

Sapcote Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter September 2026

Mission Statement

Look to God…Learn from God…Love like God…

Memory Verse

Joshua chapter 1 verse 9

Be strong and courages
Do not be frightened
Do not be dismayed
For the Lord your God is with you.

Services for September 2026

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 6th	10.30am		Sheila Grice
Wednesday 9th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Edward Sakwe
Sunday 13th	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Elizabeth Wright
Sunday 20th	10.30am	Baptism & Holy Communion	Rev'd Edward Sakwe
Sunday 27th	10.30am	Baptism	Rev'd Edward Sakwe
Sunday 27th	4.00pm	Roots	Elizabeth Wright

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Craft Club

Craft Club is back!

Tuesdays 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Bring your own project, pay £2 and have a drink and a piece of homebred cake!

Everyone Welcome!

For more information speak to Mary Eales.



Thursday Prayers

On Zoom usually every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 8am

Joining details are as follows:

Meeting I.D. 84209445657
Passcode. 800056

Septembers dates are 3rd and 17th.



Afternoon Teas

Afternoon Teas are back!

Thursdays at 2.30pm

Cake, Tea, Coffee, Squash and plenty of chatter.

Everyone Welcome!

Speak to Mary Eales or Barbara Williams for more information.



Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th September at 10.00am

Led by Rev'd Edward Sakwe



Cafe Worship

Wednesday 9th September at 7pm to 9pm

Starting with a meal followed with an evening of discussion, modern worship and more!



Church Family BBQ

Our annual Church Family BBQ is 12th September 12pm to 2pm

Come along for an enjoyable social time.

Fun, Food and Fellowship!

All are Welcome!
Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the link.



Harvest Festival

Sunday 13th September

Led by Elizabeth Wright

This year as well as collecting tins, packets, fruit and veg we will be holding a special collection for RABI - The Farmers Charity, which provides practical, financial and emotional support to farming people and their families.

Charity envelopes will be available in church. Please give whatever you can. Every gift, however small, can make a difference.

**"Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfil
the law of Christ"**
Galatians 6:2

Thank you for helping us to show care and kindness to our farming community.

R·A·B·I
Supporting Farming Families





Baptism

Sunday 20th September

We are delighted to be celebrating Peter Foxon's baptism.

Following the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay and enjoy a buffet and fellowship.

Peter would love you to join him!

Baptism

Sunday 27th September

We are delighted to announce the Baptism of Margot Betsy and Claude Felix, children of Matthew and Charlotte Broomfield.

We look forward to sharing this very special occasion with Margot, Claude and their family and friends, and wish them every blessing as they celebrate this important day together.

Ian's Birthday Celebration

A lovely time was had by all at the buffet held after our morning service to celebrate Ian's 90th birthday.

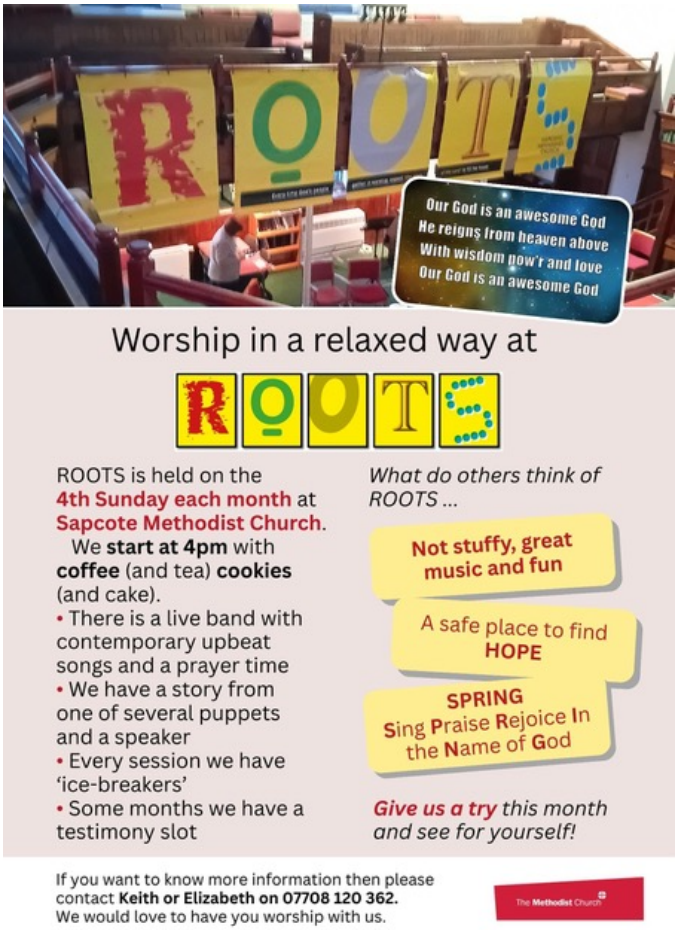
Thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make it such a lovely occasion. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the food, friendship and celebrations together.

