

# **Beech Hill Methodist Church Newsletter**

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Church of the Good Shepherd, Lullington, East Sussex

# ***July & August*** **2025**

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## Details of Services

### July

6th	10.30am	Jacquie Stamp.
13th	11.00am	<b>Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs.</b> See back page.
20th	10.30am	Rev. Margaret Newman - Communion Service.
27th	10.30am	Local Arrangement led by Gloria Badu.

### August

3rd	10.45am	Rev. Tim Haines.	<b>service at Oakdale</b>
10th	10.30am	Roger Owers.	<b>service at Beech Hill</b>
17th	10.45am	Rev. Margaret Newman.	<b>service at Oakdale</b>
24th	10.30am	John Enejo.	<b>service at Beech Hill</b>
31st	10.45am	Sheila Norris.	<b>service at Oakdale</b>

As usual, during August we are holding joint services with Oakdale. This is partly to help the circuit with ministerial cover during the holiday season and also to enable us to get to know friends from our neighbouring church better. Please support these services if you possibly can. Parking in Oak Road is not usually a problem.

### Hosts:

#### July

1st	Sandra & Richard
8th	Joyce & Albert
15th	Sue & Lesley
22nd	Sandra & Richard
29th	Anne & Roger

#### August

5th	Sue & Lesley
12th	Sandra & Richard
19th	Anne & Roger
26th	Joyce & Albert



As 'hosts' please bring milk for tea and coffee and ensure that there are biscuits and cakes available (it's a good idea to check on the Sunday before as we don't want to build up a large stock which may go out of date).

Please don't feel that you have to donate everything, speak to Richard if you would like reimbursement.

Please be at the church in time to open up at 1pm prompt. Never open if you are on your own for any reason. Thank you.

## From the Manse

Dear friends,

During this last month I've been enjoying visiting some of our different circuit churches as I've attended varied Circuit Alive community outreach events.

Farley Hill's monthly Foodbank Brunch brightened up one of my Saturday mornings, with friendly conversation and a cooked breakfast on offer, as well as the opportunity to donate items for Luton Foodbank.

At Trinity Church in Leighton Buzzard, I discovered that church members had joined with Marie Curie Cancer Support Charity to raise funds for the charity at a well-attended coffee morning. Whilst there, I was interested to hear about Trinity's Community Action Group which aims to support community need and promote environmental initiatives.

At the time of writing, I'm looking forward to going to Aley Green's 'Take Time', billed as an afternoon of music and verse, followed by a cream tea. Food has been a common theme of the events I've attended, including High Street's Team Games evening, a joyful fun-filled evening for all ages and plenty of delicious food.

Beech Hill's contribution to Circuit Alive was its Welcome Space café. This now also hosts a chair-based exercise session which has attracted some new attendees who stay on for some well-earned cake and relaxation after their work out. And no, I haven't yet taken part in the exercises – maybe next time!

I've enjoyed all the events I've been able to attend. My only regret is I had to miss 'Muddy Church' at Toddington – it sounded like fun!

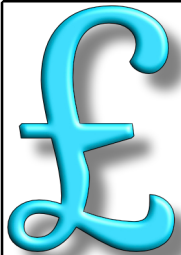
As we enter July, there is the annual Circuit open air service on Dunstable Downs to look forward to, followed by a shared picnic (there's that theme of food again!). This will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, do make a note of the date and come if you can.

Finally, I commend to you the letter you will be receiving with this summer edition of the Beech Hill magazine about a special service here at Beech Hill on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Friends, I wish you joy in this summer season,

Yours in Christ,

Margaret



Thank you for your offertory contributions towards the work of Beech Hill.

**If you Gift Aid your offertory**, the best way to give is by standing order directly from your account into the church account. This means that the church does not have to pay any bank charges on the transaction. If you have internet banking this is very easy to set up. If you do not have internet banking, then just keep putting cash into your envelope.

**If you do not Gift Aid, then cash is still best.** Please avoid paying by cheque if you can as these incur extra bank charges.

