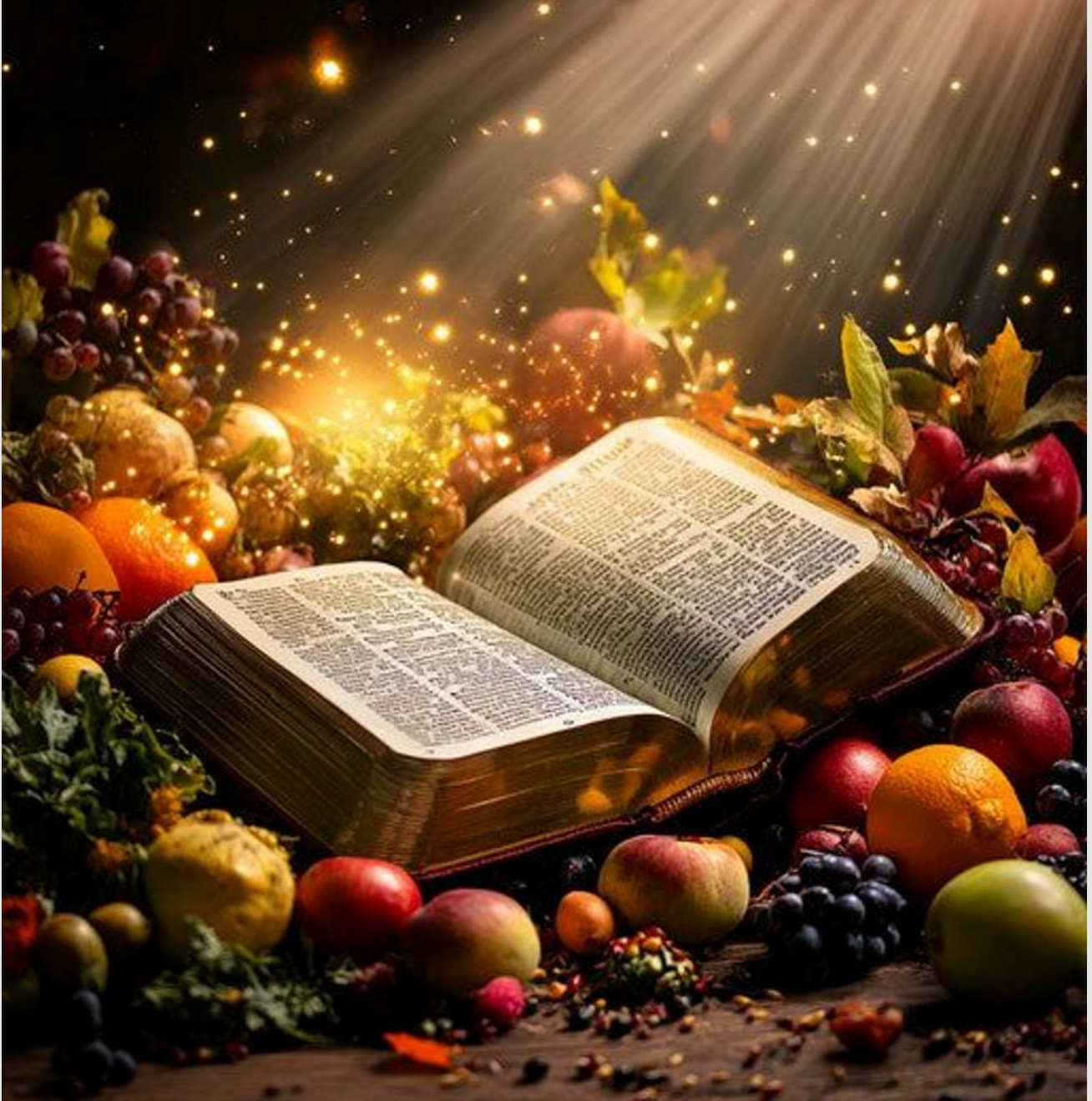


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CIRCUIT NEWS & MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

A New Methodist Year: Walking Forward Together



September marks the beginning of a new Methodist year—a fresh opportunity to give thanks for God's faithfulness, to renew our calling, and to look ahead with hope. Every new beginning invites us

to ask not only, *"What lies ahead?"* but also, *"How is God calling us to grow in discipleship, service and love?"*

A year ago, in my first article for our Circuit Newsletter, I wrote about the warmth of the welcome that Carol and I had received when we first visited the Lambeth Circuit, in November 2024. At that time, I could never have imagined that, at the end of August, just a few days before beginning my ministry amongst you, I would face one of the saddest moments of my life. Throughout that difficult time, you surrounded us with your prayers, kindness, practical support and love. Your care has been a tangible expression of Christ's presence, and it continues to sustain us. For that, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

As a Circuit, we begin this new year with gratitude for all who continue to serve faithfully in our churches and communities. We recognise that God's mission is never the work of one person alone, but of the whole people of God, each offering their gifts for the flourishing of Christ's Church.

