursday the 12th of November, commencing at 7:30pm, and will be held at Knutsford Methodist Church.

The following **Local Preachers meeting** is on Tuesday the 24th of November, commencing at 7:30pm, and will be held at Knutsford Methodist Church.

DISTRICT ONLINE WORSHIP is held on the 2nd Sunday of every month.
For the ZOOM Code, which remains the same, please e-mail prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk, or send them a Direct Message on Social Media. Alternatively, contact the Circuit Manager.
The dates for this Quarter are 13th September, 11th October, and 8th November.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD…

CLT Away Day = Saturday 16th January '27…

Church Treasurers meeting = Wednesday 3rd February '27, 7pm, Knutsford Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday Circuit Communion = Wednesday 10th February '27, 7pm, Mottram St Andrew Methodist Church

Circuit Leadership Team meeting = Tuesday 23rd February '27, 7:30pm, Knutsford Methodist Church

C O N T A C T U S…

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OFFICE = Monday, Tuesday, Thursday : HOME = Wednesday, Friday

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via the "Contact Us" section of our Website at alderleyedgeandknutsfordmethodist.org.uk

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Click on either image to go to a Profile.

On The Way

A course designed for people who want to explore the Christian faith, or those wanting a gentle refresher of Christian belief and practise.

Rev Alan will be facilitating this course at KMC, and will meet fortnightly on Monday evenings, starting on Monday 5th October. 7pm -9pm

How do I book? To register your interest please email the KMC church office or speak to a steward.

What are the dates? The course is a 12 session adventure covering 12 'big ideas' of the Christian faith. The first 6 sessions are on Monday: 5th, 19th Oct; 2nd, 16th, 30TH Nov; 14th Dec 2026.

How much does it cost? It is free.

Can I come to the first session to try it out? Yes, we would love to see you.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES…

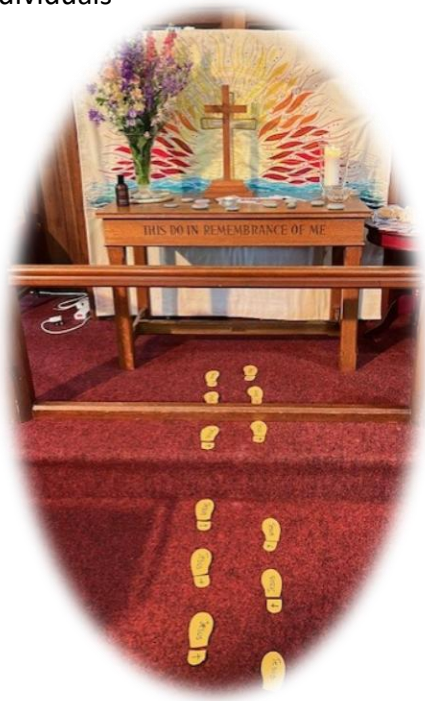
Mottram St Andrew

Church life continues to be busy at Mottram St Andrew – Ian Wright tells us more…

As this is written, we are in the midst of the summer recess, but have been busy since our last report! Rolling dates of Fellowship meetings, monthly Coffee Mornings, and the occasional Prayer Day event soon seem to pass the weeks away, and we continue to have good support for all that we do.

Our Fellowship Group continues to meet on alternate Fridays, from 1:30pm, starting again on Friday 4th September, this time using the Gospel of John as a starting point for our worship and discussion. Further dates are Friday 18th September, 2nd October, and so on. We continue to be blessed with a range of gifted people from around the Circuit and beyond to lead these sessions, which, as we've noted before, are a mixture of worship hymns and songs, with music and voice provided by Caroline Francis, discussion on the topic of the day, prayers, cake appreciation, and plenty of laughter!

Our previous Prayer Days have been well supported, so we are having another! This will take place on Friday 25th September, between 10am and 2pm – the theme this time will be "Living Water", please join us if you can. Prayers can make a real difference to people's lives, and, on this occasion, it will be an opportunity to pray as a group for a number of our friends who are unwell at this present time. Our prayers reach out to so many individuals and communities – there can never be too many!



