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10.00 am until 2.00 pm

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 6 September	10.15 am	Anne Temple Steward: Natalie Coffee:
Monday 7 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 9.45 – 11.45 am 2.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Charnwood Saxs New Horizons Guides Sharing Scripture
Tuesday 8 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 10.00 – 10.30 am 4.30–7.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup using Vestry Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 9 September	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 10.00-10.30 am 7.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup using Vestry Ladies Circle
Thursday 10 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 10.00 – 10.30 am 5.00 – 7.00 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup using Vestry Village Show Craft Entries accepted BATS
Friday 11 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 9.45 – 11.45 am 4.00 pm	Playgroup Charnwood Saxs Village Show preparation
Saturday 12 September	8.00 am – 5.00 pm 6.15 pm	Village Show Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 13 September	10.15 am	Harvest Festival – Local Arrangement Steward: Tilly Coffee:
Sunday 20 September	10.15 am	Rev Karen Beecham – Holy Communion Steward: Philip Coffee:
Sunday 27 September	10.15 am	Liz Newton Steward: Sandra Coffee:
Sunday 4 October	10.15 am	Andy Benbow Steward: Heather Coffee:
Sunday 11 October	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Steward: Janet Coffee:
Sunday 18 October	10.15 am	Colin Lamb Steward: Sandra Coffee:
Sunday 25 October	10.00 am	At Woodhouse Eaves

As always, our thoughts and prayers are with anyone in need.

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Exodus 1 and 2 selected verses

Mark Chapter 10 verses 17-22

Mark Chapter 10 verses 23-31

HYMN NUMBERS

23 Come, now is the time to worship

372 Come down, O love divine

566 Take my life

446 I will offer up my life

323 I will sing the wondrous story

FUN@CHURCH — our midweek equivalent to Sunday School.

Please can you help?

The next Fun@Church is on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 and unfortunately we will be short of one Leader for this session.

It is essential that we have sufficient Leaders as the number of children who will attend with their parents, grandparents or carers is unknown.

The programme is fully planned in detail and the activities are prepared. You will be provided with all this information in advance.

PLEASE can you consider if you would be able to help us on this occasion on WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2026 between 2- 5 pm.

Please speak with Kate or Heather if you can help or require further information.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 13th September and as in previous years, we are asking that non-perishable items are brought as your harvest gift ie tins, packets, toiletries etc - these will then be donated to the Food Bank. Many thanks

NEWS

As you aware, we will be without a Minister in the Circuit for a further year, but we have already begun the process for September 2027.

Due to this fact and following discussions at the Circuit Leadership Team, I am pleased to inform you that Eleri Bristow will become our Lay Pastor at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church for this Connexional year.

This is to assist Karen and also support during Karen's sabbatical (November 26 -January 2027).

We are very grateful to Eleri for taking on this role and look forward to welcoming her to Barrow.

FROM DAVID BRISTOW, SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD

Dear Friends, We are very fortunate in the Charnwood and Mowbray Circuit in having a significant number of lay employees who contribute to advancing the life and work of the Circuit.

An important part of our obligations in employing the staff is their line management. At the moment the majority of the load in carry this out falls to our ordained staff and we are looking for creative ways in which we can better support them in their ministry and release them for missional activities in the Circuit.

We are asking whether there are any volunteers within the members of the Churches in the Circuit who could offer to take on the responsibility for line managing one or more members of staff. This is a voluntary unpaid role and anyone taking up the post would need to successfully complete the Methodist Church Connexional Reflective Line Management training course. This is a two part course, taking 3 hours per part delivered in a variety of alternative forms (1 day, 2 x half days, online and in person).

If you are interested please contact David Bristow, Senior Circuit Steward, for more information.

Best Wishes David Bristow - Senior Circuit Steward Charnwood and Mowbray Methodist Circuit

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Friday 25th September at 2pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough for the life of Jill Pape, who died in July. Jill was the wife of the late Rev. Roy Pape, superintendent of the Loughborough Circuit from 1990-2000

LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE

Ride and Stride this year is on the same day as the Barrow show, September 12th, but Carolyn and Philip (and perhaps others) will still be raising money for historic churches (including ours) by walking around the

churches in the historic centre of Leicester. If you would like to sponsor one of them, they will be very pleased to hear from you over the next few Sundays.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Creator God, our joy is in the beauty of creation, in the splendour of nature and in bringing well-being and peace to the lives of those we are called to serve. Generous God, our hearts are filled with sorrow when humanity tears itself apart in war, in conflict, in the devaluing of individuals and of creation. Pour into us your life-giving grace that we may be the light of heaven in the darkness of the world. May we strive to make the world a better place, strengthened by Christ who lives in and through us. Amen.