This September we also have the joy of welcoming Rev Claudia Lupi, who joins us as one of our presbyters, and her family. We pray that Rev Claudia will quickly feel at home among us and discover the warmth, generosity and commitment that characterise our Circuit. May this new ministry be richly blessed, bringing encouragement to our churches and new opportunities for mission.

As we step into this new connexional year, may we do so with the same confidence with which Jeremiah wrote: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." This is found in Lamentations 3: 22-23, and despite the name given to that book in the Bible, it is a powerful reminder that I invite you to carry with you through the final four months of 2026, as well as throughout your whole life.

May the Holy Spirit guide our decisions, strengthen our fellowship, and inspire us to share Christ's love with all whom we meet. May God bless the Lambeth Circuit in the year ahead.

Revd Dr Paulo Bessa da Silva



Message from Revd Lena Ali



Saying goodbye can be hard. We form bonds and attachments to people that are tough to break. So, when a friend, co-worker, boss, or all of the above retires it is often a time filled with sadness. Farewells are upsetting,

especially when you were close to that person. And whilst it's never planned, retirement can lead to you seeing a lot less of them. Life unfortunately gets in the way and even with the best intentions those colleagues you shared such wonderful times with sadly drift away. That's why it's important to say farewell properly. To make sure you let whoever it is that is retiring and leaving know just how much they meant to you and how much you'll miss them.

I often think of members of our Churches who work hard to welcome new Ministers who come with their own idiosyncrasies which members bend over backwards to accommodate and no sooner have they accepted them and adjusted to them, Ministers move on and the cycle starts all over again. I don't think that we thank our members sufficiently for their hard work and support which they give to us as Ministers.

I would like to say a very special 'Thank you' to all our members who worked so hard to ensure that the Farewell Service for Rev'd Rita King and Rev'd Kristin Mackay was a huge success. We will miss them and thank them for all their hard work and contributions to their Circuit so they can now relax and trade their tension for their pension. Another chapter begins in the life of the members at Brixton Hill and Mostyn Road Methodist Churches, the Staff Team and the Lambeth Circuit as we prepare to welcome Rev'd Claudia Lupi. We wish her and her family a warm welcome.

We were also very saddened to say 'Farewell' to our friend, colleague and a wonderful Minister, Rev'd Graham Thomas. He was a blessing to us, a true soldier of the Cross and a very outspoken gentleman. He touched so many hearts and lives. He will be a great loss to all of us, and we send out our love, prayers and messages of condolences to his wife Paula and the rest of his family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

As we continue to bask in an overdose of the sunshine, please take time to relax and enjoy the rest of the summer season.

We are also looking forward to the Connexional Year which starts in September 2026. This year marks a significant moment for the Methodist Church, as it reflects on the past year and prepares for the work and witness for the year ahead.

Wishing you all God's love and richest blessings.

Revd Lena Ali



Message from Revd Sue Shortman



Dear Friends of
Lambeth Circuit,

One thing we can
all be certain of is
that life is full of
change. Some
changes we
welcome with
open arms—a new
home, the birth of
a child, the

beginning of a new ministry or friendship. Other
changes come unexpectedly or reluctantly,
bringing uncertainty, sadness, or even fear.

Our churches and our Circuit are no strangers to
change. Congregations evolve, ministers move,
new opportunities emerge, familiar ways of
working adapt, and communities around us
continue to change. At times it can feel unsettling.
We naturally treasure the people, traditions, and
rhythms that have shaped our faith. Yet
throughout Scripture we discover that God is
constantly leading God's people into new places,
not to abandon them, but to help them grow.

When God called Abraham, he was invited to leave
the familiar and journey into the unknown. Moses
led the Israelites through the wilderness. The
disciples left their nets to follow Jesus. The early
Church discovered that the Holy Spirit was always
ahead of them, opening doors they had never
imagined.

Change has always been part of God's story.

I will experience some change in my ministry here
in The Lambeth Circuit in the new connexional
year as I move from caring for the congregation at
Streatham to Springfield, where I know I will find a
warm welcome. The members at Streatham have
been so warm and generous, welcoming me
wholeheartedly and working with me to take the
church forward in Mission and Ministry as well as
tending to the business side of things. I will miss
them greatly, although I think our paths will still
cross at times as I am not going very far. I look
forward to getting to know the congregation at

Springfield and working with the Lay Leaders and
the wider congregation to discover to God's call to
ministry in that place.