A slight re-arrangement of our Coffee Morning dates as we try to have them on a week in-between Fellowship Meetings to smooth the workload of the organisers who often do both! Coffee Mornings continue to bring together people from the village who would not necessarily be comfortable with a church service but nevertheless appreciate what we do. New faces appear from time to time too, and we are very appreciative of their support for us. The next dates for this event are Saturdays…12th September, 10th October, and 14th November.

As always, a big THANK YOU to everyone who supports us in any way. Your support and encouragement is always appreciated.

Alderley Edge

Jean Walker updates us about all things AEMC…

July and August are the months when many church activities wind down briefly, and we have an opportunity to re-charge our batteries. As the new Connexional Year begins, we look forward to re-connecting with our Church Family and the wider community.
As they say on "Strictly", the following list is in no particular order!
Over the summer months, the RVS Luncheon Club will have provided a scaled-back service to the community, with fortnightly Coffee Mornings – from 29th September, they will once again provide their legendary, freshly-cooked 2-course lunches.
Once the schools are back, the Alderley Edge Academy of Dance will resume Ballet Lessons in the hall on weeknights and Saturday mornings.
On Tuesday afternoons, the foyer will resound with the singing of the Community Choir.
Our weekly Saturday Coffee will resume from September 5th – we aim to provide a warm welcome, a hot brew, items to peruse on the stall (including home baking!), and of course plenty of chatter!
Folk from any church and no church are warmly invited to the HouseGroup which re-starts on September 8th – it continues monthly on the 2nd Tuesday; a lovely, homely atmosphere in which to explore issues of faith and local concern, not to mention the delicious refreshments (gratis)!
Continuing through the summer is the twice-monthly Bible Study held at Costa Coffee – currently, this is on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays at 2pm.
Our weekly Friday Tots will have said "goodbye" to those moving on to pre-school, but we look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new from 11th September.
Little Fishes will re-convene on Sunday 13th September – the overlap of the generations is very special when the regular congregation arrives as the youngsters are ready to leave.

The Lunchtime Concerts begin a new season on Wednesday 16th September with a piano recital by James Smith from the RNCM.
Bridge Group will continue in the small hall on Wednesday evenings.
The Walking Group will set out together on Thursday mornings for exercise, wellbeing, and fellowship.
Last, but not least, the Book Group will meet every 6 weeks or so on Monday mornings.
Church activities require good facilities, and we have been blessed with the opportunity to engage the services of Magda and Rafal, who have already transformed the premises internally and externally to a more presentable standard than we had become accustomed to. They came to us miraculously as the result of a chance encounter – God really does move in mysterious ways!

Plumley

Elizabeth Hall tells us about what's been happening at Plumley…

It's been a busy summer, as we've celebrated several "big" birthdays over the last couple of months – one 70th, two 80th's, and one member reaching the grand age of 97 years old! The latter's party was held in her own home, thanks to her daughter, and the others were held in the Church Hall following Sunday Services. We give thanks for all that they have contributed to the church over the years, and continue to do.

Recently, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Hilary Howarth, a Supernumerary Minister in Bolton, back to lead our worship. Everyone appreciated her preaching, and many remembered her from when she had Pastoral Care of Plumley during our time in the Mid-Cheshire Circuit.
Harvest Time will be upon us soon, when our Harvest Festival service on 20th September will be led by Rev. Sincere Makunde.
Sincere led our Bible Study group in June, when we explored Philippians.
The monthly Coffee Mornings continue to be popular and well attended, and our Autumn Fayre will be held on Saturday 3rd October from 10:30am in the Village Hall.

We were deeply saddened to learn recently of the deaths of two good friends, and very able Local Preachers. Pam Ward had preached with us many times over the years, and often brought something with her to reflect her talk, even cakes, which we enjoyed with a drink after the service; Liz Wilkinson also led many services, the last one being in June just before her last admission to hospital – her messages were thoughtful, and reflected her strong faith; she made Pastoral Visits to several members, and also arranged for some in people in Care Homes to come to the Church for visits at Easter, Harvest, and Christmas. We remember their families in our prayers.