If you wish to pay your collection by bank transfer or standing order, the church account details are:

**Account Name:** Beech Hill Methodist Church

**Sort code:** 40-30-32

**Account number:** 10561304

Please put your envelope number and/or name in the reference box when you make a payment.

**Your new collection envelopes, for September 2025 to August 2026, will be available soon. If anyone else would like to join the envelope scheme please let Richard know. The idea is that members of the envelope scheme undertake to put money into their envelope every week whether they can get to church or not. If they cannot come to church for a few weeks they can put all the envelopes into the collection plate together. If they are unable to come for a long period of time they can ask someone to bring their envelopes to church for them. This scheme means that the church has a regular predictable income and can budget accordingly.**

## Beech Hill - The Way Ahead

Following on from our Annual Church Meeting in June we have started a process of discernment to find out what God's plans are for His church at Beech Hill. We know that we have a number of problems at the moment including sufficient people to run the church and property and finance issues. We know that our location can be a problem, but it can also be an opportunity to witness to the community around the church.

The first action has been to send out the letter you will have received with this Newsletter and the prayer for Beech Hill that is included in it. We are arranging a special service, led by Margaret, on 20<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate Beech Hill's past and start looking to the future.

The project will last a year and during that time we will have opportunities for prayer, social events and services to help us plot our way forward with God's guidance.

We are asking the other churches in the circuit to support us and have sent the prayer to ministers and local preachers in the hope that they will include it in their services on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Please join us on this journey as part of the people of Beech Hill Methodist Church and let us see where it leads us.

Richard.



Thanks to your generosity, we distributed 1,302 food parcels in May—each containing five days' worth of essential supplies. Families across all 20 wards of Luton received the support they needed.

Although donations dipped slightly to 11,000 items in May, every contribution plays a crucial role in our fight against food poverty. Your kindness continues to make a real difference. Thank you.

***Don't forget that you can bring food donations for the Foodbank to the church and it will be taken to them at regular intervals. Money can be donated on line at [lutonfoodbank.org.uk](http://lutonfoodbank.org.uk)***

## A Refugee Mother's Journey

From Struggle to Support

In May 2025, we met a young mother who had recently been granted refugee status. Having come to the UK as a student, she now faced life with a newborn, a toddler, and a husband still awaiting his asylum outcome. With no income and limited support, survival was a daily struggle.

We stepped in with food, fuel, baby supplies, and financial support. We connected her with Migrant Help for legal aid and with the local council for housing guidance. Bengali language support helped her feel truly seen.

*"I'm so grateful. Without your help, I wouldn't have known where to go."*

Behind every case like this is a family trying to rebuild. Your support allows us to walk with them—not just offering aid, but restoring hope.

## Britain's Most Interesting Country Churches - picture on front cover.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lullington stands on the side of the South Downs above the Cuckmere Valley, almost hidden amongst a clump of trees. Its white weather-boarded belfry peeps above the foliage, and there are magnificent views.

It is the smallest church in Sussex, and one of the smallest churches in the country, being 16 feet square, and seating only about 20. There is no electricity and evening services are conducted by candlelight. The building is the remains of the chancel of a larger church, which is believed to have been razed by fire in Cromwellian times.



The church dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and is of Early English style, with the list of vicars extending back to 1356. The original dedication is not known for sure, but may be to St Zita (a saint canonised not because of miraculous powers, but because of simple devotion and hard work). More latterly, and after a decision by the local community, the church was rededicated in 2000 to the Good Shepherd (one of the earliest Christian titles for Jesus), in keeping with agricultural practices of the area.

The location of this unique church, its history, and the atmosphere created by its beautiful location make it popular with visitors throughout the year.