The good news is that while circumstances
change, God does not. As the writer to the
Hebrews reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).
God's love remains constant. God's promises
remain true. God's presence never leaves us.

As we continue our journey together as a Circuit,
perhaps our calling is not simply to cope with
change but to ask, "Where is God at work in this?"
Every ending can become the beginning of
something new. Every challenge can become an
opportunity to discover fresh ways of serving
Christ and sharing God's love within our
communities.

The Methodist tradition has always understood
that the Church is called to be continually
renewed. John Wesley encouraged the early
Methodists to respond faithfully to the needs of
their day rather than simply preserving what had
always been. That same spirit continues to inspire
us as we seek to be disciples in today's world.

As we face whatever changes lie ahead, may we
do so prayerfully, graciously, and with hope. Let us
listen carefully to one another, support those who
find change difficult, celebrate new opportunities,
and trust that the God who has been faithful in the
past will continue to guide us into the future.

My prayer is that we will be people who hold
tightly to Christ while holding lightly to anything
that prevents us from following where the Spirit
leads.

May we move forward together with courage,
kindness, and confidence, knowing that our future
rests not in our plans, but in God's faithful hands.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Sue



News from Streatham Methodist Church

On June 7th we celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the opening of our Grade 2 Listed church in Riggindale Rd. Our service was led by Revd. Sue. We had special Gift Day envelopes for offerings towards the roof fund. Almost all of our 42 members were present and were generous with their contributions.

Revd. Sue asked the children to build the tallest tower they could with Jenga blocks. Their first attempt fell and they realised the importance of starting with a firm foundation and were more successful the second time. Over the previous few weeks, the children had been making a cardboard church decorating it with stained glass windows and pictures from the Bible. Everyone had a picture on the building, and they brought it to show the congregation dancing around their church and singing:

We're part of the family at Streatham Church
On this Anniversary morning
We Learn about Jesus at Streatham Church
On this Anniversary morning
We read the Bible at Streatham Church
On this Anniversary morning
To the tune of, "Here we go round the Mulberry Bush".

After the service we joined in more fellowship for a Bring and Share lunch. A time to be thankful for those Methodists from the past who had built our church and a time to look forward to our future.



Revd Sue with Naomi the Women's Fellowship Co-Ordinator

Continuing with our celebrations on July 12th we were delighted to have the Baptism of:

Edward Sundiata Omojowo Anthony, son of Gregory and Jane and grandson of the late George and Katie Anthony. Gregory has been bringing Edward, known as Teddy, to church for several weeks and he is delightful. Everyone wants a cuddle! Revd Sue led the service, and it was really joyful. It was great to see the church so full as so many people had come to support Jane and Greg. We had a wonderful lunch in a beautifully decorated hall. There was even a BBQ set up in the church garden serving burgers and chips.



We have another celebration planned as we are receiving some people into membership during the summer period.

We also celebrate the life of Revd. Graham Thomas who passed away on the 29th June. He was 92 years old and still preaching until he was 90. He had been ill for the last nine months and was being cared for at home after a spell in Trinity Hospice. We thank God for Graham's life of service and commitment and for the support he gave to the circuit in his later years.

Submitted by
Pat Ashworth



News from Lambeth Walk Methodist Church

Lambeth Walk Methodist Church has now been open for over a year now. One of the first events was the wedding of Andy and Antonia Lyons, and this large event tested our ability to pack people in for worship and for the wedding meal!

The new church is the fourth Methodist Church on the site. Although London's history goes back to Roman times and before, for many centuries the city mainly existed on the north side of the Thames, as the south side was marshy, and subject to flooding.

But gradually this changed. Kennington Common had a long reputation for public speaking including George Whitfield and John Wesley. John Wesley is reputed to have attracted a crowd of 30,000 people in 1739.

There was an early preaching house close to the river soon after that, and the first church in Lambeth Road was built in the 18th century. In the late 19th century, this was replaced by a large Victorian building called the Ideal, which had space for worship, and in the 1930's developed a film ministry. Sadly, the church was destroyed in the 2nd World War by a V1 bomb.

After the war, Lambeth Mission was built in stages from 1951 (the hall and 2 flats over), and the church followed on in 1964. The buildings worked well although gradually more repairs became needed, and the connectivity between the church and hall was poor.

Because of the high value of property in recent years, it became possible to redevelop the church, funded by the provision of a Premier inn hotel, and we now have a new church on 5 floors with a lift, a ground floor church and cafe area, a community hall on the 2nd floor, some meeting rooms and a garden on first floor, and 2 flats on the top floor.