Knutsford

Senior Steward Will Waters tells us what's happening…

As I write, we are all trying to come to terms with the sad passing of our valuable and inspirational member, friend, and colleague, Liz Wilkinson – she has touched all our lives in so many different ways over so many years. She suffered huge challenges throughout her life, but met them head on every time, and always with a smile and quiet determination. We trust God to release her from pain, and hold her in the palm of his hand as she takes her place with him in heaven.
Since I last wrote, we enjoyed a lovely Church Weekend in March, where members were able to share their favourite music, along with a story. Plans are already in place for 2027, with Palm Sunday weekend pencilled in, 19th to 21st March.
Our 'Online HouseGroup' started in January, and has gained great momentum. It runs every Monday at 7:45pm, and will continue into the autumn and beyond. It is for those who would either prefer or find it easier to meet remotely. All are welcome.
'Lego Church' is currently having a Summer Break, but will restart on 20th September. It runs monthly at 3:30pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and is an opportunity for young families to meet together and have some fellowship, whilst making creations out of lego! There is also a short service, followed by a meal.
A group from the circuit went on a trip to Zimbabwe in April, and there were some inspiring stories and experiences to come out of this – some of these were shared at a special Circuit Service in July.
KMC will be hosting a "Welcome Lunch" on 13th September, which will be an opportunity for new people and families to meet the Leadership Team and others. We are delighted that new members are joining our church, and we look forward to getting to know them better.
A new Course called "On the Way", for those wanting to explore the Christian Faith or those wanting a gentle refresher of Christian belief and practice, is starting on Monday 5th October, from 7pm 'til 9pm, and will run at KMC every fortnight.

Finally, the Leadership Team have set some goals for the autumn, and we will be working on each of the following objectives before the end of the year…

- Experiment with more Café Style worship – featured during the KMC Family Weekend;
- Improve links with user groups using our premises;
- Explore redeveloping the church entrance area;
- Begin working towards the ECO Church Silver award;
- Encourage more opportunities for prayer.

Mobberley

Lynda Mitchell tells us about what's been happening…

September – the start of another church year…
Looking back at the sunny summer to match all sunny summers, I do hope you managed to enjoy it, and not wilt in the rather "over hot for me" heat! Looking at the fields and grass, perhaps just a little too hot for them as well.
The Spring Plant Sale went very well, and all the bedding plants were sold. Refreshments were available, which people seemed to enjoy. We are hoping to hold another Plant Sale in September/October, so please keep an ear open for more about this in due course.
'Renew' on Saturday mornings had a quiet interlude over the summer, but was much appreciated by those who came along. It would be lovely to see more people enjoying this Coffee Morning and Chat.
"The Laurence Singers" concert proved to be a lovely entertaining evening. They sing joyously, and, with Cliff, who likes to intersperse the music with a few anecdotes and a good feast of cakes, etc. during the interval, all made for a grand event.
In June, we held a "cream tea" afternoon, and this was enjoyed by the many people who partook of it, as it was by everyone who helped make it such a success – many thanks to all.

Have any of you been to look at the Circuit RHS Garden this summer? What a picture it has been, even with somewhat less rain than usual. Some of the plants are now as almost as big as Nick, who steadfastly keeps all the church garden looking really beautiful. Many thanks to Nick who, I am sure, would love a little help from time to time – it is a big undertaking!
The Art Group staged an Art Display to which many people came and enjoyed – they are a talented lot, and displayed very varied paintings, from the traditional to the modern. If you fancy trying your hand, beginners are most welcome, along with those who are more experienced – they meet on Monday afternoons at 2pm. Please contact Jane Bradshaw on 07779077750, who will be pleased to hear from you.
The W.I., who meet on the afternoon of the 3rd Thursday of the month, are going strong, although would love to see some fresh faces. So, if you would like to listen to varied speakers and join in a good chat over drinks, please contact Dorothy Dennison on 01565 873312.
We are holding a larger Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th September, which will be advertised in due course. This is not to overshadow 'Renew', but just to encourage people to come to our Saturday Coffee mornings. There are quiet places within the church if anyone from the group wish to come along as well.
And then came the shocks…

First came Mark Henshall's passing, although his funeral was amazing. We were all so uplifted by his two ceremonies, one at Macclesfield Crematorium and one at the family church in Stoke. It is a wonder the roofs didn't rise up with all the wonderful singing and lovely prayers!
Then, sadly came the news that Pam Ward had died – what a lady, what a character, what preaching; she will be so missed by us all.
And then, just to add to shocks, we hear about "our Liz" (Wilkinson) – words fail me. Our love for her is huge, and her hopes for us were huge. I can't really put into words of the shock, the love, and the anguish we all feel at Mobberley and throughout the Circuit. She was one amazing lady.
We send our love and prayers to all the families and friends.
May God bless us all in these changing times.