**At the Annual Church Meeting I gave a report outlining the state of the Finances at Beech Hill. If you have not had a copy let me know, but in short it is not good. In about 1½ to 2 years we will not have sufficient reserves to be able to maintain our building and pay the assessment to the circuit. I asked everyone to look at their level of giving to see if they might be able to increase it in some way. And we have to remember that 'giving' does not just relate to monetary donations, but also to our time, energy, prayers, love and much more.**

**While I was preparing this issue of our Newsletter I came across the following article, written for another church, which gives some insight into how we might look at our giving in a new way. Food for thought? - Richard**

## Covenant and Generosity

### Why do we, as Christians, give?

We give to keep the church building warm and in good order, and that's important. Who can blame people for staying away from church if the pub is cosier? We give to help pay the Minister's stipend and expenses; and to support world-wide mission, and to put in effect our Lord's command to tell the world and to make disciples of all nations; to help the needy and hungry about whom Jesus said: in as much as you do this for these my brothers, you do this for me.

We give to finance central organisations of the Methodist Church but most important and our first reason for giving should be in thanksgiving for the generosity of God, for he so loved the world that He gave his only Son. Giving is our response to the love of God. Only as Christians can we fully appreciate this, because it's in the nature of being Christian. We need to think about thanking God for that Generosity to us; His love for us, and for the fact that however 'busy' we are, and disobedient, He's always there.

In Genesis we hear how God made a Covenant with Noah, an agreement. The story of how his family was saved from the Flood. God made many covenants with His people in which He promises that He will never forget us.

The covenants God made with us are

unconditional.

What then shall we say to this love of God, what shall we say about the signs of his love; the cross, the bounty he gives us in the food and drink which sustain us?

Christian Giving begins with seeing the awe and wonder of God in our lives; it's not about giving our fair share. That's great for Rotary or Lions, but it's not Christian Giving. It's not about paying our dues; that's fine for the golf club or the PTA, but it's not Christian Giving. It's not just about turning up at the Christmas Fayre with some old toys or bric a brac that we don't want; that's not Christian Giving either. Christian Giving is risky because we have to understand the awe and wonder of God, and that can be uncomfortable; but that's where Christian Giving begins.

It's no good clamouring after all that this world can offer in the way of riches, of seeking to fill our coffers and ignoring the needs of others. God provides all that we need, but he asks us to put His needs first when we're spending our money or using our abilities; His needs as seen in the needs of others. We are asked, like the Corinthians, to be generous. As Paul says in 2 Cor. 8, "For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." The Macedonians gave beyond their means.

One of the greatest marks that a heart has been truly touched by the grace of God is that it counts giving as a privilege. God provides all that is needed to do his work and to live well. The problem is that some gather more than they need and others are unable to gather enough. God intends us to level things out. In other words, God had given the Corinthians more than enough now, so they should share it with the impoverished church in Jerusalem.

How do we approach giving our offerings to the Lord? Is this a task we're glad to do, or does this feel more like a necessary evil? Sacrificial giving is a tremendous act of faith. It has been said that the other problem with giving until it hurts, is that we have such a low threshold of pain. Anytime our Christian nature wants to commit to generous and consistent giving, our sinful nature is right there to squeal out its objections.

"But this will cut into our money for that cruise!" "But if we give this to church, how are we going to be able to afford payments for the new car." "With the economy slowing down, don't we need to cut back on the standing order to church, so we can maintain our standard of living?"

On the one hand, we can't give when we don't have; especially in tough economic times. But, we have to try and maintain our giving if we can, and offer God the 'First Fruits'. There's a tension between satisfying our 'needs', honouring God, and satisfying our 'wants'.

So, let's examine our lives, to look at all that we do, and ask ourselves if we are taking the easy way.

Or is there something we can do to be more loving and caring, generous and committed people.

Neil Bradley

**You are warmly invited to:**

### A Farewell Service for Rev Nigel Bibbings

Nigel is retiring after serving as minister for 9 years in the South Beds Methodist Circuit

Venue: Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Date 3rd August 2025

Time: 4pm

Please join us afterwards for refreshments in the school room



## Summer Time

by William Wilson

Sun shines on your skin  
and mine

Until it sets way after  
nine.