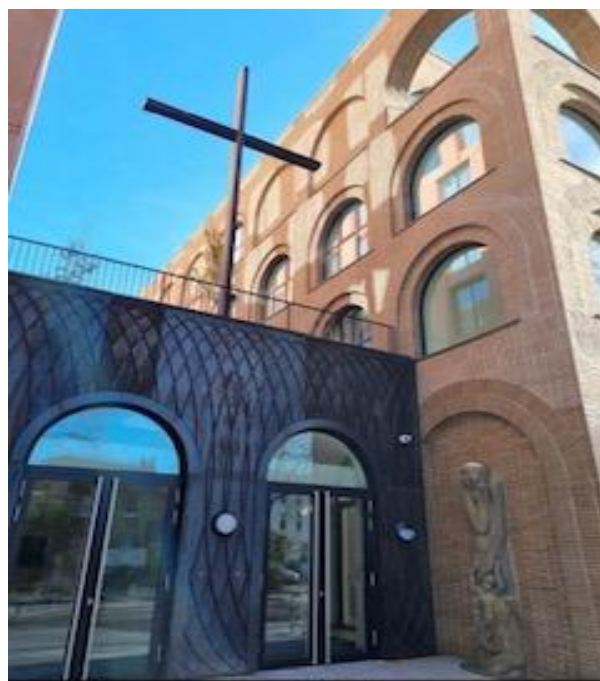
The new church has attracted probably 10-15 new people living mainly nearby, but we recognise that many worshippers don't come every week but more sporadically depending on their circumstances.

We will need to work hard to sustain growth. Work with young people and their families is very important. We are pleased that we now have Beaver Scouts meeting every week with about 13 boys and girls, and we hope that will help build towards a Sunday School.

Our cafe area alongside the church provides a good space for people to gather and talk after church over a cup of coffee or tea, and hopefully a space we can use during the week in the future.

We have a lot to do, as all churches who want to grow, recognise, but we are optimistic.

Written by Ursula and Rodney Ovenden



News from Tulse Hill Methodist

We give thanks to God for another wonderful season in the life of Tulse Hill Methodist church, filled with opportunities to worship, and enjoy fellowship together.

It has been a blessing to see our congregation continue to gather in such encouraging numbers, strengthening one another through our shared faith and love for Christ.

One of the highlights of this quarter was our joyful Father's Day celebration. The service was very well attended, and it was a pleasure to recognise and give thanks for the fathers and father figures within our church family. Both our younger and older men received small gifts as a token of our appreciation for the important role they play in the lives of their families, and the wider community.

Following the service, we enjoyed light refreshments together, providing a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and conversation as we celebrated this special occasion.

We were also delighted to celebrate our Church Anniversary, another memorable occasion that brought members together in joyful worship.

We were especially pleased to welcome Samzu back to play the organ during the service. His skills are highly appreciated and brought back many fond memories for the congregation.

Adding to the joy of the day, we were delighted to welcome Lydia and her beautiful newborn baby, who joined us for the anniversary celebration. It was heart-warming to see new life among our church family, reminding us of God's many blessings He bestows upon us.

As we look ahead, we pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen our fellowship, deepen our faith, and guide us in His service, so that together we may continue to grow as a loving and welcoming church.

Submitted by Micheal Adjei



SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026 PREACHING PLAN



CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN YEAR A – SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES		6	13	20	27
		23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
CHURCHES	TIME	Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20	Exodus 14: 19-31, Psalm 114 Or Canticle: Exodus 15: 1b -11, 20-21, Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35	Exodus 16: 2-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1: 21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16	Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32
BRIXTON HILL	11:00am	LUPI	ASHWORTH	LUPI HC	SMYTH
CLAPHAM	11:00am	DA SILVA HC	TAPPER	DA SILVA HF	AMOAH-ARKO
	6:00pm				DA SILVA HC
LAMBETH WALK	10:00am	SHORTMAN SS HC	SMYTH	SHORTMAN	LA
MOSTYN ROAD	11:00am	@BH			
RAILTON ROAD	11:00am	AMOAH-ARKO	LENA ALI HC	LA	LENA ALI
SPRINGFIELD	10:30am	SACEY	SHORTMAN HC	SMYTH	SHORTMAN HF
STOCKWELL	10:30am	GYESI	DA SILVA HC	AMOAH-ARKO	DA SILVA
STREATHAM	10:30am	OVENDEN	LUPI HC	SACEY	LUPI
TULSE HILL	10:30am	LENA ALI HC	AMOAH-ARKO	LENA ALI	LA

CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN YEAR A – OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES		4	11	18	25
		27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
CHURCHES	TIME	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3: 4b -14 Matthew 21: 33-46	Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	Exodus 33: 12-23 Psalm 99 1Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 1Thessalonians 2: 1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46
BRIXTON HILL	11:00am	GYESI	KYEI	LUPI HC	LA
CLAPHAM	11:00am	DA SILVA HC	HUFTON	DA SILVA	OYELEDUN
	6:00pm				DA SILVA HC
LAMBETH WALK	10:00am	SHORTMAN Harvest/P	THOMAS	SHORTMAN SS - HC	OVENDEN
MOSTYN ROAD	11:00am	@BH			
RAILTON ROAD	11:00am	AMOA-ARKO	LENA ALI HC	OYELEDUN	LENA ALI HF
SPRINGFIELD	10:30am	ODOFIN	SHORTMAN HC	MOORE	SOREMEKUN
STOCKWELL	10:30am	TACKIE-YARBOI	DA SILVA HC	SMYTH	DA SILVA
STREATHAM	10:30am	LA	LUPI HC HF	ASHWORTH	LUPI
TULSE HILL	10:30am	LENA ALI HC	AMOA-ARKO	LENA ALI HF	GYESI

CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN YEAR A/B– NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES		1	8	15	22	29
		All Saints	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday before Advent	1st Sunday of Advent
CHURCHES	TIME	Revelation 7: 9-17 Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78: 1-7 1Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13	Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95: 1-7a or Psalm 100 Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 1Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
BRIXTON HILL	11:00am	LUPI	SMYTH	LUPI HC	KYEI	LUPI
CLAPHAM	11:00am	DA SILVA HC	OYELEDUN	DA SILVA	LA	DA SILVA
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TULSE HILL	10:30am	LENA ALI HC	OVENDEN	LENA ALI	SMYTH	LENA ALI

SPECIAL SERVICES

CHURCHES	DATE	SERVICE/PROGRAMME	TIME
Brixton Hill	12 th September	Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Claudia Lupi	3:00pm
Clapham	20 th September	Harvest Festival	11:00am
	11th October	Clapham Church Anniversary	11:00am
Springfield	27 th September	Harvest Festival	10:30am
Streatham	11 th October	Harvest Festival	10:30am
Lambeth Walk	4 th October	Harvest/Parade	10:00am
Railton Road	25 th October	Harvest Festival	11:00am
Tulse Hill	18 th October	Harvest Festival	10:30am

Special Services

† TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE †

1. **What did Noah send out of the ark to see if the waters had gone down?**
 - A. A dove
 - B. A sheep
 - C. An eagle
 - D. A sparrow
2. **Which Bible book says, “For everything there is a season”?**
 - A. Psalms
 - B. Proverbs
 - C. Ecclesiastes
 - D. Isaiah
3. **Jesus told a parable about a farmer who scattered what?**
 - A. Stones
 - B. Seeds
 - C. Gold
 - D. Bread
4. **In the Parable of the Sower, what happened to the seed that fell on good soil?**
 - A. It disappeared
 - B. It was eaten by birds
 - C. It produced a crop
 - D. It dried up
5. **Which fruit of the Spirit is mentioned first in Galatians 5:22?**
 - A. Joy
 - B. Peace
 - C. Love
 - D. Patience
6. **How many fruits of the Spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22–23?**
 - A. 7
 - B. 8
 - C. 9
 - D. 10
7. **Which fruit did Adam and Eve eat in the Garden of Eden?**
 - A. The Bible does not name the fruit
 - B. Apple
 - C. Fig
 - D. Grape

† TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE †

8. **What did Jesus say about the harvest in Matthew 9:37?**
 - A. “The harvest is finished.”
 - B. “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”
 - C. “The harvest will never come.”
 - D. “The harvest belongs to the rich.”
9. **Who interpreted Pharaoh’s dreams about seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine?**
 - A. Moses
 - B. Daniel
 - C. Joseph
 - D. Samuel
10. **Which book of the Bible tells the story of Ruth?**
 - A. Judges
 - B. Ruth
 - C. Esther
 - D. Nehemiah
11. **According to Psalm 126:5, those who sow in tears will reap what?**
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Peace
 - C. Harvest of joy
 - D. More seeds
12. **Jesus compared Himself to what kind of vine?**
 - A. A strong vine
 - B. The true vine
 - C. A wild vine
 - D. A golden vine

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Answer Key:

1.A | 2. C | 3. B | 4. C | 5. C | 6. C | 7. A | 8. B |
9. C | 10. B | 11. C | 12. B

A Short Story

The Farmer, the Harvest and the Autumn Leaves

One beautiful autumn morning, a farmer stood proudly in his field, looking at his wonderful harvest of potatoes, carrots, pumpkins and corn.

"God has been very good to me," he said.

