



PREACHING PLAN

October to December 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	Hilary Balsdon	
Leader	Philip Neville	
Leader/Trustee	Andrew Fleet	

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		OCTOBER 2026			
Venue	Time	4th	11th	18th	25th
Theme:					HARVEST
Music lead:		Hilary Balsdon	Hilary Balsdon	Fiona Fleet	Fiona Fleet
Projection:		Mike Ostime	Elaine Boyd/ Mike Ostime	Hilary Balsdon	Lou Ashford
Brinkworth Village Hall	10.30		Rev. Derek Balsdon		Hilary Balsdon
Wanborough Village Hall	10.30	Pete Kernaghan DB		Lou Ashford DB - HC	
Other (tba)					Invitation Harvest Lunch will follow worship

How would you rate yourself on thankfulness?

Psalm 30:12 says: **“O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever”**. Psalm 100 says: **“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name”**.

This preaching plan covers both Harvest and Christmas, two great Christian Festivals through which we can give thanks to God. As you daily eat, are you thankful to those who have grown, harvested, processed, transported and retailed your food? The drought of summer 2026 has drastically reduced crop harvests, which should increase our thankfulness for what we do have! Of course, none of it would grow without the amazing creative qualities with which God originally made all things, so all of the thanks, praise and glory is deservedly His!

As we progress through the days that are gradually shortening (and darkening) in the run up to December, there is the hope of Jesus, the Light of the World, to celebrate with thankfulness. Our Lord God knew that His human creation needed a Saviour, and so He sent Jesus – born as a vulnerable baby in Bethlehem, but destined to die on a cross at Calvary, and to be the One who conquered the power of death through His resurrection. Because of Jesus, we can know forgiveness, and we can have eternal life with God, if we trust Him as our Saviour.

	NOVEMBER 2026				
	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Theme:	All Saints Day Testimony Service	Remembrance Sunday			ADVENT 1
Music Lead:	Hilary Balsdon	Fiona Fleet	Fiona Fleet	Hilary Balsdon	Fiona Fleet
Projection:	Elaine Boyd	Mike Ostime	Derek Balsdon	Lou Ashford	Hilary Balsdon
Brinkworth Village Hall		Andrew Fleet GN - HC		Rev. Derek Balsdon	
Wanborough Village Hall	Rev. Derek Balsdon		Rev. Mike Cocklin HB		
Other (tba)					<i>Breakfast Worship</i> Lou Ashford Venue: tbc

Harvest and Christmas are great times to give thanks to God, but we should be thankful every day, both to God, and to others who help or bless us in our day-to-day living. In Phil1:3, the apostle Paul wrote (of the believers in Philippi) that he thanked God every time he remembered them. Perhaps we can each make room in our lives to be *more* thankful, *more* of the time, especially in these Harvest and Christmas seasons.

Hilary Balsdon

HarvestChristmas ✨



PREACHERS

Rev. Derek Balsdon Hilary Balsdon
Lou Ashford Andrew Fleet

GUEST PREACHERS

Rev. Mike Cocklin (Elder - FMCUK&I)
Pete Kernaghan (South .Glos. Filling Station)
Jim Thring (Highworth Community Church)

DECEMBER 2026				
6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th	
ADVENT 2	CAFÉ CAROLS ADVENT 3	CHRISTMAS CAROLS ADVENT 4		:Theme
Hilary Balsdon	Hilary Balsdon	Fiona Fleet	Fiona Fleet	: Music Lead
Elaine Boyd	Mike Ostime/ Andrew Fleet	Hilary Balsdon	Mike Ostime/ Andrew Fleet	: Projection
	Rev. Derek Balsdon		Hilary Balsdon	Brinkworth Village Hall
Jim Thring GN DB HC		Andrew Fleet		Wanborough Village Hall
		Christmas Day Worship takes place at 10.00 a.m. at the Light Church* Royal Wootton Bassett		Other tba

*Light Church meets at St. Bartholomew's Primary Academy, SN4 8AZ

Our **Annual Covenant Service** with St. Michael's and All Angels is on Sunday 10th January in Brinkworth Village Hall – Preacher: Rev. Mike Graham.



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

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