Memories made with a  
cold drink in hand.

Moments to cherish  
with feet in the sand.

Everyone laughing,  
smiles on every face.

Remember the  
moments, those were  
the days.

Turn up the music, sing  
it out loud.

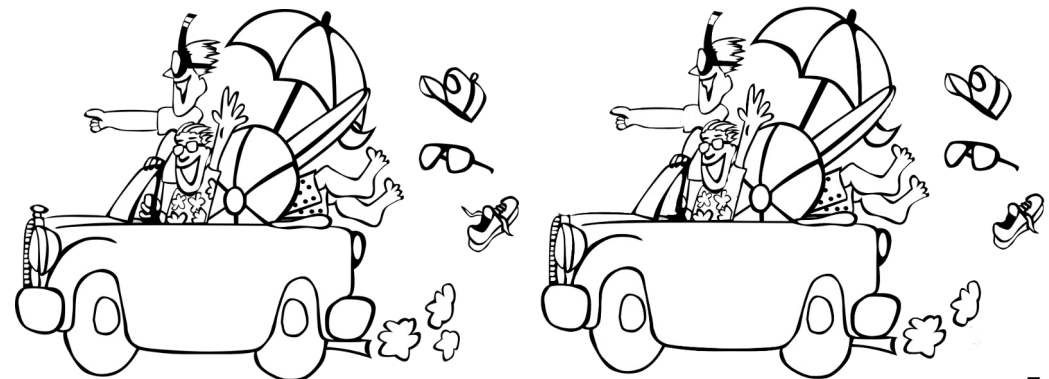
Indigo skies, no sign of a  
cloud.

Mutter the words that  
no one will know.

Everlasting memories;  
where does time go?

## SUMMER SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

How quickly can you find the 10 differences between these two pictures.





July Church & Circuit Calendar		
1	Tue	10.00am - Noon: Cakes & Company at Aley Green. 1.00pm - 4.00pm: Welcome Space with Seated Exercises at 2.00pm.
2	Wed	
3	Thu	
4	Fri	
5	Sat	The Dementia Cafe will not meet today. 2.00 - 5.00pm: Circuit Children's & Youth Event at Toddington Methodist Church.
6	Sun	10.30am: Morning worship led by Jacquie Stamp
7	Mon	
8	Tue	1.00pm - 4.00pm: Welcome Space with Seated Exercises at 2.00pm.
9	Wed	
10	Thu	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	11.00am: Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs. See poster for more details.
14	Mon	
15	Tue	1.00pm - 4.00pm: Welcome Space with Seated Exercises at 2.00pm.
16	Wed	
17	Thu	
18	Fri	
19	Sat	11.00am: Spring Bleu Dementia Café
20	Sun	10.30am: Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Margaret Newman
21	Mon	
22	Tue	1.00pm - 4.00pm: Welcome Space with Seated Exercises at 2.00pm.
23	Wed	
24	Thu	
25	Fri	
26	Sat	
27	Sun	10.30am: Local Arrangement led by Gloria Badu
28	Mon	
29	Tue	1.00pm - 4.00pm: Welcome Space with Seated Exercises at 2.00pm.
30	Wed	7.30 - 9.00pm: Coffee Evening at Aley Green in aid of Action for Children.
31	Thu	

August Church & Circuit Calendar		
1	Fri	
2	Sat	
3	Sun	10.45am: United service at Oakdale led by Rev. Tim Haines 4.00pm: Farewell Celebration Service for Rev Nigel Bibbings at Eaton Bray Methodist Church. Eaton Bray ask if people would kindly bring cakes - labelled with ingredients for allergy/dietary awareness.
4	Mon	
5	Tue	10.00am - Noon: Cakes & Company at Aley Green. 1.00pm - 4.00pm: Welcome Space with Seated Exercises at 2.00pm.
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31	Sun	10.45am: United service at Oakdale led by Sheila Norris



I thought I would share with you the appeal we have recently received from Azalea. If you would like to donate to their work there are details of how you can give on-line or you can give a cash gift to Richard who will pass it on.