Clive Price, Communications Manager, Methodist Ministers' Housing Society (MMHS)

**Bereavement Support
Drop In Café**

Meeting at the Methodist Church
Main St. Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8RY
Open to everyone who has experienced loss



On the 2nd Friday of each month. 10-11.30am
Starting: Friday 9th October 2026
For more information Contact: Karen & Chris.
chaplains@charnwoodmowbraymethodist.org.uk
OR Call in on Friday 25th September
10-11.30am for coffee and find out more
Free to attend



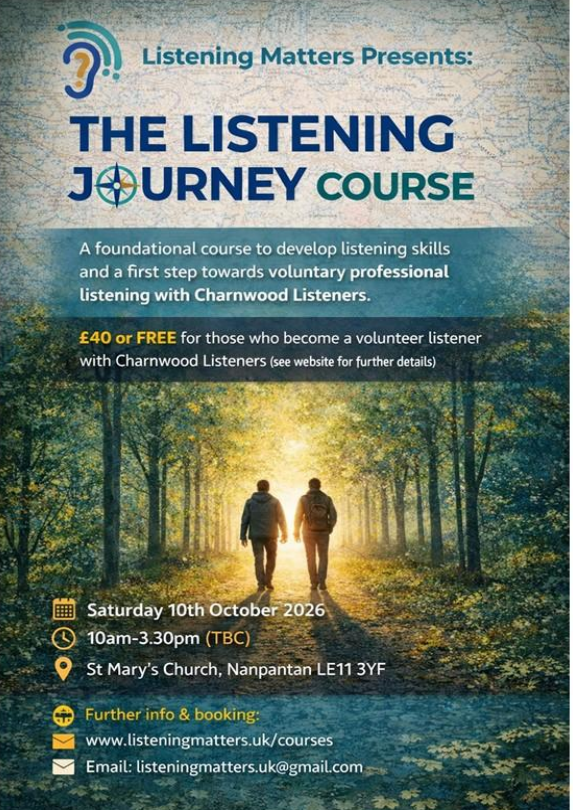
Calling all 11 to 17 year olds!

You are invited to the
Northampton District Synod
Saturday 19th September 2026
10am - 3pm
(Please bring a packed lunch)

At The Church of the Servant King
33 Dulverton Drive, Furzton
MK4 1NA

The Methodist Church Youth President,
Gracie Silk will be speaking

To book your space (online or in-person)
Please
[Click this link to book](#)



 **Listening Matters Presents:**

THE LISTENING JOURNEY COURSE

A foundational course to develop listening skills and a first step towards voluntary professional listening with Charnwood Listeners.

£40 or FREE for those who become a volunteer listener with Charnwood Listeners (see website for further details)

 **Saturday 10th October 2026**
 **10am-3.30pm (TBC)**
 **St Mary's Church, Nanpantan LE11 3YF**

 **Further info & booking:**
 www.listeningmatters.uk/courses
 Email: listeningmatters.uk@gmail.com

"To listen is to love." Charnwood Listeners have been providing a free, confidential, listening service for over 30 years. This has mainly been accessed via people with church contacts but demand for our service is increasing with many referrals also now coming through NHS social prescribers. Listening Matters is therefore offering a new listening course for anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer listener and with Charnwood Listeners. We have both male and female listeners from across the LCP churches and our bank system means it's a great way to volunteer on a flexible 'as-and-when' basis.

This is the first step on **the listening journey** for anyone who feels called to this important ministry area.

For further information and bookings see

<https://listeningmatters.uk/courses/>

NEWS FROM CONNEXION

- ACE Conference for Local Lay-Pastors: [ACE 2026: The Conference for Local Lay-Pastors - The Methodist Church](#)
 - Booking form: [ACE 2026 The Conference for Local Lay-Pastors – Fill out form](#)
 - Please email llp@methodistchurch.org.uk if you have any questions
- 25+ Years in Ministry retreat: [25 Years+ – for those who have been in Ministry for more than 25 years - The Methodist Church](#)
 - Booking form: [25+ Years in Ministry - 26-28 January - Oblate Retreat Centre – Fill out form](#)
 - Please email cdim@methodistchurch.org.uk if you have any questions
- Exploring Ordained Ministry: [Exploring Ordained Ministry - The Methodist Church](#)
 - Bookings form (October): [Exploring Ordained Ministry - 17 October 2026 – Fill out form](#)
 - Please email cdim@methodistchurch.org.uk to signup to other dates
- Retirement courses: [Retirement support - The Methodist Church](#)
 - Booking form (October – only 5 spaces left!): [Retirement course - 13-15 October - Yarnfield – Fill out form](#)
 - Please email cdim@methodistchurch.org.uk to signup for other dates

ANNUAL SAMUEL CHADWICK LECTURE: Friday 16th October 11:00 – 13:00

Please see the invitation below from Cliff College with regards to the annual Samuel Chadwick lecture, this year entitled:

A Pentecostal Spirit: Reimagining Mission with, to and from the Edges as a Wesleyan Imperative.

Our speaker this year will be Revd Dr Dierdre Brower-Latz, Principal of the Nazarene Theological College, with a formal response from Revd Dr Andrew Stobart, Principal of Cliff College.

If you would like to attend the lecture in person or on Teams, the booking link is in the email below. You also have the option of attending a big cinema screening of the lecture at Brackley Methodist Church, to start from 10:00 with refreshments. If you would like to attend the Brackley screening please book in with Rev Sara Cliff, Superintendent at the 3B's circuit at email address revdsarapcliff@gmail.com, or with the Circuit Administrator, Sarah Crisp at email address methodistcircuit236@gmail.com

Attend online via Teams or on campus at Cliff College in the Chapel. Those attending on campus are welcome to stay for a complimentary lunch at 1pm.

Book online at [The Samuel Chadwick Lecture 2026 - Cliff College](#)