TRIBUTES..

..to Pam Ward, from Tony Judd (Local Preachers' Secretary)

When Pam died on Saturday 25th July, we lost our senior Local Preacher. Pam was accredited in this circuit in 1957. Later, she moved to the URC when her husband, Harold, was ordained, and returned to Methodism in 1999, when Harold retired, and they re-joined Alderley Edge Methodist Church. Back in the Circuit, she preached regularly in all our churches, and also in many local URC churches, where she was in great demand.
People loved her sermons. She was expert at conveying the joys and the demands of faith in simple, down-to-earth words. She never talked down to her hearers: she always spoke as an ordinary person, "one of us", always with a smile, though she preached from her experience of a life that was not without its hardships. "A breath of fresh air" her hearers often said, but her freshness could sting the conscience of the complacent.
Pam was always keen to help Young People. She acted as mentor to several "on trial" preachers during their training – preachers such as Julie King and Cassie Jennings, who have gone on to ministry outside our Circuit. Pam's great passion was all-age worship: only last year she spoke at length at the Local Preachers' meeting – I really have to call it a harangue – about the importance of involving all, old and young, equally in every Service. She had strong views, and did not hesitate to make them known.
We have lost not only an energetic Local Preacher, but also a dear friend who was, at times, a necessary gadfly. *Dear Pam: you have earned your time of rest with your Lord.*
P.S. In Harold Ward's autobiography, there is a sentence that sums Pam up. Referring to their wedding in 1956, in Alderley Edge church, he writes, "I waited in my stiff new outfit for my bride to arrive and walk up the aisle. She arrived at my side and said "I don't like your tie!".

..to Liz Wilkinson, from Rev. Alan Bradley (Superintendent)

'We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.' 2 Corinthians 4:7

It is with the deepest sadness that we mourn the death of Liz Wilkinson, who passed away on the 28th of July in Wythenshawe Hospital. We were pleased to be able to celebrate Liz's life, along with her family and over 500 people who attended her funeral, and many more who worshipped with us online, at KMC on the 21st of August. In the Service, we heard stories from her sister Cath, her daughter Niamh, and nieces,

all of whom evoked within us a great appreciation for a wonderful, beautiful, courageous, faithful, caring, and loving woman. Liz was so much more than the roles she undertook as a Pastoral Worker and Local Preacher, member at Mobberley and Church Council Secretary, Agricultural Chaplain and farmer, she was a dear friend and colleague in the Circuit, and we all miss her dearly.
We know that life is fragile, and Liz knew that we have this treasure in clay jars, often cracked and breaking, but she also knew deep within her own soul that it was in that very weakness of our humanity that God's strength, grace, and power is made known. Each of us carry within us the image of God and the light of Christ. Liz showed us how to let that light shine, in her honesty, frailty, and faithful love.
Liz, we thank God for you, and we know that you are now with Christ in His glory.
Liz often wrote and spoke about grief, and would encourage us all, if we are feeling the weight of grief, not to be afraid to share with one another. If you do need to talk with someone, then Sincere, Pete, and myself are always ready to listen and to pray for you.

Peace be with you,
Alan.

WHAT IS CREATION TIME?

In 1989, the Ecumenical Patriarch (the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians worldwide) suggested that 1st September, the first day of the Orthodox Church's year, should be observed as a day "of protection of the natural environment".

Ten years later, the European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN) widened this proposal, urging churches to adopt a Time for Creation, stretching from 1st September to the Feast of St. Francis on 4th October. This was endorsed by the 2007 European Ecumenical Assembly, which recommended that the period "be dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change". This period is known as Creation Time.
Since 2008, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) has compiled a programme of resources to encourage and assist churches to observe Creation Time, which stretches from 1st September to the Feast of St. Francis on 4th October – and so spans the "harvest season" for many in Britain.
In addition, in 2015 Pope Francis established an annual day of global prayer for creation to be celebrated on 1st September; an event that offers a hand of friendship to the Orthodox Church, which established a similar day of prayer in 1989.