Dear Supporter

**At Azalea, we meet two new survivors of sex trafficking every single week** through our Encompass programme. Just last month, we met an 18-year-old in unsafe housing and a 19-year-old sofa-surfing from place to place.

Though many of the women we support are house-less, they treat Azalea as *home*.

When they walk through our doors—or flee danger and burst through them—they enter a space designed with care: comfy sofas, warm lamps, colourful walls and cosy blankets. Azalea doesn't feel like an institution. It feels like a place you'd return to. A place you belong.

Here, survivors can shower, nap, eat a hot meal, and most importantly, feel safe—without looking over their shoulders. Too often, we hear stories of women staying with sex buyers or perpetrators just for a roof. That “roof” often leads to sexual violence.

Our Build team works daily with guests and agencies to find safe housing. One woman recently shared:

*“I couldn't have gone on for another 6 months doing that... now I can shower, and eat, and I have a bed. But I don't know what happens now... I move soon, and then I don't know how long I'll get the next one for.”*

Still, she returns to Azalea. Because she knows she's welcome. She knows this place—and these people—aren't going anywhere.

**But to continue offering that stability, we urgently need your support.**

**July is historically our lowest month for financial giving.** Yet the need hasn't slowed. That's why our **Summer Appeal** is so important.

Will you give £5, £50, or £500 today to keep Azalea going strong for the next woman who needs us?

**DONATE NOW:** <https://www.azalea.org.uk/donation-form>

Thanking you in advance for your support!

## Faith Matters -

by David Jonathan, Grassroots  
& Luton Council of Faiths

### Holy Ghost Catholic Church Diamond Jubilee anniversary celebrations



Bishop David Oakley & Mgr Kevin McGinnell, the parish priest, after a vibrant multi-cultural Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebrations at Holy Ghost Catholic Church on Westbourne Road.

Several dignitaries attended the recently held Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebrations of the Holy Ghost Catholic Parish Church on Westbourne Road in Luton. In addition to the clergy procession with liturgical artefacts, the celebrations included parishioners carrying flags of many

countries represented in the parish, and presenting the thanksgiving gifts at the altar with African drumming, singing & dancing.

Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, who has been the parish priest for two decades and is currently also the Catholic Area Dean, said, “We give thanks to God for all that has been in the parish over the last sixty years. We thank all who since the beginning and now give so much, especially for these Jubilee celebrations. With great hope, we look forward to the future with complete confidence in the Holy Spirit. Thank you all.”

Fr Kevin explained that the Holy Ghost Catholic Parish began in 1965. It was built by people of four nations – England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales at that time, with a great deal of help from the immigrant communities from Italy and the West Indies. Over the years, our community has grown and developed, and now we are enriched by many people from Africa (Kenya), the Caribbean, India (Kerala), Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Eastern Europe (Poland). Week after week, we celebrate who we are and try to serve God and people in our local area, irrespective of their religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This is because the area and the demography around the church have changed significantly over the years. And although we

are a gathered community at Holy Ghost, we are a lively community in so many different ways, and we have very good links with the Mosques and other Churches in the area.

The Right Reverend David J Oakley, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton, was the president of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. He reminded us that our faith journeys will always have its ups & downs.

Throughout our 2000 years of Christian history, there have been moments of strength, and there have been moments of uncertainty, but we must keep at it. Admiring the exuberant life of the Church, Bishop David encouraged the congregation to stay strong in putting their faith into action in the service of God and His creation.



*At the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebrations of the Holy Ghost Catholic Parish Church on Westbourne Road in Luton, the multi-cultural congregation carried thanksgiving gifts to the altar with African drumming, singing & dancing.*

## Listening Day Article

More than one hundred people from churches across the South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit gathered at Newland Church in Luton for a day set apart for worship, conversation, and listening. The occasion was the Circuit's Listening Day—an invitation to all members of the circuit to pause, reflect, and seek God's guidance for the road ahead.

