



Messenger

Solihull Methodist Church

October 2026

Wonderful Welcome Worship

A great number of Solihull people went to the Circuit Welcome service for our new minister, Rev Andy Moffoot, including the Cantonese choir along with a group of young people. The Church at Carrs Lane was full with people from across the circuit, including from Trinity Monkspath and Earlswood.

It was a wonderful, thoughtful service, celebrating new things to come and new people, new friendships and new opportunities. Rev Rachel Deigh (chair of the District) spoke following the readings, one from Mark 6 from The Message. She talked about how we are the church in all its parts, each playing our role. "Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. You are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple".

Mark 6 v 8 - 9, (The Message)

Gathered around our new circuit ministers we did seem to have many varied and wonderful skills; hosting and catering; music from the Cantonese choir; gifts given by circuit stewards and warm welcomes from each church steward team; prayers of thanks for safe arrivals to prayers of hope for spirit filled futures; prayers for unity and growth; words of introduction and intention to serve; generations, young and old holding witness to the welcome of new people.

Abi Godfree



Rev Andy Moffoot with Sheila and their family, Tim, Sam, Georgina and Joe



Cantonese Choir



Many from Solihull in the congregation



Young people with Abi

Church Family News

Diamond Wedding



Linda and John Innes celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 20th August with a family gathering in Finland. They were married at Broxstead Church, Essex in 1966. They treated the congregation to cakes after the Sunday morning service on 30th August. Congratulations!

Thank you

The Weatherup family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits to Mum and us, flowers, cards, support and kind words during Mum's short stay in hospital and after her passing. It has all helped us to cope with our loss. Thank you.

Prayer Box



We pray for

- **Rebecca Lo** who is very poorly in hospital
- **Sarah Tall** as she continues her treatment
- **Shirley Aldridge** has torn her hamstring and is needing to rest at home
- **Brenda Mackey** recovering from concussion and a cracked wrist after a fall in the garden
- **Marion Sowden** recovering from knee surgery
- **Sanjay Minipolli** whose company has unexpectedly transferred him back to India
- all those who are anxious about their jobs, those starting new jobs and those seeking employment



The Innes Housegroup welcomed the Church's new year with lunch in Knowle



During October we will collect unwanted tools for TWAM

Do you have any:

- garden tools,
- carpentry tools
- mechanic's tools
- sewing machines
- knitting machines
- laptops

Bring them along on Sundays in **October** or let Linda Innes know

Honours Board

Post Graduate Study and Appointments

Andrew Beattie has been appointed Headteacher of Pennine Way Primary School in Carlisle.

Lauren Edgecombe (Hollaway) granddaughter of Derek and Sheila Hollaway completed her PGSE year at Birmingham University and is starting her teaching career at Tudor Grange, Kingshurst academy.

Alysia Hoe (Rumens) is joining Bolton and Stevens to begin her training contract to qualify as a solicitor.

Anna Lingham (Giles) completed her PGCE and will be teaching Maths at The Earls High School, Halesowen.

Graduations and Appointments

Vania Chan graduated from Imperial College London with a Master of Engineering (MEng), First Class Honours, from the Computing programme (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) and has a full-time job in London.

Vishal Christian (Neel's friend) has gained an International Master of Business Administration with Merit from Birmingham City University.

Amber Lee graduated with a BA(Hons) in Media, Journalism & Publishing from Oxford Brookes University and is seeking to pursue a career in journalism.

Toby Hancock graduated from the University of Sheffield with the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) He is now a Foundation Year 1 Resident Doctor at Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Sally Lingham (née Giles) is doing a part time MA in Mission and Theology at Durham University. She and husband Andrew are moving to Durham with Vineyard Church to plant a new church.

Alicia Luong (Giles) is starting a PGCE at Birmingham University, specialising in SEND and Primary Education.

Gaining places at University

Jasmine Edgecombe (Hollaway) did well in her A levels and is going to Manchester Metropolitan University to study Speech therapy.