If you're working towards your Eco Church bronze, silver, or gold award, you'll no doubt be looking for ways to explore creation care in your worship life – or perhaps you're simply looking for resources for your Local Arrangement services? Creationtide is a time in the church year when we are particularly invited to consider our relationship with God's creation.

You can explore creation care through biblical reflection, prayers, music, and all-age activities by clicking on this text, with a flexible and easy-to-use worship resource.

To find out more about what Creation Time/Creationtide Resources are available from The Methodist Church, click here.

WHY NOT TRY SOME FRESH & DIFFERENT WAYS OF PRAYING…?

Creative Prayer ideas use physical items, movement, and the senses to help you focus and connect with God – it can be such a helpful way to pray, and can really enhance our connection with God. You can try tactile methods (writing worries on stones), walking through your neighbourhood to pray, or using everyday objects like a teaspoon or a candle to guide your thoughts.

Hands-On and Tactile Prayer…

- **Playdough or clay:** Shape a heart for people you love, or a bridge for places that need peace.
- **Sand tray:** Trace a mistake or worry with your finger in a tray of sand, then smooth it away to symbolise forgiveness and release.
- **Lolly stick prayers:** Write names or requests on craft sticks; put them in a jar or build a small tower, praying for one person or need with each piece.
- **Sticky notes:** Write short prayers on sticky notes and place them on a mirror, a map, or a designated wall.

Movement and Outdoor Prayer…

- **Prayer walking:** Walk down your street and quietly bless your neighbours, local schools, and shops.
- **Bubbles:** Blow bubbles outside and watch them float away, imagining your worries being lifted up to God, or thank God for the colours you see.
- **Nature focus:** Sit outside and use things you see – like a strong tree, a rock, or the wind – as symbols for God's strength, protection, and presence.

Visual and Symbolic Prayer…

- **Lighting a candle:** Strike a match and light a candle to mark the start of your quiet time, or let a match burn out safely in sand whilst reflecting on the heavy impact of unkind words.
- **Teaspoon structure:** Use the acronym **TSP** (Thank you, Sorry, Please) whilst holding a real kitchen teaspoon as a simple guide.
- **Rucksack burden:** Hold or wear a heavy backpack for a moment, then take it off to physically feel the relief of handing your burdens over

To find out more about the resources on offer from The Methodist Church with regards to Creative Prayer, click here.

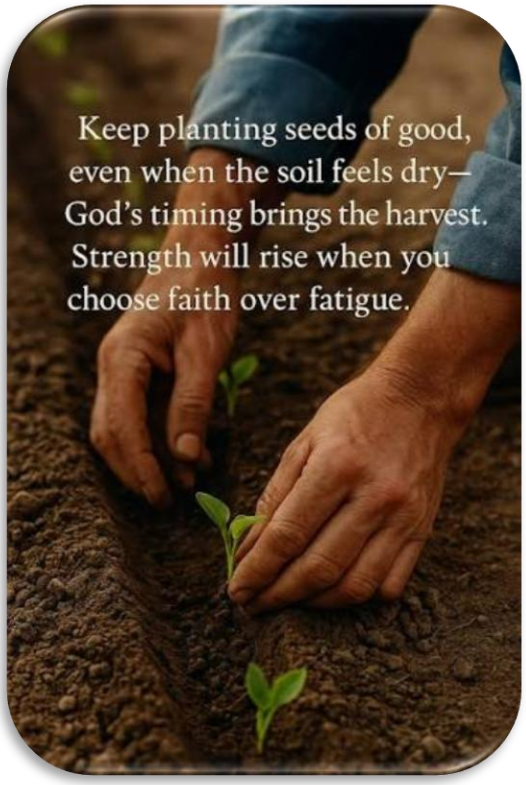
A REFLECTION…

by Rev'd. Sincere Makunde

Dear Friends,

A Season of Thanksgiving and Trust

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." – Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)



As we enter the autumn months of September, October, and November, we are reminded that God is present in every season of life. The vibrant colours of the leaves, the gathering of the harvest, and the shortening days all speak of the rhythm of God's creation. Autumn is a season of change, but it is also a season of abundance and thanksgiving.

Harvest invites us to pause and give thanks – not only for the food on our tables, but for God's many blessings: His love that never fails, the gift of family and friends, the fellowship of the Church, and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

As the landscape changes around us, we are reminded that, whilst seasons come and go, God's faithfulness remains constant. He walks with us through times of joy and times of uncertainty, offering strength, peace, and hope for each new day.

