

The Methodist Church



**Northampton District
Hinckley Circuit 23/11
19th August 2026**

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.



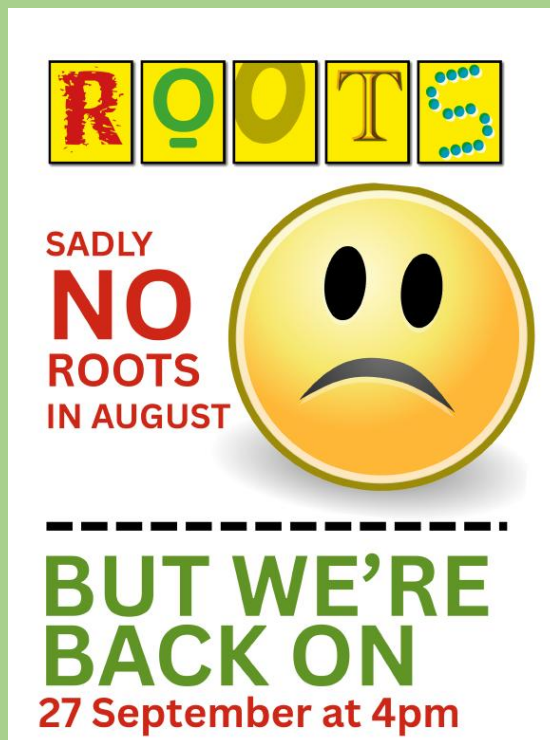
Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good

***Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.***

Romans 12: 1, 14 & 15

Around Our Circuit

Sapcote Methodist Church

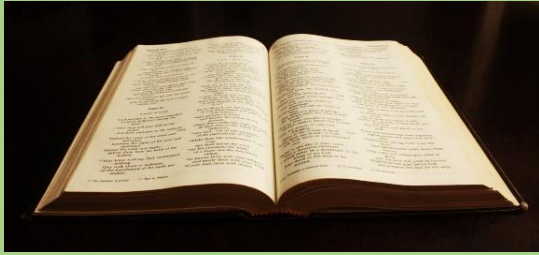


Holy Communion at Sapcote led by Rev'd Edward Sakwe

All Welcome

Wednesday 09 September at 10am

Community Bible Study



Burbage Methodist Church

Starting in September: Ephesians

Thursdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm Term
time only

A 12 week study of a letter written by Paul to the people of Ephesus. Written nearly 2,000 years ago the message is still fresh and relevant for today. The study includes:

Individual study using written material

Class discussion and commentary

To express interest to ensure enough booklets are available and for further details please contact:

Pat Starbuck (patstarbuck@btinternet.com)

Hilary Union (hilaryunion@gmail.com)



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

A SHORT HISTORY OF STONEY STANTON METHODIST CHURCH

Nov. 1886 - Aug. 2026



Stoney Stanton Methodist Church will be holding a its final service on 30 August at 3pm. They would love to see you there, however numbers are limited so please let Judith Cooke know if you would like to attend. Parking is available at the Living Rock church car park.

Stoney Stanton Methodist Church opened in November 1886, and worship has been celebrated ever since, it is with sadness that we will cease to worship on 30th August 2026 at 3pm. Over the one hundred and forty years since opening the church has served the community of Stoney Stanton in many ways, and we have a lot to celebrate and give thanks for at the final service, the mission of the church will still continue with the remaining members that live locally. Those wishing too will be able to join with the congregation at Sapcote Methodist Church just down the road.

So much has happened over the one hundred and forty years that the church has been active, and there have been many changes. When the church opened the Sunday Service was in the evening at 6pm, there was Sunday school at 10.30am and at 2.30pm. The children and their leaders would gather around the stove, in the winter to keep warm, the Sunday school was led by Mr. Sharmen, following him was Cynthia Clark from Sapcote, followed by Edna Hill, Mary Brown, and Valerie Johnson. When Edna and Valerie moved away, Val Johnson and Ann Stevens carried on the work.

