



# Hinckley **Methodist** Church

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

**10.30 am Morning Worship led by Keith Ware**

**Tues Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

**11.30am Lent Group Week 1 -see notice**

**2.00pm Ladies Guild**

**6.25pm Community Choir**

**Sat Feb 28th**

**10.00am -Coffee Morning Whitechapel-  
see separate flyer.**

SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

**10.30 am Parade Service led by Colin Haddon**

**Lent 2026** Our Lent Studies begin this week. We meet together in the lower schoolroom for prayer, Bible reading and discussion, followed by lunch and a craft session. We invite you to bring your own sandwich, and we will provide soup, a cake and a drink. We begin at 11.30 am and everyone is welcome to come along. You are welcome to sit and listen – you don't have to speak, and the craft activity is optional if crafts aren't your thing. Lent is an important time in our Christian calendar, as we prepare together to celebrate Easter, and we do hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to share together in a time of fellowship as we think about God's message for us today. Speak to Rachel Cobb or Gwen Coley for more details

**Church Council** Please note that the next Church Council will be on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

**EcoChurch Eco Tip for February** This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. Find out more and sign up at [climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/](http://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/)

**Important – new Church Bank Account!**

We have a new bank account and the details are –

Name of Account - Hinckley Methodist Church

Bank – Lloyds

Sort Code – 30 54 66

Account Number – 70471760

The payments in and out of our existing account have to be transferred manually so if you do contribute to the church by standing order (or if you want to start doing this) then please use these new details. This all needs doing **before Lloyds close our old account at the end of February.** Should that not be done, I'm afraid individual payments will be rejected, and your own bank may well charge you for each payment rejected. I would be grateful if you would share this message with anyone you know who may need help to alter their payments. I can't alter your standing orders remotely but am happy to give anyone advice or support you with your own online banking if required. Given that we are in a New Year I would ask that you prayerfully consider how much you are able to give to the work of our church and amend your regular giving accordingly. Thank you to those who have already recently done this. Nigel Scarborough – Church Treasurer Mobile 07305006031 Email: [nigelscarborough@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelscarborough@hotmail.com)

### **Prayers for Sunday 22nd February 2026**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – We pray for our church. We pray for Edward and Esther, we pray that God will give them strength in the work they do, we pray that they will be blessed. We thank you for Edward, Esther and their family.

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – We pray for our church. We pray for our leadership team, church council, stewards., finance and pastoral. We pray for the for the decisions they make, may they be for God's glory. May God bless them and we thank you for the work they do.

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. We pray for our church. We pray for those who do the voluntary roles and the many jobs that are needed in the church. We thank God for everything they do and pray are filled with joy as they serve the Lord.

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – We pray for our church. We pray for all those who come on to our premises. We pray that they feel loved and more importantly feel God's love. We pray that we can encourage them into a relationship and life with Jesus.

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – We pray for our church. We thank you for all those who use their Godly gifts to share the word of God in our services. We pray that they are blessed too by the message they share with us and help us to receive with open hearts and minds.

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – We pray for our church. We thank you for our circuit and all of those who lead and work in the Hinckley Circuit – the ministers, circuit stewards, circuit office – Angie and Marcus, family enablers – Helen and Karen and our lay pastors. We pray that they may be blessed in the work they do. We pray for God to lead and guide them.

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March – We pray for our church. We pray today for our church to be filled with joyful worship, honest prayer and a message to stir our hearts and lives in order to help us grow in our faith.

**Church Anniversary Weekend** - Saturday 21st March - extended coffee morning with entertainment from the Tin Hat Ukes from 11-11.45. Sunday 22nd March Anniversary Service at 10.30am led by Rev'd Steve Hoggar.

**Church Notices – Important information** Would you please send in any notices relevant to March or early April by Thursday February 26th and send newsletter contributions to Richard by this date [rcs1815@gmail.com](mailto:rcs1815@gmail.com) This will be our Easter newsletter.

**Christian Aid events for your diaries: -**

This year's Christian Aid Quiz is now on sale at £1 See Margaret Pearce for a copy

Christian Aid Awareness Day Feb 28<sup>th</sup> See poster on next page

CA week 10.5.26 - 16.5.26

CA Fair 2.5.26 St Marys. **New items and bric a brac needed for our stall.**

CA coffee morning 9.5.26

CA curry evening 3.6.26 - more details later

Margaret Pearce and Celia Bailey

**Coffee Mornings**

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 07.03       | Guides                                |
| 14.03.      | Guild. Collection of Mothering Sunday |
| Flowers     |                                       |
| 21.03       | Stewards Church Anniversary           |
| 28.03       | Free                                  |
| 4.04 Easter | Beavers/Cub's                         |
| 11.04       | Free                                  |
| 18.04.      | Guild                                 |
| 25.4        | Free                                  |

Margaret Pearce 07733240873

**christian aid**

**Christian Aid Awareness Day**



*Hear updates for Christian Aid week 2026*

At Higham Way Baptist Church (Burbage)  
9.30am (breakfast); 10.00 – 11.30am:

**28 Feb 2026**

With Yvonne Penn



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## Hinckley Area Foodbank



Ending hunger together

## Give in Lent

### Help support your food bank this Lent

In the six weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

#### Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

#### Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

### Shopping list

Tinned Meat / Fish

Small tins Veg / Fruit

Laundry Powder / Pods

Washing-up Liquid

Fruit juice (long-life)

Can Openers

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate

Long-life pudding / Jam

Tinned or Mashed potatoes

## 40 pence for 40 days



Will you take part in our 40 for 40 challenge this Lent?

By giving up 40 pence a day for the 40 days of Lent you can support local individuals and families facing hardship this Easter.

All you have to do is find an old jam jar or similar container and start collecting!



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**FLOWER ROTA - MARCH 2026 - AUGUST 2026** There is a new Flower Rota on the board for March 2026 until August 2026. As you can see, there are a lot of VACANT dates for flowers. If you feel you can put flowers on the Communion Table for any of the dates, please let me know - Cynthia Jordan 01455 890453.

A big thank you to all who provided flowers for the last Flower Rota.

## **Minister: Rev Edward Sakwe**

**01455 234929**

**Notices** Items for the church notices may be telephoned to Gwen Coley on 01455 642659 or e-mailed to [gcoley287@gmail.com](mailto:gcoley287@gmail.com)

The deadline for notices is 5pm Thursday. Please indicate for how many weeks you would like your notice included

**Prayer Requests** If you have entered someone's name in the Book of Prayer, would you please remember to re-enter their name (if Prayer is still needed) at the beginning of each month

We have a prayer chain of about 30 people who will pray regularly in response to your requests. Please telephone Sue Cooper on 613352 or e-mail Cynthia [cyn.jordan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cyn.jordan@yahoo.co.uk)