May these months encourage us to cultivate grateful hearts, to care for one another, and to continue sowing seeds of kindness, compassion, and faith. As we look ahead, let us trust that the God who has been faithful in the past will continue to guide us into the future.

May the Lord bless you this autumn with His peace, His presence, and the assurance that His love endures forever.

With every blessing.

PREACHING PLAN : SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2026

2026		September				October				November				
		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
		Ordinary 23	Ordinary 24 Education Sunday	Ordinary 25 Peace Sunday	Ordinary 26	Ordinary 27 Homelessness Sunday	Ordinary 28 Prisons Sunday	Ordinary 29 Freedom Sunday	Ordinary 30	All Saints	Remembrance Sunday	Ordinary 33	Sunday before Advent	Advent 1
Alderley Edge	10.30am	S Brazier	Crawford	LA	café Judd	S & HF Brazier	Makunde	Waters	café Crawford	S Brazier	joint (St P&J) & ecumenical	Johnson	café Eadie	Freeman
Knutsford	10am	Bradley	S Makunde	Brazier	HF Bradley	LA	S Bradley	Makunde	Hill	Bradley	Makunde	Freeman	S Bradley	Makunde
	pm			**LEGO 3.30pm** Bradley	**OASIS (S) 6.30pm** Makunde			**LEGO 3.30pm** Bradley		**MEMORIAL 6.30pm** Makunde		**LEGO 3.30pm** LA	**OASIS (S) 6.30pm** Bradley	
Mobberley	10am	Eadie	café Judd	S Bradley	HF Brazier	Crawford	café Freeman	S Brazier	café LA	Judd	Cussons	Hill	café Crawford	S Brazier
Mottram St Andrew	10am	Emms	S Brazier	HF Eadie	Makunde	Freeman	S Brazier	Johnson	Cussons	Crawford	Brazier	Judd	S Makunde	Crawford
Plumley	11am	S Makunde	Johnson	HF Makunde	Hill	S Makunde	Eadie	Crawford	Brazier	Freeman	Waters	S Makunde	Freeman	Judd
NWED	Zoom Service 6.30pm		**ASK for details how to "join"**				**ASK for details how to "join"**				**ASK for details how to "join"**			

Abbreviations... AAW = All Age Worship, café = café Church, LA = Local Arrangement, S = Sacrament of Holy Communion, HF = Harvest Festival

Sunday 29th November: Churches Together in **Alderley** Service @ St. Mary's - time T.B.C. (6pm / 6.30pm...?)

Midweek Communion: Thursdays, 12 noon, Knutsford

dates for the next plan to Lee Leighton, please, by 30th September 2026 | aeandkcircuit@gmail.com / 07403534575

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Help Vicky to raise £2400 for The Educators' Well. She'll be paddleboarding 24 miles across the Lake District's longest lakes, between 7th & 12th September.

The Educators' Well

COULD YOU BE 1 IN 100 TO PLEDGE £24?

THAT'S £1 FOR EVERY MILE PADDLED.

WHO ARE THE EDUCATORS' WELL?

We're a newly formed charity determined to improve education in the marginalised communities of East Africa. We've started our work in Uganda!

WHAT DO WE DO?

Our mission is to refresh teaching practice through accessible teacher training, including face-to-face educator gatherings, online learning communities, and a low-data training and resource 'pool'.

SCAN BELOW TO FIND OUT MORE & TO DONATE.

Registered with the UK Charity Commission (1217060).

NICK EADIE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS, "THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING". IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, ASK NICK...!

"I encourage churches to invite their wider community and show this film – it's a wake up for us all. Its message to care for climate, people, nature is so urgently needed, not least so that we might live and act as Jesus would have us be."

Rt Rev Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich and lead Bishop for Environment for the Church of England

National Emergency Briefing

A call to action for Churches

"I welcome this resource in the hope that churches are encouraged to screen the *People's Emergency Briefing*, and feel able to unite with others and participate in much needed action to care for creation."

