



November Service

At 3.00 pm

Sunday 1st November 2026

Led by Revd Kevin Hooke

We hope you can come

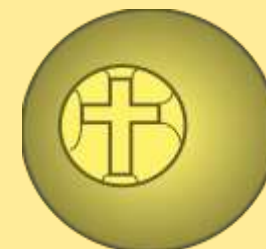
God of laughter and of tears.
You are with us in the highest of heights
but also in the lowest of lows.
When we see for miles around, in clear blue skies
on mountaintops you are there.
When we wallow in the darkest depths,
unable to take one step ahead into the unknown,
you are there.
As we travel up the peaks and down the valleys of life,
help us to take comfort that we are here to travel with you.
Because we know your love for us is boundless. Amen

*Keeley Lund, local preacher (on trial), Lancaster.
Methodist Prayer Handbook 20262027*

Harvest Gifts are most welcome and are destined to be sent to a Foodbank. Gifts may be brought on Saturday morning when the chapel is being decorated, starting at 10.30 am, Or they can be brought to the service on Sunday afternoon. **Thank you.**



Poundsgate Methodist Church



Devon Moor to Shore Circuit

Beside the main road from Ashburton to Tavistock about 1/2 mile on the moorland side of Poundsgate village (TQ13 7NY)



October 2026



October Service
At 3.00 pm
Sunday 4th October 2026
Harvest
Thanksgiving
We hope you can come

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate our Harvest Festival, that moment each year when we take time to give thanks for the food that so easily we take for granted, and when we are particularly mindful of both the agricultural community, and the need for a more just world. There are many other themes which attach themselves around harvest as well of course, including the fruitfulness of our own lives, and our roles as sowers of seed or harvesters for God's kingdom. You'll have to attend on Sunday to see Miffie and Michael Barrett Rogers' particular emphasis as they lead our harvest this year.

In taking a harvest myself last week, I was struck by the lectionary reading from Exodus 17 – the Israelites during their journey in the wilderness strike camp, but find that there is no water and so become fearful for themselves, their children and their livestock. They grumble against Moses, who in turn cries out to God. In our service it seemed important to hear that story at the end of a summer when we have seen so little rain and when farmers have been dealing with the possibility or reality of Bluetongue. There will have been many who will have been anxious or fearful over the last few months, and some will be wondering about the winter, having had to start on their winter feed early.

As Bridget Down, wrote in a recent post on the national Methodist

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**Please be sure to stay for tea/coffee
and cake after the service**

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website, "Behind ...(this)... are families, livelihoods and generations of dedication to caring for God's creation. Many farmers are carrying not only financial pressures but also grief, exhaustion and uncertainty. This Harvest, let us give thanks not only for the food on our tables, but also for the people whose hard work, resilience and perseverance make it possible. Let us remember our farming communities in our prayers, asking God to grant strength where there is weariness, comfort where there is loss and hope where the future seems uncertain. Harvest reminds us that God's faithfulness is not measured solely by abundance. Even in seasons of disappointment and struggle, God remains present with us. As we gather to celebrate God's gifts, may we hold before God all those who work the land and care for livestock, often at great personal cost."*

*Bridget is now working for the Devon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, having been one of Methodism's Learning and Development Officers until last month.

Every blessing
Kevin

We thank all those who clean and prepare our Chapel and provide refreshments afterwards. We continue to seek someone to help provide tea/coffee and cake once every four months. If you would like to join the rota and help in this or another way, please let us know. **Thank you.**