



# The Methodist Church

**Northampton District**  
**Hinckley Circuit**                      **23/11**  
**18 March 2026**

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**The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.**



By Liezl Laubschur

## **Psalm 23**

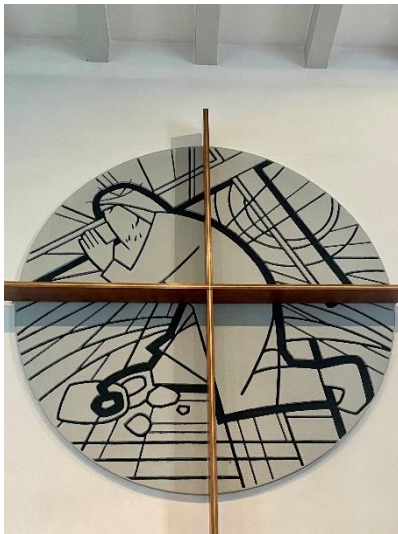
The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.



Sunday services are live streamed each Sunday from 10.30 from Burbage Methodist Church. If you would like to join the worship, the link is:

[www.youtube.com/@burbagemethodistchurch/live](http://www.youtube.com/@burbagemethodistchurch/live)

## **Easter Offering Envelopes in our Churches**



Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around

£100. In 1900, Women's Work raised £1,655 for the work of overseas missions. Since then, each successive Methodist women's movement has encouraged donations in support of God's mission. Recently, Methodist Women in Britain (supported by the Global Relationships team) have produced an annual service of dedication, often used widely around the Connexion as a circuit service.

All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the [World Mission Fund](#) of the Methodist Church in Great Britain for work in our Partner Churches around the world.

In 2024, collections from Easter Offering services raised over £200,000, thanks to the generosity of Methodists.

**Stewards** - Please return unopened envelopes to the circuit office – thank you

Sapcote Methodist Church

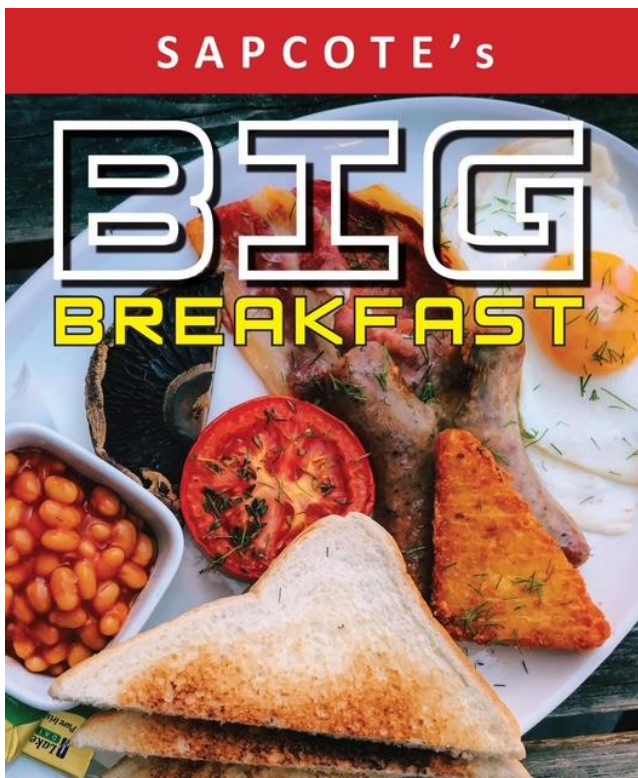


**22 March at 4pm**

**We welcome  
you this Sunday**

**Not stuffy, great  
music and fun!**

**Worship in a relaxed  
way with live music**



**Sapcote methodist Church**

**Saturday 21 March 9-11am**

**Full English - £7**

**Bacon or sausage butties - £3**

**All welcome**

Hinckley Methodist Church Anniversary  
and Gift Weekend



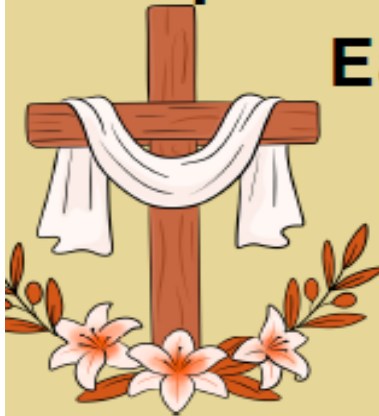
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Saturday Extended Coffee Morning 10.00am  
onwards with Musical entertainment by the  
Tin Hat Ukes at about 11.00am.

Also, we will be creating a 'mile of pennies' –  
an opportunity to donate those unwanted  
coppers.

Sunday Anniversary Worship at 10.30am led  
by Rev'd Steve Hoggar.

# Sapcote Churches Together Easter Services



## Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday 28th March 10.30 - 12noon  
Starting at All Saints Church and  
finishing at Sapcote Methodist Church

### All Saints Church

**Palm Sunday 29th March 10am**  
United Benefice  
at St Helen's Sharnford  
Holy Communion with extended  
Passion Gospel

### **Maundy Thursday 7pm**

United Benefice Holy Communion  
with foot washing  
at St Helen's, Sharnford

### **All Saints Church Sapcote**

**Good Friday 10.30am**  
Short service and walk of witness  
with prayers/songs at the Co-op  
**Good Friday 1.15 pm**  
Follow the Cross - from All Saints  
Church a walk to St Helen's,  
Sharnford for  
2pm An hour at the Cross

### **Easter Sunday 11am**

Holy Communion and baptism

### Sapcote Methodist Church

**Palm Sunday 29th March 10.30am**  
Sunday Service

### **Maundy Thursday Service 7.30pm**

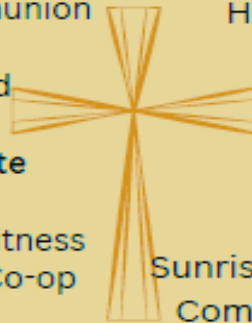
Burbage Methodist Church  
Holy Communion led by  
Rev'd Edward Sakwe

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service 6.30am with Holy  
Communion and followed by a  
light breakfast

### **Easter Sunday 10.30am**

All Age Worship



Please note changes to the Maundy Thursday Service at Burbage Methodist Church. It is at 7pm and will be led by Colin Haddon



## **Safeguarding Training Course**

The next Creating Safer Space Foundation Module course will be at Burbage Methodist Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-1.00pm.