His neighbour smiled and asked, "What did you do to make all this grow?"

"I planted the seeds, watered them and pulled out the weeds," the farmer replied proudly.

"And who provided the sunshine, rain, soil and growth?" she asked.

The farmer paused, smiled and said, "God did. I suppose I only did my part!"

Just then, an autumn leaf fell gently onto his head.

His neighbour laughed. "Even the trees are reminding you that everything is a gift!"

The farmer smiled and said, "you know, Harvest is not only about what we grow in the ground. It is also about what we grow in our hearts."

"If we plant kindness, we grow friendship. If we plant generosity, we grow community. If we plant love, we grow peace. And if we plant faith, we grow closer to God."

They both smiled and gave thanks for God's blessings.

Harvest Thought

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

May we continue to plant seeds of faith, love, kindness and generosity, trusting God for the harvest.

Harvest Inspiration: A message of Faith

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy."
— Psalm 126:5

Harvest is a beautiful reminder that God is faithful in every season. As we gather to give thanks for the fruits of the earth, we are also invited to reflect on the seeds we are planting in our lives, our families, our churches and our communities.

Sometimes we sow in seasons when we cannot yet see the fruit. We pray, serve, encourage, give, forgive and continue in faith, even when the results are not immediately visible. But God reminds us that our labour is not in vain.

The Apostle Paul encourages us:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
— Galatians 6:9

This Harvest, let us give thanks for what God has already provided, while trusting Him for what is yet to come. May we continue to sow seeds of love, kindness, generosity, justice, peace and hope.

There may be times when we feel that our efforts are small, but a seed may look insignificant when it is planted. In God's hands, however, it can grow into something that provides nourishment, shelter and blessing for many.

May this Harvest remind us that God is still at work. Where there is uncertainty, may we sow faith. Where there is sadness, may we sow hope. Where there is division, may we sow peace. Where there is need, may we sow generosity. And where there is darkness, may we sow the light of Christ.

Let us continue to trust God, knowing that "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

May our Harvest thanksgiving be more than a celebration of what we have received. May it inspire us to become people who plant seeds of God's love wherever we go.

Lord, thank You for Your provision. Give us grateful hearts, faithful hands and generous spirits. Help us to sow good seeds and trust You with the harvest. Amen.

Just for Laugh

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome the golden beauty of autumn, we also look forward with joy to our various Harvest Festivals across our churches. 🍁 🌿

Autumn reminds us that every season brings its own beauty, purpose and blessing. So, as the leaves change and the harvest is gathered, let us enter this new season with grateful hearts, a few jokes, joyful spirits, and plenty of smiles.

1. **What is the farmer's favourite Bible verse?**
"You reap what you sow!" — Galatians 6:7
2. **Why did the tree let go of its leaves?**
Because it wanted to turn over a new leaf!
3. **What did one autumn leaf say to another?**
"I'm falling for you!"
4. **The leaf said to the wind, "Why are you always pushing me around?"**

The wind replied, "I'm just trying to help you move with the Spirit!"

5. **The minister said, "We must all bear fruit!"**
Someone at the back whispered,
"I hope you don't mean apples and oranges —I can't even keep a houseplant alive!"
6. The minister asked the farmer,
"What are you bringing to Harvest?"
The farmer replied, "Potatoes."
"And what else?"
"Carrots."
"And what else?"
"Pumpkins."
"And what about your heart?"
The farmer thought for a moment and said:
"I'm bringing that too—but **please don't ask me to peel it**

KIDS ZONE

Dear Precious Ones,



I hope you had a lovely summer filled with fun and wonderful memories. As you look forward to getting ready for school and starting a new school year, remember that God is with you everywhere you go. You never walk alone. Just like a light shines brightly in a dark room, you can share God's love by being kind, patient, and helpful.

Take each day as it comes, do your best, and always remember to believe in yourself: "You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you."

May God bless you as you begin this new school year, give you wisdom, confidence, and joy, and help you to do your very best.

Shalom.

Bible Quiz 📖

1. **What is one important spiritual lesson we can learn from Harvest?**
A. We only need God when we have nothing
B. We should be thankful for God's provision and share His blessings
C. We should keep our blessings to ourselves
D. Material things are all that matter and share His blessings
2. **What kind of harvest does God desire to see growing in our lives?**
A. A harvest of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control — the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22–23).
B. A harvest of fruits and vegetable
C. A harvest of seasons.