Star Ehiogu (Beattie) has gained a place at Bristol University to study Politics and International Relations which she is deferring for a year to concentrate on her 'Speed Climbing' and to start earning.

Ben Hunt is going to Manchester Metropolitan University to study Accountancy and Finance.

Ruby Lee is going to the University of Worcester to study for a BSc(Hons) in Sport and Exercise Science.

James Lingham (Giles) is going to Durham University to study Engineering.

Senior School to 6th Form (Year 12)

Mia goes to Alderbrook School to study A levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics.

Darren goes to professional cookery at University College Birmingham.

Samuel will study A Levels in Further Maths, Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

Dexter is studying Football Education at Birmingham City FC.

Aurelia (Beattie) will continue at Edgbaston High School for Girls studying A level History and Sociology.

Saskia is going to Arden Sixth Form to study A-Level Drama, History and Sociology.

Lorin completed his Chinese GCSE this year and will go to last year of GCSEs to do all others.

Mya (Giles) is going to Solihull Sixth Form to study Sport, Media Studies and Health and Social Care.

Toto will study A levels in Maths, Chemistry and Biology at Arden 6th form.

Ray, Taylor and Casey also move up.

Secondary School (year 10)

Charlotte, Ben T, Anna and Michelle are starting GCSEs in year 10. They have made their options and begin the two year course to complete them, dropping the unwanted subjects.

Junior School to Secondary School (Year 7)

Sum will go to Arden School.

Caleb moves to Lighthall School. He will be joined there by Alfie.

Stella moves to Langley School. She will be joined there by El.

Suri starts at Alcester Grammar school.

Mati (Coleman) starts at Queensbridge School, Moseley.

Serina, Victoria, Sophia, and Hailey are also moving up.

Primary to Junior (Year 3)

Raphael is moving up to Junior school.

Starting School (Year 1)

Geovan starts in reception at St Andrews Primary School.

Lucas is starting school in reception this year.

Jonah (Coleman) starts in reception at Childwall Church of England Primary School in Liverpool.

Compiled by The Prattle

Minister's Message

Hi everyone,

It's lovely to be able to start my second letter for The Messenger with some more thank yous. Thank you to everyone who attended our Welcome Service at the Church at Carrs Lane on 6th September. As the photos on the front cover illustrate, you helped to create a warm, welcoming congregation and contributed to our worship that was celebratory, thankful and thought provoking. Revd Dr Rachel Deigh, Chair of the District, spoke about us all being the equipment that God employs, and how important it is for us to maintain and look after ourselves, including resting, not just when we feel exhausted and it's required, but as part of a rhythm of life which gives us time to think, reflect and pray, to be attentive to one another and God, and to dream...not just recover.

Another big thank you, both from myself and the West Midlands District, to Solihull Methodist Church for hosting District Synod on Saturday 12th September, especially those fulfilling particular roles in preparation, hosting and facilitating in various ways on the day, and the inevitable tidying up afterwards. The District Synod Secretary has since written to express their gratitude. It also gave us as a church the opportunity to share with the district the progress in the Hall and Room 3 and say thank you to them for providing a grant to help cover the costs.

Whilst initially being more than a little apprehensive at the thought of hosting District Synod in the first few days of my new appointment it turned out to be a great way to very quickly introduce myself to numerous new colleagues, both lay and ordained from across the circuit and district. Although, it felt a bit topsy-turvy welcoming everyone to synod at the start of the day and then myself being welcomed as one of the new presbyters in the district several hours later in the synod agenda.

One of the highlights for me was being approached numerous times during the course of the day by people who I had worked with before, or who knew me in some way, even if I didn't yet know them. One example was a Deacon who

came and said "Hi" and then explained that she was the daughter of a couple I'd been a minister for in my very first appointment in Sheffield between 1997-2002.

Another minister approached me and shared with me how they had once lived on the coast of Kenya, had been a youth leader in the church, then later felt a call to ministry. They had been accepted, trained and ordained in the Methodist Church Kenya before coming to the UK about 7 years ago. It transpired that during my time as a Mission Partner in East Africa (2003-2007) I had gone to her church and led a workshop that she had attended...and remembered. To my utter amazement, she also told me that following my visit one of her peers had called their first child Andrew!