Rt Rev Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford and lead Bishop for Environment for the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

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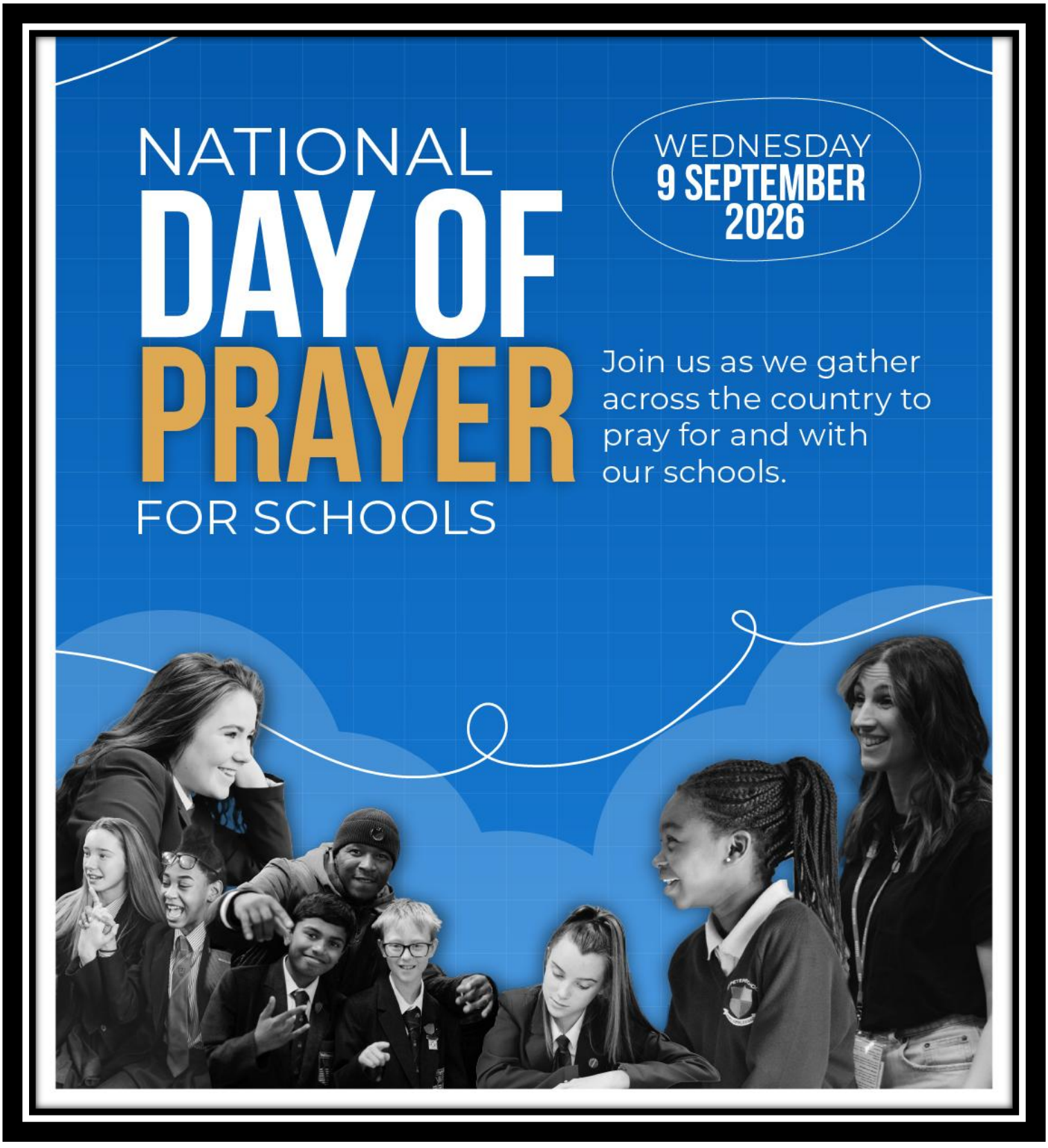
Ahead of the 'National Day Of Prayer For Schools' on Wednesday 9th September, we're aiming to match each of the 30 Methodist and Methodist/Anglican Primary Schools within our District with someone who will pray for them. We'd love to hear from people willing to hold Students and Staff in prayer on the day, and from people who would be willing to prayerfully support one of the schools in an ongoing way. Contact us to let us know if that's you – if you don't know how to, ask Lee Leighton!