We wish Ian a very Happy Birthday!



Roots

Sunday 27th September 4pm



Kingdom Builders

Monday 28th September 5pm to 6.30pm

***Food!**

***Puppets!**

***Lego!**

Why not come along and see what its' all about!

A Fantastic Week at Holiday Club

What a fantastic time we had at Holiday Club during the first week of August!

Around 40 children joined us for a fun filled week, divided into four teams: Orange Comets, Red Lightening, Blue Rockets and Green Forest. Our theme for the week was *Superheroes,* and we explored five amazing Bible stories featuring some very special superheroes: David, Tabitha, Esther, Gideon and, of course, Jesus.

There was plenty going on throughout the week. The children took part in games, craft activities, interactive prayer sessions and enjoyed plenty of refreshments.

We learned one new Holiday Club Song, re-visited a song from a previous year, and two Bible verses, and the children also took part in a quiz at the end of each day to see how much they had remembered from the Bible story.

There were lots of opportunities for the children to earn points for their teams. They could gain points by reciting the Bible verses to Karen, writing prayers and stories, and even writing jokes - and we certainly had plenty of those!

All in all, it was a fantastic week filled with fun, laughter and plenty of opportunities to discover more about God and the Bible.

Holiday Club came to a wonderful conclusion with a special Service of Worship on Sunday 9th August. It was fantastic to see so many people there, with more than 90 people attending, including around 30 children.

The children certainly impressed the congregation with how well they had learned their memory verses. They were absolutely spot on - while the adults were perhaps a little slower!

We also enjoyed hearing the children sing the Holiday Club song they had learned during the week. They sang brilliantly, and it was wonderful to hear their enthusiasm.

Some of the children's prayer activities from the week were also displayed, giving everyone a chance to see some of the things they had been learning and creating.

And, of course, the service had to finish with a spectacular finale! Loads and loads of balloons came raining down from the ceiling, and the children had an amazing time playing with them. Seeing their faces and hearing their laughter was a wonderful way to bring such a special week to an end.

A huge thank you to Karen Berry, the circuit children's worker, for all her hard work in organising and planning Holiday Club, and to everyone who helped, supported and took part throughout the week. It really was a fantastic team effort.

We can't wait to see what next year brings!

Check out the photos on the Sapcote Methodist Church Facebook page.

Superhero Gill

Thank you to everyone who donated to Christian Aid this year. We raised £155.

There is still time to sign Christian Aid's online petition. As a reminder debt in Kenya is now at its highest in the history of Kenya. To keep up with repayments, the government is reducing spend on health and education and there is no support for farmers. Many debts squeezing Kenya are owed to private lenders who make vast profits whilst Kenyan people face crisis. These debts are governed by UK law. The UK could limit the power of private lenders by introducing new debt justice laws that could help tackle poverty.

Please sign the online petition at https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/stand-with-kenya to force the UK government to use its power to force private lenders to cancel or renegotiate the debts of low-income countries.

