



PREACHING PLAN

July to September 2026

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	Glenys Baker	
Leader	Elizabeth Joy Payne	
Leader	Hilary Balsdon	
Leader/Trustee	Andrew Fleet	

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		July 2026			
Venue	Time	5 th	12 th	19 st	26 th
Theme		Preaching themes and Bible Readings will be notified on the website and in the weekly letter of invitation.			
Bible Reading					
Brinkworth Village Hall	10.30		Andrew Fleet		Lou Ashford
Wanborough Village Hall	10.30	Rev. Derek Balsdon		Rev. Mike Cocklin HB DB -HC	
Other (tba)					

God's Greatest Miracle

Just before I was born, Alfred B. Smith wrote the hymn containing the words: "I do not know what lies ahead, the way I cannot see... but I'll trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all." More recently at FCW we have sung Reuben Morgan's song "Still," with the line: "Find rest my soul in Christ alone; know His power in quietness and trust."

How strong is our trust in God when we face life's storms, evil, uncertainty, and ultimately death itself? Many live in fear of death, yet Albert Einstein observed, "The fear of death follows the fear of life; a person who lives fully is prepared to die fully." The apostle Paul expressed this confidence in Christ: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). Sadly, fear of death still overshadows many lives.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones told of a dream in which he was being led to execution for a murder he had not committed. On the way, the supposedly murdered woman appeared alive, proving his innocence. Yet even standing on the scaffold with the rope around his neck, he was not afraid. Just before the trapdoor opened, he awoke — filled not with terror, but with joy.

	August 2026				
	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Theme:		Testimony Service	Preaching themes and Bible Readings will be notified on the website and in the weekly letter of invitation.		
Bible Reading					
Brinkworth Village Hall		Communion In the round Andrew Fleet Rev. George Nuttall HC		Rev. Derek Balsdon	
Wanborough Village Hall	Rev. Derek Balsdon		Hilary Balsdon		Andrew Fleet
Other (tba)					David's Tent w/e

If we doubt the future, we also doubt the Lord who conquered death and declared, "I am the resurrection and the life."

As a bird clinging to a branch in a storm can say: "Twist me off — I have wings," so Christians can say: "Take away this earthly life — I have immortality in God." In Christ we can live well and die well.

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25).

And in Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:1 we read:

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God's right hand." That is the greatest miracle of all!

Andrew Fleet

PREACHERS

Rev. Derek Balsdon
Rev. George Nuttall
Lou Ashford

Hilary Balsdon
Andrew Fleet

GUEST PREACHERS

Rev. Mike Cocklin – F.M.C.
Mike Rabbitt - Freshbrook

September 2026				
6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th	
	Preaching themes and Bible Readings will be notified on the website and in the weekly letter of invitation.			
				Bible Reading
10.00 a.m. Hilary Balsdon	Mike Rabbitt AF		Rev. Derek Balsdon HC	Brinkworth Village Hall
		Lou Ashford		Wanborough Village Hall
11.00 a.m. Brinkworth Show				Other tba



Worship Leaders for guest preachers are shown in red:

DB = Derek Balsdon **GN** = George Nuttall **LA** = Lou Ashford **AF** = Andrew Fleet
HC = Holy Communion **HB** = Hilary Balsdon

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