I felt really blessed that those two people had taken the time to come and talk to me and explain how our paths had crossed and our lives had, perhaps only momentarily, intertwined. It prompted me to be more intentional, if I get the opportunity in the future, to affirm someone if our paths had previously crossed and maybe simply acknowledge they had been noticed at the time and remembered. I can vouch for it being really encouraging and affirming.

It also reminded me of how important our interactions with others are in the present, however insignificant they might seem at the time, for we have no way of knowing the impact it might have for them. In our Harvest service we will have considered some of those Christian character traits, exemplified in the life that Jesus lived, that ensure that our relationships with others make a positive impression and our encounters are remembered for the right reasons. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5: 22-23)

God bless,

Andy



IN SUPPORT OF

YOUNGmINDS

WHO ARE
YOUNGmINDS?

HOW DO THEY
HELP YOUNG
PEOPLE AND THEIR
FAMILIES?

WHAT WILL THE MONEY WE
RAISE BE USED FOR?

*Find out at our launch event
on Saturday 17 October at
5pm when Julia from the
Young Minds will be able to
answer all questions
followed by a light tea.
Tickets only £7.
Spaces are limited.*



Church Project News

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

5 December 2026
7pm

Solihull Methodist Church

Tickets on Sale £10
Churchproject@solihull-methodist.org.uk

Concert in aid of
YOUNGmINDS

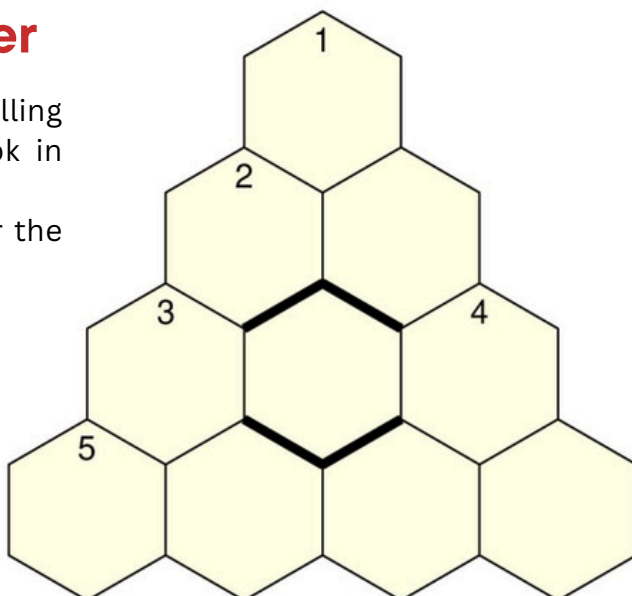
In September it was reported by the BBC that there had been a sharp rise in children, some as young as 6, attending A & E in a mental health crisis. This is not an appropriate environment for them to be in. YoungMinds can provide support for young people going through a health crisis through the projects they run.

2027 Dates for your diary

27th February	Night of Escape Rooms
17th April	Quiz

Puzzle Corner

Glen will be selling another Puzzle Book in time for Christmas. It will raise funds for the Church Project. Here is a taster.



TRIDIRECTIONAL

ACROSS

- 2 Moon of Jupiter (2)
- 3 Member of a convent (3)
- 5 Places for exercise (4)

DOWN & LEFT

- 1 Bell's (high) sound (4)
- 4 Billionth of a metre (2)

DOWN & RIGHT

- 1 Puts on (4)
- 3 US state (2)

What can the letters in the grid spell?

Teams 4U Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2026



IT'S CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX TIME AGAIN!

Although it's a bit early to be thinking about Christmas, it's not too early to start filling your Shoeboxes for our 2026 Appeal. As we did last year we will be collecting filled shoeboxes to be distributed through Teams 4U who organise sending the shoeboxes to Eastern Europe. The shoeboxes will be distributed through schools, orphanages and hospitals to vulnerable and needy children and families. For these children, a shoebox filled with simple gifts, is their only present at Christmas and probably in their lifetime. A small shoebox filled with gifts can have a BIG impact.