Each year there was a Sunday school outing to Trentham Gardens, which was greatly looked forward to. There was a prize given each

year for all the children attending, and at Christmas a party. The Sunday school anniversary was looked forward to each year and like many churches in those days a stage was built. The Sunday school ceased to meet in the early seventy's.

Local people made up a choir led by Mr. Hubert Lane and the organ was played by Clive Bennet of Hinckley. After Clive left Roderick Holyland played and has continued to do so until this present time, 53 years in total.

There have been various stewards over the years, Cynthia Shepherd served for a long time and Valerie Freestone for the past eleven years, during these eleven years Judith Cooke has supported the church as Local Lay Pastor.

Looking through the baptismal record in which the first baptism was recorded in 1892, there may have been some in the earlier four years not recorded. There have been at least forty two different ministers who have served the church, conducting not only baptisms but weddings and funerals, the church has touched the lives of so many people in this area.

Some of the highlights over the years have been the Harvest festival, the Christmas Carol service and Easter. Also, the coffee mornings which have been running for some years. It has been a great joy to see so many village people and those from neighbouring villages come along to support it and share fellowship. It has been greatly appreciated.

The decision to cease worship has had to be made because of the small number that worship on a Sunday and all that needs to be done to run the church.

We do give thanks for all the years the church has been able to share the gospel in Stoney Stanton and serve the community.

Val Freestone

Around Our District and Beyond

Wellbeing Walks at Bradgate Park



Photo by Liezl
Laubschur

24 August

07 September

05 October

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

These walks take place every Monday however, the dates above are when you will find Adrian Stone as one of the walk leaders

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.

Prayer walk guide

Pause for a while and pray. Use all your senses to draw close to the Creator as an act of worship, prayer and praise.

LISTEN TO BIRDSONG

Stop and listen. Can you hear birdsong? Most birdsong ceases by the autumn, but the robin is one species that continues to sing its melodies throughout the year. Pray for A Rocha UK's Partners in Action who are taking practical action to boost local populations of vulnerable species. For more information about our Target 25 project, visit: arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25/

SIT

Find a spot to sit down. As you look around at God's creation, what can you see? What can you hear? Use this space to pray for our leaders, both locally and nationally, as they make decisions that affect the natural world. Pray for wisdom and discernment. Pray that they will recognise the urgent need to protect and restore nature and to put policies in place that will safeguard and renew nature in the UK.

NOTICE RUBBISH

Look on the ground, in hedges or on verges, or peer into a litter bin. If you can't see any rubbish, give thanks for the people who have taken it away! If you do see any, dispose of it if you can do that safely. Pray for those you know who champion recycling or are trying to live with less plastic and less waste. Consider what you could do to create less waste in and around God's creation.

LOOK AT A LEAF

Pick up a leaf that has fallen to the ground. Hold it in your hand. Turn it over, and notice its structure, veins and tiny details. Many trees drop their leaves as the seasons change. Give thanks to the Lord that He knows the seasons of our lives and that no detail is a surprise to Him.

FIND A TREE

Put your hand on the trunk. Look up and see how tall the tree is. Thank God that he is bigger than the tree and commit any worries or concerns about wildlife and the climate crisis to God, knowing that he is all-powerful.

WATCH AN INSECT

Find an insect or another animal and watch it move with purpose and direction. Pray for the Eco Churches in England and Wales. Pray that they will have energy, purpose and direction as they care for God's earth as part of their everyday mission.

SPOT THE FUNGI

See if you can spot any mushrooms (but don't touch any of them). Fungi tend to grow on decaying matter and provide vital nutrients to plants. Give thanks for this circle of life and how it reminds us that through Jesus' death and resurrection we have the hope of life beyond death.