Answer Key: 1.b | 2. a

COLOURING SECTION



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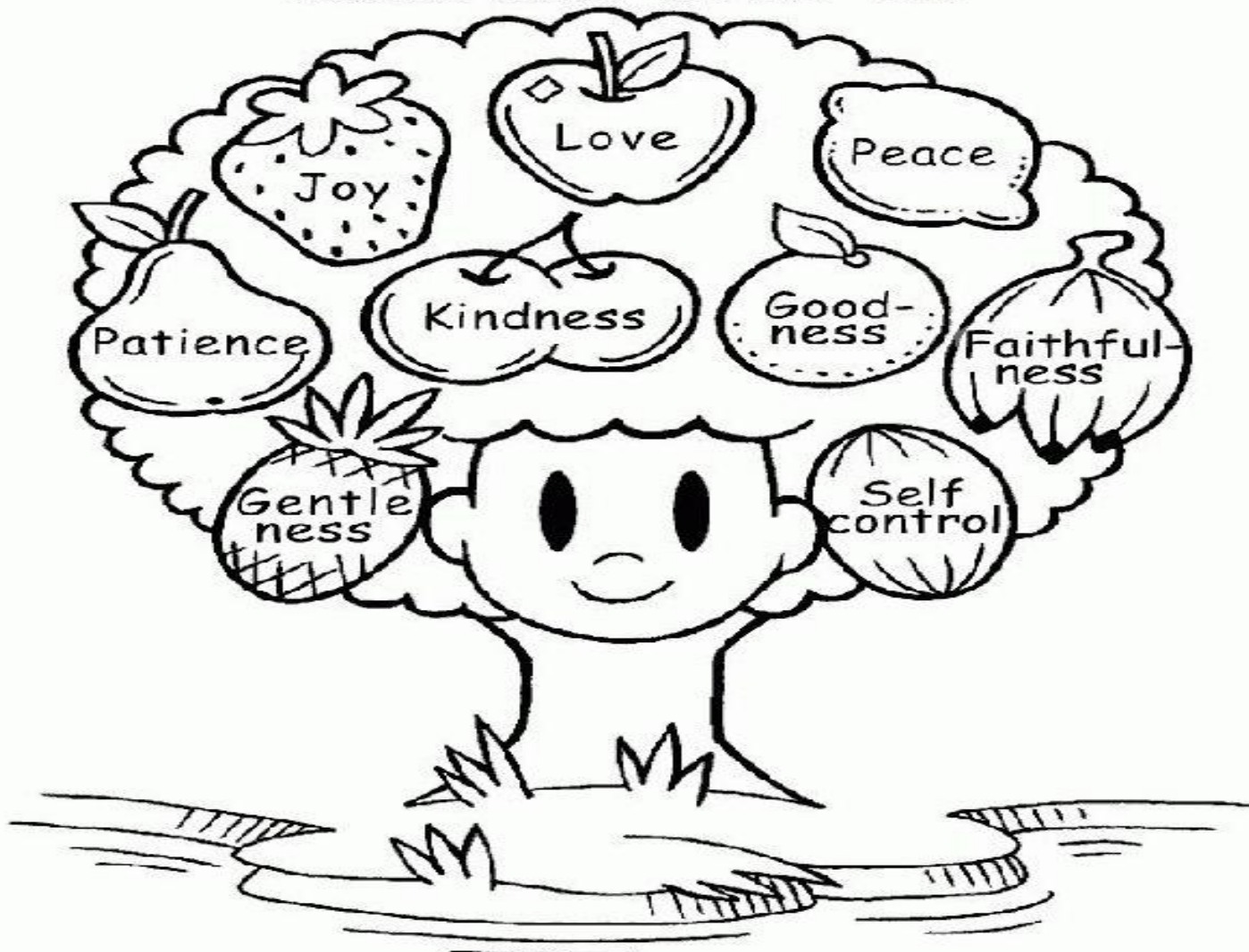
As you colour this beautiful picture, may love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control grow and flourish in your life, just as fruit grows and ripens in its season. As you colour each part of the picture, may it be a reminder that God is continually working in us, helping us to become more like Christ and to share His love with those around us.

May your faith in God grow stronger, your heart be filled with His peace, and may the fruit of the Spirit be harvested abundantly in your life and in all that you do.

With love and blessings,
Have a joyful and fruitful Harvest!

Fruit Of The Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23



I'm a tree planted by the water

HARVEST

WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all the words hidden in the puzzle.
Words can go across, down, diagonal and backwards.

