



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

Tides and Seasons

On Sunday 9th August, one of those hot days, there was a united service when friends from

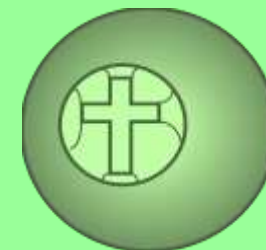


Ashburton and Poundsgate congregations came to Exminster Methodist Church. The uplifting service was led by Dr Sue Jones. The theme of the service was *Tides and Season's* and Sue was aided with music and singing by Trevor and Nancy. The service was held in the church but afterwards, those able to stay went out on the lawn for a picnic and made full use of the wonderful shade of the large tree.

Poundsgate Planning Meeting Arrangements are being made for the next twice yearly planning meeting. This will probably be via Zoom. Anyone from the congregation with internet access is welcome to join the meeting. Please let Kevin know if you would like to do so.

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.**

Poundsgate
Methodist
Church



Teignbridge Circuit

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



September 2026



September Service

At 3.00 pm

Sunday 6th September

Led by Revd. Kevin Hooke
in conversation with
Rev Erica Roberts

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'Neighbours'

"Sitting quietly by the window, watching the world pass by, it is easy to wonder about the spaces we occupy. We live in a world of thresholds—the front door that separates our private lives from our street, and the borders that divide nations. Yet, when Jesus gave us the command to love our neighbour as ourselves, He gently dissolved those boundaries. He invited us into a lifestyle of where our hearts are open to look both at the person standing right in front of us and the person halfway across the world.

In our hurried lives, it is easy to rush past the quiet struggles of those living alongside us. Noticing those around us and learning to join together, to walk together is the first step to becoming the Christian family God wants us to be. It is learning to be connected. It is the decision to learn the name of the person at the corner shop. It is the patience to listen to an elderly resident's stories, or the simple act of sharing with one another. These small acts of kindness show God's grace and God's peace and give hope to those who live just outside our walls.

Yet, our walls stretch much further today. Through the wonders of modern technology, the world enters our living room daily. The distant stranger facing hardship, conflict, or poverty become more

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and cake after the service**

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real to us. These are our neighbours too, even though we may not know them by name. It prompts us to pray deeply for nations in distress, to give generously to support global efforts, and to consider how our lifestyle choices can impact other people.

Ultimately, local and global love for neighbour are both expressions of the same heart. We cannot truly love the world if we ignore the lonely doorstep next door, nor can we claim to love our street if our hearts are closed to the struggles of the wider world.

As a church family, let us breathe in God's grace and love and breathe out His blessings, near and far."

Sharon Hurlow (Lay Minister, Bovey Tracey Methodist Church)

This month at Poundsgate, we welcome a very local resident and a regular attendee, Erica, to be interviewed, and will also have with us in the congregation Rev Jeyapaul and Ruby, visiting from Tamil Nadu in India.

So we do indeed celebrate neighbours nearby and from afar!

Kevin

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