



# PREACHING PLAN

October to December 2025

Bishop with oversight for the UK: Bishop Keith Cowart		
Free Methodist Church UK National Leader: Rev. John Townley		
Wiltshire Foundation Pastor: Rev. George Nuttall		
Wiltshire Leadership Team		
Pastor	Rev. Derek Balsdon	
Treasurer	Philip Boulton	
Leader	Lou Ashford	
Leader	Glenys Baker	
Leader	Elizabeth Joy Payne	
Leader/Trustee	Andrew Fleet	

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		OCTOBER 2025			
Venue	Time	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Theme:		For these Sunday there will not be a continuous theme other than that created by the rhythm of the Holy Spirit			Harvest
Bible Reading					
		Scripture readings for our services will be made available by preachers in the week preceding worship to enable worshippers to prepare.			
Brinkworth Village Hall	10.30		Mike Ashford LA		Rev. Derek Balsdon
Wanborough Village Hall	10.30	Hilary Balsdon		Lou Ashford HC	
Special Events		FCN Trustees' Meeting – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> October			Harvest Lunch

### MISSION on the Grape Vine

In John 15 Jesus describes Himself as the 'True Grape Vine' and His Father, God, as 'the Gardener', who tends the crop to produce good fruit. It's a good metaphor.

Jesus tells His followers "You are in me" as "I am in the Father". We, who are disciples of Jesus, are like branches grafted into the main vine (the trunk), now receiving life-giving water and nutriment through Him. But, the Gardener has grafted us into the vine to *produce fruit* and knows He must prune away the branches of the vine that bear no fruit.

What is 'fruit' in the 'kingdom of heaven'? Paul gives the answer in Galatians chapter 5, i.e. Lives "lived by the Spirit", which show: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

So, in Mission, we need to begin where Jesus began. He sought His Father's will on a day-by-day basis, **praying for the power** of God's Spirit, and asking to be led to the encounters with people where God's fruit would be received.

**He genuinely loved** and built relationships with folk who were struggling in life; He lived 'cheek by jowl' with the people around Him, not worrying about what they thought of Him - just seeking to reveal a little more of God's love and righteousness with every encounter.

	NOVEMBER 2025				
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Theme:	We have asked our preachers to particularly seek God's prompting in the power of the Holy Spirit to determine the focus of their preaching				ADVENT 1 "Advent Hope – the Promise"
Bible Reading:	Scripture readings for our services will be made available by preachers in the week preceding worship to enable worshippers to prepare.				Isaiah 52:1-10 1 Thess 5:1-11 Luke 21:25-33
Brinkworth Village Hall		Lou Ashford DB HC		Rev. Dr. David Hull DB	
Wanborough Village Hall	Rev. Derek Balsdon		Andrew Fleet		
Special Events	All Saints Day Nov.1	Remembrance Sunday			'Breakfast Worship' The Harrow Inn Andrew Fleet

### PREACHERS

Rev. Derek Balsdon [DB]

Hilary Balsdon [HB]

Rev. George Nuttall [GN]

Andrew Fleet [AF]

Lou Ashford [LA]

Mike Ashford [MA]

### GUEST PREACHERS

Rev. Dr. David Hull [Lead Pastor – Freedom Church Bristol]

Rev. Sergei Litvinko [Lead Pastor – [Zaslavl Church, Belarus]


**He came down to their level**, not in moral terms, but in relational accessibility; His gravitas coming not from self-assertiveness but from God's empowerment.

Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians reminds us that there needs to be a division of labour amongst those bringing others to be disciples of Jesus (1 Corinthians 3:6). In each case:

- One person plants the seed in ground prepared by God's Spirit.
- Another person provides God's water for the seed.
- But it's God who performs the miracle of growth in the seed – and in a person's life!

That, powered by prayer, is the work of a whole church!

How can you use this as you pray daily for our church outreach to those who presently don't believe but who God is calling to new life in Jesus?

DECEMBER 2025				
7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	
ADVENT 2 "The of Word of God in the OT" (Prophets)	ADVENT 3 "The Forerunner" - John the Baptist	ADVENT 4 CAROL SERVICE "The Annunciation" - Mary	"The Second Coming"	:Theme
Isaiah 55:1-13 Romans 15:4-13 John 5:36-47	Isaiah 40:1-11 1 Corinth. 4:1-5 John 1:19-27	Isaiah 11:1-9 1 Corinth. 1:26-31 Luke 1:26-38a	Matthew 24:30-44 Luke 21:25-28 1 Corinth. 15:51-52 1 Thess. 4:16-18	:Bible Reading
	Mike Ashford AF		Lou Ashford	Brinkworth Village Hall
Hilary Balsdon HC DB		Rev. Derek Balsdon		Wanborough Village Hall
		<a href="#">Christmas Day Celebration</a> 10.00 a.m. @ 1, The Steadings, R.W.B. SN4 8BD 		Special Events



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Worship Leaders for guest preachers are shown in red:

DB = Derek Balsdon GN = George Nuttall

HC = Holy Communion LA = Lou Ashford HB = Hilary Balsdon AF = Andrew Fleet