Looking After Wildlife and Plant life in the heat

Despite the start of occasional light showers our wildlife and plants still need help. Below are some tips from A Rocha – Eco-Church:

- Put out a shallow dish of water on the ground to help birds, animals and insects to stay hydrated. A stone in the dish helps bees to perch without drowning. Change the water daily.
- Avoid cutting the grass. Keep grass long will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for small mammals and insects.
- Keep bushes unpruned.
- Keep fruit trees well-watered – with a can, not a hose. This will help keep a food source for pollinating insects
- Add mulch around trees, shrubs and plants in your garden to help retain soil moisture. Use organic mulch like wood chips, straw or grass clippings. Spread two to three inches deep and avoid contact with plant stems.



MWiB Conference

Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027

From Friday evening meal to Sunday lunchtime

**At The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick ,
Derbyshire DE55 1AT**

This year's theme: WELLNESS

*Guest speaker, Bible Study, a variety of workshops,
Marketplace, worship and prayer, Quiz and Disco,
friendship and fellowship*



What is a visit?

Priory Methodist Church Bedford, England
Saturday 31 October • 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Pastoral visiting is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways we can care for one another—but it also comes with real questions. How do I know when it's appropriate to visit? Should I go alone? What if meeting at home isn't possible? And what happens when a conversation goes beyond what I feel equipped to handle?

This session is designed to support anyone with pastoral responsibilities—new or experienced—in making confident, compassionate decisions in their role. Together, we'll explore practical ways of meeting people where they are, staying safe, recognising our limits, and knowing when and how to seek help. We'll also look at how churches can ensure no one is overlooked through clear pathways, good signposting, and shared responsibility. Come as a team, learn together, and strengthen the pastoral care of your church community.

For more information & to book for free please click the link below:

[What is a visit? Tickets, Saturday 31 October • 10 AM - 12:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

There are also tickets remaining for the same event held online:

Thursday 10 September at 10 AM - 12 PM

Also, Tuesday 15 September at 7 PM – 9 PM

[Online event](#)

Small Grants



Did you know that Circuits and Churches can apply for small grants from the District?

Start Up Grants provide up to £5,000 for new initiatives or to enable significant developments in existing work.

The Small Grants committee would love to see your proposals at their next meetings.

Read more about District grants and find the Small Grants application form [here](#).



All We Can Harvest Appeal

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' – Matthew 19:14

All We Can have produced free Harvest resources for churches which you can find by [clicking here](#).

'... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:9–11)

Imagine – people from **every nation of the world**, joining together at the same time to honour Jesus and pray in his name. It's a small glimpse of heaven... and it's happening here on earth.

From 6 to 13 September, our friends at 24-7 Prayer are inviting the global Church to pray non-stop in every nation on earth during a [Global Week of Prayer](#). We are excited to be partnering with them and adding Tearfund voices to lift up the name of Jesus together. And we would love your church to be part of it too!

Will your church join hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world praying for people experiencing extreme poverty and injustice?



HOPE CHAPEL
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Sharnford Reopening

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

ON
SEPTEMBER 5TH
➤ **AT 2:30 PM** ◀

Followed by a
FREE BUFFET TEA,
WITH A FREE BOUNCY CASTLE
AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN
AT SHARNFORD YOUTH AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE

PLEASE NOTE PARKING IS LIMITED,
PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WHEN PARKING.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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ON SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
AT 10:30AM WILL BE OUR FIRST MORNING SERVICE,
LEAD BY *Pastor Pete Harrison*



Community Development Worker

Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough

A new part-time role, requiring a commitment of 18.5 hours per week for three years

The opportunity and the role

Trinity Methodist Church plans to employ a Community Development Worker.

This is a new post and offers an exciting opportunity to support the development and mission of our established church community in the centre of Loughborough.

The crux of the role is to work to develop a sense of community amongst the many and varied users of our building and to increase the weekday usage of our recently refurbished premises.

The person

Are you a Christian who wants to grow Christ's mission in Loughborough?

Are you someone who can work on your own initiative?

Do you enjoy making and building connections with people?

The next steps

The closing date for applications is Monday 31st August 2026.

To request an application pack and/or to find out more, please email:
circuitoffice@charnwoodmowbraymethodist.org.uk