Last year, our church collected 103 shoeboxes. It would be wonderful if we could collect even more this year, so **PLEASE** fill as many shoeboxes as possible (why stop at 1 or 2) and encourage your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to do the same.

PLEASE start filling those boxes now – it's amazing how many items can be packed into a shoebox, it's fun to do and this small, simple gift will give the love and joy of Christmas to so many needy children.

Leaflets are available in the Church vestibule and on the notice board in the Church Hall which give full details of simple gifts to include in the shoeboxes. As can be seen in the leaflet, also included are ideas for a 'Home Box'. These boxes go to adult females in a household and can include small toiletries, scarves, jewellery, small household utensils etc. Items such as shampoo, nail varnish etc CAN be included but please make sure the top of the bottle is secure and wrapped around with sellotape. Filled shoeboxes can be left in the church on the pew by the Vestry door until

Sunday 15th November.

For anyone who is unable to fill a shoebox, any items listed in the leaflet can be left in the boxes provided in the Church or Church Hall foyer. There are also some empty shoeboxes in the vestibule waiting to be filled, so please take one or more. Enjoy knitting? There are always patterns for hats, bags etc available in the church and hall. So why not knit something for your shoebox or leave your knitted items in the collection boxes. The knitted Christmas angels are a lovely addition to a shoebox, patterns also available.

PLEASE NOTE when wrapping your shoebox with Christmas paper it is very important that the lid and the base of the box are wrapped separately. Each box has to be opened and the contents checked before distribution. For more information have a look at the Teams4U website – teams4U.com – and watch their shoebox video which gives helpful suggestions about gifts to include and shows how to pack a shoebox. Or speak to Chris Cooke if you need any help.

The Youth Club will be supporting the shoe box appeal, If you would like to offer fillers or a donation for us to purchase fillers with please give money to Chris Cooke or to Abi or pay by card.

Shall We Talk?

During the morning service on Sunday 30th August The lighting of the Peace and Hope Candle was dedicated to Shall We Talk? Yan Yeung described Shall we Talk and Jessica Chang led the prayers.



Hong Kongers and volunteers enjoying dim sum in Chinatown

‘Shall We Talk?’ is a community outreach programme which started in January 2022, over four years ago. We are a Church group and Solihull Methodist Church has supported us at every stage. Also we are a group run by Hong Kong and local volunteers. Originally, ‘Shall We Talk?’ was a joint initiative between our church and Birmingham Chinese Methodist Church. The main purpose was to support newly arrived Hong Kongers who came to the UK through the BNO settlement programme.

Following the social movement in Hong Kong in 2019, many families made the difficult decision to leave Hong Kong and start a new life in the UK. Some of these families chose to settle in Solihull, but arriving in a new country brought many challenges. ‘Shall We Talk?’ was created to provide practical and emotional support. We shared local information and helped people with things such as finding accommodation, choosing schools, looking for employment, and accessing English and ESOL courses. But, most importantly, ‘Shall We Talk?’ provided a safe and welcoming space where people could meet others who were going through similar experiences, share their worries and concerns, and practise their conversational English in a relaxed environment.

Over time, we were very pleased to see that some of the families became more connected with our church community. Some started attending our Sunday services, while others even volunteered to help us with gardening and other activities. We also started another church group called Classic Cantonese, which meets every Friday morning. They get together to exercise, play mahjong, and enjoy each other’s company.

So, ‘Shall We Talk?’ has become much more than just a support programme. It has helped people build friendships, gain confidence, and develop a sense of belonging in their new community.

If you are free, you are very welcome to come and visit both groups. We would be delighted to see you!

Prayer for ‘Shall We Talk?’