Gill Spatcher
Christian Aid Representative

Hinckley Area Foodbank

Our Food Bank collection point is outside 18 Mill Close if anyone wishes to make a donation.

Other donation points exist including The Vine Christian Book Shop and Cameo Cafe at the Stoke Golding Methodist Church.

News from The Vine

Beautiful new books have arrived at The Vine in our 'Take Note' adult Christian book selection - a wide range to suit all interests. We also have a new and well-stocked range of 'Christian Classics' paperbacks at £1.20 each which are ready to browse.

Following a successful application process, we are very pleased to have been awarded a grant from the Booksellers Association - used to add improvements to our outdoor spaces. Take a look when you next visit or see the lovely pictures on our Facebook page!

As a registered Charity, The Vine relies on your support to help provide for our Christian and local community. Your prayers for our staff and volunteers are always needed and, if you are unable to visit us yourself, please do spread the word about this little haven in the town centre! If you are interested in volunteering in our Christian Bookshop & Cafe, please get in touch for an information sheet to find out more. Either pop by to see us or email thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk - we are always happy to answer any questions.

~ The Vine

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

Now September is here we will be celebrating harvest festivals around the Circuit, giving thanks that the bounty has been gathered in. I personally remember the days of old when it was common to hold Harvest Festival in the second half of October, following the community Potato Picking where us 'young uns' could earn more than a bob or two. Fast forward to 2026, and any rambler or fan of BBC Countryfile will tell you the Harvest has been gathered in many weeks earlier. I am reminded of the renowned Bob Dylan song, The Times, they are a Changing.

Whilst a young man, it was thought that my younger brother and I would probably end up in farming, as we spent much of our school holidays camping on one of my uncles' farms, milking the cows, shearing the sheep, even driving the tractor during hay timing and the like. It was in many ways the ideal life if you were willing to put in the hard work.

Many years ago, it became common practice to use the annual harvest service to concentrate on harvests around the world, particularly in places where the harvest was a challenge. I remember being told in one circuit, we don't do traditional harvests around here. I lasted two years before I broke and threw in a traditional harvest which went down a storm with the congregation. As the good book says, 'There is a time and purpose for everything under heaven," therefore I would not want to shy away from praying for harvests around the world. However, I am old school when it comes to celebrating the traditional harvest, because I realise from personal experience how important it is. As you celebrate your Harvest Festivals this year, I would invite you to pray for our farmers, there is much to celebrate but for many this year there has been tremendous difficulty. I found this prayer recently in the Country Squire Magazine:

Heavenly Father, Creator of sun and rain, we lift to You our farmers and growers. We pray for the harvest that lies in the fields - a promise of provision yet vulnerable to the whims of weather, the blight of disease and the shadow of financial strain. Lord, You are the God who "crowns the year with Your bounty", whose faithfulness is etched into every shoot. We pray for Your blessing upon the soil. Where the earth has been parched, send gentle, sustaining rain; where it has been soddened, grant warmth and light. Protect the crops from pestilence and rot and grant wisdom to those who steward the land, that they may work in harmony with Your creation. Lord, be their strength. For those weighed down by anxiety over rising costs and falling prices, grant them peace and practical support. For those labouring from dawn till tusk, renew their energy and shield them from harm. For whom the farm is not just a business but a heritage, remind them that their work is seen and honoured by You. We ask for Your divine provision. Stir the hearts of this nation to value the food on our plates and the hands that brought it there. Where markets are uncertain, be their security. Where their spirit falters, be their encouragement. May they feel Your presence in the rustle of the barley and the fragrance of the earth, a constant promise that their labour is not in vain.
Amen.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

Every Blessing.

Rev'd Colin from Peterborough Circuit

Future Events

Saturday 3rd October	Sweets and Serenades
Saturday 10th October	Bloom Group Fundraiser
Saturday 24th October	Big Breakfast
Saturday 31st October	Light Tent
Saturday 14th November	Craft Fair
Saturday 28th November	Afternoon Tea with Ukulele Band



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