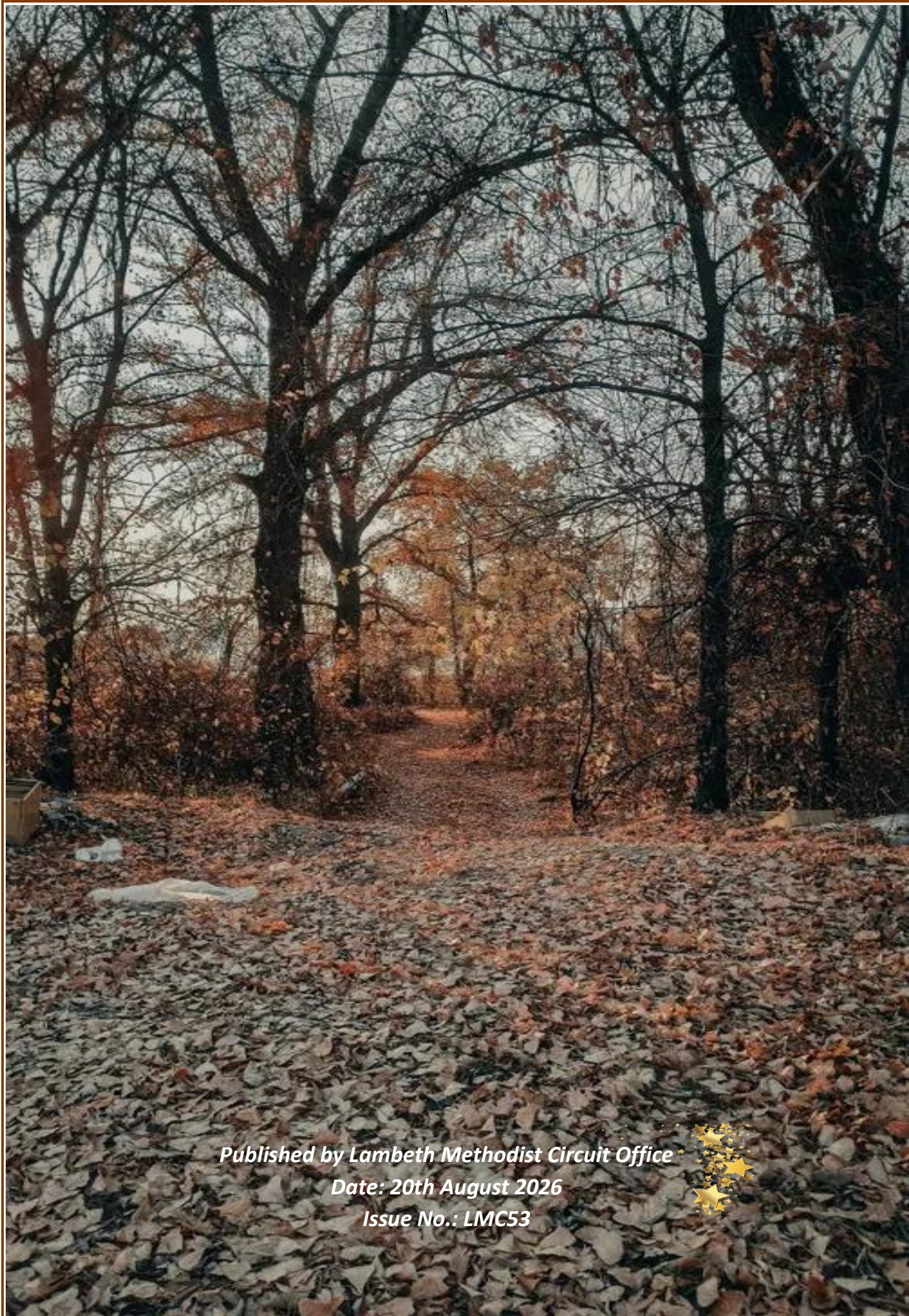
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P L O W S H A R E L O V E C A R E
F I R S T F R U I S S C P E I C E
R E T O R A T I O H P W I S D O M
S E E D T I M E A N D H A R V S T
K I N D N E S S G O D N E S J O Y
N E V E R F A I L I N S P I R I T
G E N T L E N S E L F C O N R O L
P A T I E N C E P E A C U B A S F
G L O R Y T O T H E H I G S S C P
F I E L D O F L I E V E A I G N G
J E S U S C H R I S T U R P R O V I D E R

WORDS TO FIND

ABUNDANCE
BLESSINGS
CROP
FAITHFULNESS
FESTIVAL
FIRSTFRUITS
FRUITFUL
GENTLENESS
GOD
GRAIN
GROW
HARVEST
HEAVENLYBREAD
JESUSCHRIST
JOY
KINDNESS
LOVE
PATIENCE
PEACEFULNESS
PLOW
PRAYER
PROVIDE
REAP
SACRIFICE
SEED
SHARE
SOWING
THANKSGIVING
VINEYARD
WORKERS

*The harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are few.
Therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out workers
into His harvest.*

MATTHEW 9:37-38



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