- Thank You, Lord, for bringing us together and guiding us on our journey from Hong Kong to the UK.
- We are grateful for Solihull Methodist Church, its welcome, and everyone who has supported the Hong Kong community.
- May ‘Shall We Talk?’ continue to be a place where people connect, support one another, share their experiences and feel that they belong.
- Give us wisdom, compassion and sensitivity to understand the changing needs of our community.
- Guide us in using our resources and funding wisely, so that they can truly help and bless others
- We pray for those preparing for settlement and British citizenship, asking for peace, wisdom and guidance through every step.
- We remember those facing uncertainty around immigration, family, employment and the future. May they know they are not alone.
- Help us to walk alongside one another, offering practical, emotional and spiritual support.
- Bless the Hong Kong community in Solihull and help us build positive relationships with the wider community.
- May ‘Shall We Talk?’ be not only a place of support, but also a blessing to the wider community.
- We place the coming year into Your hands.

Green Tips

Does your toilet leak?

I don't think many people bother to look down at their toilets before use. Some months ago Richard Burr mentioned how much water was wasted through leaking toilets and, as the hot, dry, summer continued, Severn Trent pointed out that leaking toilets could waste every day as much as 3 people flushing the toilet each day. Toilet cisterns have what is called a 'float' or 'ball' valve to control the water coming into the cistern. It is made up of a lever with a ball at the end. When the toilet is flushed, the water in the cistern pours out and the float valve goes down as the water level drops. This allows new water to start slowly coming in so that, when the flush is finished, water slowly re-fills the cistern.

Unfortunately, over time, that valve can stop closing properly. Immediately you see the problem: floods in the bathroom. Toilet cisterns therefore had to have an overflow. In the past, this was a pipe from the cistern through the outside wall. Householders would see water dripping (or pouring) out, call a plumber, and have the valve fixed. However, modern builders don't like pipes through walls, so modern toilets work differently and this allows them to route the overflow straight into the toilet bowl. Immediately you can see a different problem. Householders don't normally notice. Water can be wasted for days, weeks, more. So, please, just look down at the surface of the water in the bowl before it is used. Is there a shimmer of movement on the surface? If so, try a couple more flushes and if water is still quietly leaking into the bowl (and going to waste), call a plumber. You will save energy. Our reservoirs will top up quicker ready for next summer which is forecast to be hotter still and, if you have a meter, you will save money.

Reading Meters and Good News about the New Church Boiler

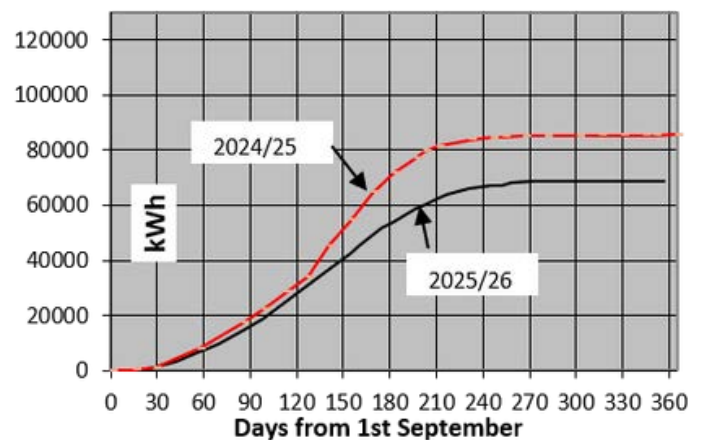
One of my jobs is to regularly read the Church electricity and gas meters. The Church has 3 gas boilers. The one heating the church was over 30 years old and becoming temperamental. No sensible way could be found to replace it with

heat pumps so we now have a modern gas fired one capable of being converted to use hydrogen if hydrogen ever becomes available. The good news can be seen on the chart. We have saved 20% of the gas we were using before.

I also regularly read my own meters. Using an Excel spreadsheet, I plot the results so I can see if I am using more or less than the previous year. If more, it jogs my conscience and makes me try harder. Doesn't take long. Try it.



