

December Service

At 3.00 pm
Sunday 6th December 2026
Led by Revd Kevin Hooke

We hope you can come



We thank Miffie and Michael for leading our Harvest service last month, including the sunflowers everyone was able to take home and for the refreshments.

Helen sent us this photo and message: *Just sharing a photo of the two beautiful sunflowers we brought home from yesterday's lovely reflective service at Poundsgate Methodist Chapel*.

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.**

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Poundsgate Methodist Church

Devon Moor to Shore Circuit

Beside the main road from Ashburton to Tavistock about ½ mile on the moorland side of Poundsgate village **(TQ13 7PD)**



All Saints/All Souls

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Sunday 1st November 2026
Led by Revd Kevin Hooke

We hope you can come

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

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Dear Friends,

I have just sent out the letters to those families for whom I have conducted funerals since last November, inviting them to come to our All Saints' Service this month. Often, I receive messages back from people who won't be able to attend, but who are nevertheless grateful that they are being remembered, and their loved ones named.

Some of those whose funerals/thanksgiving services I have shared in I have known for a long time, along with their partners, sons and/or daughters and other family members. Others I have only got to know about through meeting their families when preparing for the service. One of the changes I have noticed over the course of my ministry is that now ordinarily the family take responsibility for preparing the eulogy. Sometimes I then read it on their behalf in the service, but very often a family member does so. These words are always deeply personal and thoughtful, and express what needs to be said far better than I could do. It is part of the family's honouring the life of their loved one and articulating their love. As a minister, it is always a privilege to share in a thanksgiving service, supporting people in shaping a service which is appropriate for them, and spending a little time with them at a difficult moment in their lives.

The experience of loss and grief is inevitably a continuing journey which takes its own course with its ebbs and flows, so this month again we offer people the opportunity to hear names read out and to light candles, hopefully as a helpful moment along that journey and also as a means of honouring those who have gone before us.

As the letter that I have just sent out reads, we *"celebrate with gratitude and joy the saints of our own lives: those whose influence on us has been great and whose memory we hold dear. We will remember these people before God, thankful not only for their lives but also for the Christian faith and hope that they are forever safe in God's care and presence."*

Whether or not you are able to be with us at Poundsgate this month, maybe you might take a few moments to remember your saints with that gratitude, joy, faith and hope.

God bless,
Kevin

Poundsgate Carol Service is on **Friday 11th December at 7.00 pm** with singers and musicians. **Please book the date**. We hope you will be able to come into the warmth and special lights of the Chapel and also enjoy the night sky, weather permitting. **Help is needed to prepare and decorate the Chapel** in advance of the Carol Service and to provide tea/coffee and mince pies etc. We hope to make final arrangements for this at the December service. Thank you.

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