If you need to train for the first time or renew your training (this is required every four years) then you are welcome

on the course.

Please let Colin Haddon know if you think you will be attending [cchaddon@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:cchaddon@dunelm.org.uk) 01455 617692.

## **Wellbeing Walks at Bradgate Park**

By Liezl Laubschur



Monday 30 March

Meet 9.45am to 10am at Bradgate Park Newtown Linford Car Park.

Car Parking charges apply.

Walk starts at 10am prompt and lasts 90 minutes.

2 walks take place - a gentle stroll along the carriageway or a ramble into the Outer Park.

## Eco-Tips



**Carbon Fast**  
for Lent



**Climate Stewards**



**FAST TO HELP PEOPLE AND PLANET TO FLOURISH!**

### **WEEK 5: DRIVE DOWN EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORT**

**THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE?**

#### **FAST FROM NON-ESSENTIAL DRIVING**

**WHY? TRANSPORT HAS THE HIGHEST CARBON FOOTPRINT IN THE UK. PRIVATE CARS AND TAXIS MAKE UP OVER HALF (54%) OF TRANSPORT EMISSIONS. PETROL CONTRIBUTES TO AIR POLLUTION AFFECTING OUR AIR QUALITY.**



**JOIN IN HERE!**

**WHEN CAN CHOOSE MODES OF TRANSPORT THAT HAVE A LIGHTER IMPACT ON CREATION**

**EMBRACE THE JOY OF WALKING AND CYCLING. TAKE BUS, RAIL AND COACH.**



#### **IN HIM WE MOVE - TOP CHALLENGES THIS WEEK: CHOOSE ONE!**

- **DITCH THE CAR FOR TRIPS UNDER 5 MINUTES**
- **WALK WITH GOD IN PRAYER - PRAY FOR WORLD AROUND YOU!**
- **PHONELESS TRAVEL - RENEW MIND IN TRANSIT BE A BOOK WORM**
- **LIMIT SOLO DRIVING UNLESS (SHARING JOURNEYS OR HELPING)**
- **CYCLE TO WORK**
- **DONATE TO A CHARITY WHICH HELPS TEACH CYCLING**
- **VOLUNTEER OR TEACH CYCLING TO CHILDREN OR UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS**



**SIGN UP FOR CARBON FAST NEWSLETTER FOR ECO TIPS AND INSIGHTS**



Sapcote Methodist Church  
Invites You To

# QUIZ NIGHT

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WITH FISH & CHIPS  
AND A RAFFLE

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Saturday 25th April  
7:00pm

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£12.50 a ticket

Tickets are available for purchase until 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Enquire by Barbara Williams  
07817 454819



You are warmly invited to a



**Retreat & Bible Study**  
led by Rev'd Richard Andrew  
President of the Methodist Conference 2025-26

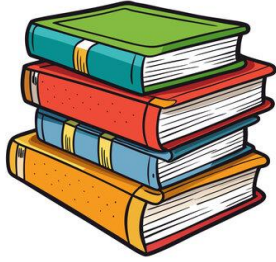
**18th April 2026**  
**10am - 3pm**

taking place at  
Thornborough Methodist Church  
The Green, Thornborough,  
MK18 2DL

This will also be on Zoom

Please contact the District Office if you would like to  
attend:

[office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk](mailto:office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk)



## News from The Vine Bookshop, Hinckley

We have some lovely religious Easter cards and new gifts in stock this month, it is proving tricky to restock them all quickly enough! Our world book day celebrations continue in our “limited offers” section - titles reduced from £10-15 to just £1 and £2. Ask a member of staff for more details or where to find these on our shelves.

If you are interested in joining our wonderful volunteers and supporting the Christian and local community of our town, please get in touch. Whether a couple of hours on the till and making drinks or helping with food orders and light kitchen duties, we would love to hear from you. Please note our closure over Easter: we will be closing at the end of the day on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and reopen on Wednesday 8th April.

From the staff and volunteers at The Vine we wish you all a very Happy Easter, we hope you enjoy and share in the love and hope the season brings.

Kind regards,

Grace

Manager [The Vine Hinckley](#)

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; for without me you can do nothing.* John 15:5

You can support The Vine when purchasing any books via our [bookshop.org page](#)

Registered Charity Number 1182179



Please be aware that the Foodbank warehouse will be closed to incoming donations on Monday 30th March, and will also be closed on Monday 6th April.

Additionally, the following Foodbanks will be closed over Easter:

- St Francis Foodbank – closed on Friday 3rd April
- St John's Foodbank – closed on Monday 6th April

Thank you for your ongoing support.

[info@hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk)

<https://hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk/>

The next newsletter will be sent out 01 April. Please email details of Easter services and events that you would like included before this date to [hinckleycircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hinckleycircuitoffice@gmail.com)

Thank you. *Angie*