Solihull Methodist Gas Use



More Good News on Offsetting

The country is committed to reaching 'Nett Zero' on greenhouse gas emissions (mostly carbon dioxide CO₂) by 2050. It means that we will still be using gas for about 20% of its energy (some to generate electricity and more for heating) but will 'offset' the emissions from that 20% by planting trees and so on in the UK and/or overseas which should absorb the same amount of gas. The 'nett' is therefore zero.

6 years ago Church Council decided it should start paying the cost of offsetting its own CO₂ emissions. An account was set up so that church members could donate towards the cost, so we are already a nett zero church. In other words Church activities do nothing to worsen global warming. The good news is that, due to the new boiler, we are emitting less CO₂ so the cost of offsetting is going down. **Donations are still welcome though to keep the account topped up.**

Richard Balmer:

On behalf of the Greener Church Group: John and Linda Innes, Pam Beattie, Bryan Fitter, Anthony Gough, Sue Kelley, Derek Giles, Sue and Richard Balmer, Glen Mullineux, Sandra Ker, and Kevin Garnett.

We are proud to be a GREEN CHURCH caring for God's creation

UK sanctions on Israeli settlements in West Bank welcomed

The President, the Revd Mark Slaney, writes on the UK Government's plans for sanctions on Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

"We warmly welcome the UK Government's commitment to ban the import of goods originating from Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. This policy rightly recognises that Israeli settlements in Palestine are illegal under international law. These settlements have been built on land that has belonged to Palestinian families and communities for generations, resulting in the displacement of people from their homes, the loss of livelihoods, restrictions on freedom of movement, and the erosion of security and hope for the future. The continued expansion of settlements is not only a violation of international law but a profound injustice that inflicts daily hardship on Palestinian communities and undermines the prospects for a just and lasting peace.

"The Government has also affirmed that its official position is that Israel's occupation of Palestine is unlawful. We welcome this clear recognition that respect for international law must be the foundation of any meaningful path towards peace and security for all who live in the Holy Land.

"Last September, we welcomed the UK Government's announcement of its intention to recognise the State of Palestine. Today's announcement represents a further step towards holding the Israeli Government to account for its continued unlawful occupation of Palestine, and demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that UK policy is consistent with international law and the pursuit of justice.

"As a member of the Just Peace Coalition, the Methodist Church in Britain supports the Time to Act Campaign, which has called not only for a ban on settlement goods but also for additional measures to uphold international law and protect human rights. These measures include suspending all arms sales to Israel until it complies with international law, imposing sanctions on Israeli ministers and political leaders who are inciting or are responsible for serious human rights violations against Palestinians, and cooperating fully with the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court



to ensure accountability for all parties.

"To uphold the God-given dignity of every human being, we encourage the UK Government to continue taking principled action to ensure that its policies are consistent with international law. Such action is essential to advancing a just and lasting peace, founded on equality, human dignity, security, and self-determination for Palestinians and Israelis alike. We pray and work for the day when all people of the Holy Land can live together in freedom, safety, and mutual respect."

Partner charity All We Can have also released the following statement.

"We welcome the UK Government's announcement of a ban on trade with Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, recognising that all such settlements are illegal under international law. This is an important and overdue step, and it reflects one of the core calls of the Just Peace Coalition's Time to Act campaign: that the UK must not allow trade, services, investment or financial relationships to sustain illegal settlements, dispossession, and the denial of Palestinian rights.

"However, this must be the beginning, not the end, of the UK's response. It requires the Government to act consistently across all areas of policy: suspending arms sales to Israel until it complies with international law; ending UK trade and investment links with illegal settlements; reviewing the UK-Israel Trade and Partnership Agreement until the occupation is ended; imposing targeted and meaningful sanctions on those responsible for illegal settlement expansion and violence; and supporting accountability for war crimes and other serious violations."

Soupa Talks



Light lunch, chat and an interesting talk
1.00 pm in the Community Centre

Wed 14th October **Henrietta Lockhart**

*These flowers are from my garden:
the Nettlefolds and their garden*

Wed 28th October **Quintin Watt**

*"Good Monkey!" - The adventures
of Harry Payne – the Edwardian
"Literary Tramp"*

Wed 11th November **Cliff Kirby-Tibbits**

From Master Spy to Weakest Link

Wed 25th **OAP Ukulele**
November **Players**

Musical Miscellany

Anxious?