What made the day distinctive was not just the number of people present, but the spirit in which they gathered. There was an openness—a willingness to be honest about where we are, curious about where we're going, and prayerful about what God might be saying. At the heart of it all were four simple but searching questions, which shaped the rhythm of the day: What should we focus on as churches and as a Circuit? What do we need to keep, and what could we change? How can we work together more closely? And, if we were starting fresh, how might we organise ourselves to best do God's work?

Around tables, conversations were thoughtful, warm, and at times challenging. What emerged was a deep hunger for spiritual renewal—for churches that are not only friendly but also rooted in prayer, Scripture, and the transforming love of Christ. People spoke of longing for communities of faith where stories are shared, questions welcomed, and discipleship deepened. There was a recurring sense that we are being called to step forward in faith, even when the path is uncertain—to be brave, Spirit-led, and open to what God might do among us.

At the same time, the day offered space to name the realities many churches face: burdensome buildings, stretched volunteers, declining numbers, and the sense that some things which once worked well no longer serve us in this moment. Yet rather than despair, the tone was hopeful. Participants recognised the value of what we already hold—our worship, pastoral care, and

community presence—while also naming a shared desire for change. There was honest reflection about letting go of burdensome processes and embracing more flexible, creative, and relational ways of being Church.

One of the strongest themes to emerge was the importance of working together. Again and again, people spoke of a yearning to build stronger relationships across churches—to pray together, learn together, share resources, and support one another. Whether through joint worship, youth work, or simply turning up to one another's events, the hope was clear: that no church should feel isolated or alone.

Perhaps the most inspiring moment came when participants were asked to imagine starting from scratch. What if we had no inherited structures, buildings, or assumptions—only a blank page and a call to serve? The responses were striking. People imagined a Church centred on people, not property; grounded in prayer, not paperwork; open to the Spirit and to the needs of local communities. There was talk of shared rhythms of prayer, of house groups and café-style services, of lay-led ministry and shared discernment.

This posture of attentiveness is only the beginning. What comes next will be shaped by continued conversation, prayer, and discernment in each local context. But one thing is clear: we do not face the future alone. God is with us, and we are with one another.

What we heard on the day will not remain just words. It will inform the development of our Circuit mission plan. The Circuit Leadership Team will bring a report to the next Circuit Meeting in June (*this did happen*), and present a transitional mission plan for the year ahead at the September Circuit Meeting. The journey of shaping our future has already begun, and we will take the next steps together, with faith and courage.

## When We Give

Shortly after World War II came to a close, Europe began picking up the pieces. Much of the Old Country had been ravaged by war and was in ruins. Perhaps the saddest sight of all was that of little orphaned children starving in the streets of those war-torn cities.

Early one chilly morning an American soldier was making his way back to the barracks in London. As he turned the corner in his jeep, he spotted a little lad with his nose pressed to the window of a pastry shop. Inside the cook was kneading dough for a fresh batch of doughnuts. The hungry boy stared in silence, watching every move.

The soldier pulled his jeep to the kerb, stopped, got out, and walked quietly over to where the little fellow was standing. Through the steamed-up window he could see the mouth-watering morsels as they were being pulled from the oven, piping hot. The boy salivated and released a slight groan as he watched the cook place them onto the glass-enclosed counter ever so carefully. The soldier's heart went out to the nameless orphan as he stood beside him. "Son, would you like some of those?" The boy was startled. "Oh, yeah—I would!" The American stepped inside and bought a dozen, put them in a bag, and walked back to where the lad was standing in the foggy cold of the London morning. He smiled, held out the bag, and said simply: "Here you are." As he turned to walk away, he felt a tug on his coat. He looked back and heard the child ask quietly: "Mister, are you God?"

We are never more like God than when we give.

James S. Hewett

## Be Thankful

Back in 1988, a Polish railway worker named Jan Grzebski was hit by a train. He lived ... but only barely. For the next 19 years (until the year 2007), Grzebski was in a coma.