Concerned?



Contact the
confidential

**Prayer
Chain**

via Chris Giles through the Church
Office

The Messenger Team

Sue Balmer, Bryan Fitter, Jeff Horton, Sue Kelley,
Rev Andy Moffoot, Glen Mullineux, Lawrie
Rumens and Tim Weatherup

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Please send photographs separately as jpeg files

NB. Last date for the November Messenger item is
Sunday 18th October

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Minister
(Day off – Monday)



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Children, Youth and
Families worker



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October Diary 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 Beavers 6:30 Cubs 8:15 Badminton	2 10:00 Cantonese Fellowship 6:30 Youth Club	3
4 10:30 Morning service Rev Peter Bates	5 9:45 Pushchair Club 10:00 Shall We Talk? 7:30 Scouts	6 9:30 Communion 10:00 Bible Study 10:30 Men's Coffee 5:00 Rainbows 6:00 Brownies	7 9:0 Morning prayers by Zoom	8 6:00 Beavers 6:30 Cubs 8:15 Badminton	9 10:00 Cantonese Fellowship 10:30 Friendship cafe 6:30 Youth Club	10
11 10:30 Morning service with Holy Communion Rev Andy Moffoot 6:30 Prayer Space	12 9:45 Pushchair Club 10:00 Shall We Talk? 7:30 Scouts 7:30 Church Council	13 9:30 Communion 10:00 Bible Study 10:30 Men's Coffee 5:00 Rainbows 6:00 Brownies 7:00 Youth study	14 9:30 Morning prayers by Zoom 1:00 pm Soupa Talks	15 9:30 Ramble 6:00 Beavers 6:30 Cubs 8:15 Badminton	16 10:00 Cantonese Fellowship 6:30 Youth Club	17 5:00 Church Project Launch
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25 10:30 Morning service Fiona Beadle 6:30 Healing communion Rev David Butterworth	26	27 9:30 Communion 10.00 Bible Study 10.30 Men's Coffee 7:00 Youth Study	28 9:30 Morning prayers by Zoom 1:00 Soupa Talks <i>Half term</i>	29 8:15 Badminton	30 10:00 Cantonese Fellowship	31

THE MIDLAND CHAMBER PLAYERS

Friday Lunchtimes

Shirley Methodist Church, 257 Stratford
Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3AL
where the Coffee Shop is open from 10 am
– 1 pm for lunch or hot drinks; tickets £10.

Friday 23 October 2026, 1.10 pm
DVORAK'S "DOUBLE BASS" QUINTET

Pushchair Club

It was a great first session back in the newly
renovated hall, a little noisy because of builders at
back. There were lots of new families and babies !!!
Jacki Lancaster



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 20th September. The church was beautifully decorated as usual. On entering the church you were met by arrangements from the Fowgay and Fitter housegroups. The Innes housegroup decorated the new communion table with the Greener church group doing the old communion table.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the decorations.



The Sunday morning service was for all ages and celebrated the abundance of God's provision. This was depicted in the baskets of fruit and vegetables around the church.

JMA (Junior Mission for All)



Coffee after church

From Sunday, 4th October to Sunday, 25th October Youth Church will be helping to serve teas and coffees after the service to raise funds for JMA, alongside Spring Harvest families. Please give generously.

Cake Sale

On Sunday, 18th October there will also be a cake sale. Please bring along some cash to buy cakes and biscuits to enjoy during the week.

If you enjoy baking and would like to contribute a cake to be sold on the stall, that would be very much appreciated.



Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who made donations to JMA, in cash and at coffees/teas and our cake sale in the 2025 – 2026 JMA year.

In August, we were able to send a donation of £390.38 to JMA (part of the Methodist World Mission Fund).

Thank you as always for your continued support.
Helen and Jane