He awoke in 2007 to a whole new world. Nineteen years earlier, Poland was a communist state. Grzebski noted that back then meat was rationed and there were huge lines at nearly every gas station. And, "there was only tea and vinegar in the shops."

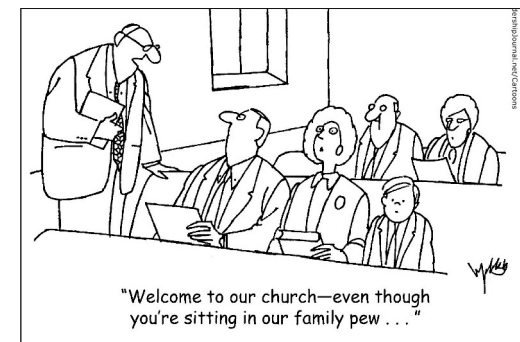
But 19 years later, he awoke to a free nation where he said there were "people on the streets with cell phones and there are so many goods in the shops it makes my head spin."

But something puzzled him. "What amazes me is all these people who walk around with their mobile phones and yet they never stop moaning."

These people had freedom, and food and wealth greater than Poland had had for decades ... and yet Grzebski woke from his coma to find that ALL they seemed to want to do was grumble!

If you don't get into the habit of thanking God for what you DO have, you'll soon become ungrateful because of what you DON'T have.

Anon





# Prayer Page

## Our Prayer for Beech Hill

Loving Father,  
We give thanks for the life of Beech Hill church,  
and all it has meant for those who have been associated with it.  
Bless us and guide us as we place our trust in you.  
Deepen our faith and teach us how to pray.  
Show us how we can witness to your love,  
as we seek the future for the life of our church.  
In Jesus' name. Amen

## A Prayer from Worcester Cathedral

Father in heaven,  
you have given us a mind to know you,  
a will to serve you and a heart to love you.  
Be with us today in all we do, so that your  
light may shine out in our lives,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen



## Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.  
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.  
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to You this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am or what I am doing.  
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.  
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me  
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen

## Sunday Bible Readings from the Methodist Lectionary

### 6th July

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### 13th July

Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### 20th July

Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### 27th July

Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-13



### 3rd August

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

### 10th August

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

### 17th August

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

### 24th August

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### 31st August

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Information from the Circuit Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June

Rev Patrick Kandeh our Superintendent has informed me that at the end of his appointment in the circuit he will not be seeking an invitation to continue beyond August 2026. This means that this autumn we will be seeking a new superintendent through the stationing process with a view to making an appointment from September 2026.

The Circuit Invitation Committee and Circuit Leadership Team will be dealing with the stationing process, and will keep the circuit informed.

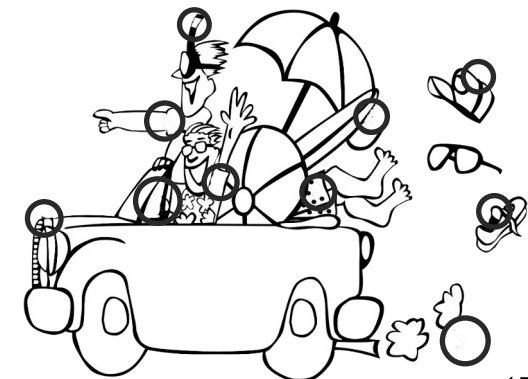
I ask that we keep Patrick and his family in our prayers during this time.

With every blessing.

Roger Owers (Senior Circuit Steward)

## SUMMER SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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METHODIST CHURCH

SOUTH BEDS

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CHILDREN

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YOUTH

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Taster day



You are all invited to the children and Youth event in Toddington. There will lots of activities on the day .Please bring your children and lets have some fun

05/07/2025

1400hrs

to

1700hrs

LU5 6BY



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DUNSTABLE DOWNS

*Circuit Service*

13

July  
2025

Dunstable Road,  
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