



Circuit Contact

Welcome to our Circuit Worship for

13th September 2026 Prepared by Ms Beryl Stew

Worship in the following locations:

Wellspring Methodist Church, Cheadle- At 10:30am - With Ms Coral Robinson

Endon Methodist Church - At 10:00am - With Rev Helen Kirk - Chapel Anniversary

Ipstones Methodist Church - At 10:30am - With Rev Julie Hassall

Rudyard Methodist Church - At 11:00am - With Rev Denise Williamson - Holy Communion

The Gathering At St Andrews, Cheddleton - At 16:00pm

Trinity Church, Leek with St Edward's - At 10:30am - With Rev Richard Pope

Waterhouses Methodist Church - At 18:30pm - With Rev Denise Williamson - Holy Communion

Wetley Rocks Methodist Church - At 14:30pm - With Rev Joyce Smith - Holy Communion



Hymn.

StF 476 One more step along the world I go [StF 476 One more step along the world I go. - Search](#)

Prayers

Blessed are you forever, God.

You are with us every step of the way;
raising us up, cheering us on, guiding us,
shaping us, teaching us and drawing us closer to you.

With the dawn chorus of the waking birds
and the sparkling of the evening stars,
we will always praise and worship you.

Ready to follow wherever you lead.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

Eternal God,

through you all things are possible:

seas become dry land; darkness is lit up;
oppressors are overcome; the oppressed are saved;
fear becomes fortitude; death becomes life;
slaves are freed; despair blossoms into hope.

We praise you, God, our creator,

Jesus. our saviour and Holy Spirit, our comforter,

We praise you.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer.

Hymn StF 660 Called by Christ to be disciples [Bing Videos](#)

Reflection.

Where has this year disappeared to! Here we are at the beginning of September. The meteorologists tell us we are now in Autumn, the Summer has gone.

September brings with it for many a fresh phase of life. Some of you will have grandchildren or great-grandchildren who are starting School. Leaving known surroundings for the unknown. Some children are moving to Senior School, again stepping into an unknown environment. At the end of schooldays there is another stage of moving on in life, either into the wider world of work hopefully, or to College/University. This obviously is a major move both for the young person and for the family they leave behind. Leaving home to live away, will they find good friends, will they be happy, will they be able to cope with all the changes.

September is an important time in the calendar of the Methodist Church, being the start of the Connexional Year. For some Ministers who have moved to new Circuits they may be some apprehension as to what their new posting will offer and demand. For Congregations who have new Ministers arriving there may be similar feelings – will they want to change everything? As a Circuit we are not in this position as our Ministers are already in place.

This thought of a New Year though does make us stop and consider our faith and discipleship. I remember when at school and starting a new exercise book, all the pages were pristine, and at the beginning your writing was very neat, but after a few pages it began to slip and may become untidy.

In the recent Circuit Service Julie focussed on the Methodist New Year, and our commitment and calling as we start another year. So, I ask what are we being called to do for Christ during the coming year? Are we getting stronger in our faith and commitment, or are we at a low ebb – perhaps ‘treading water’ and getting nowhere? I know that for some active involvement in the life of the Church is not possible, but you can still have an active prayer life, supporting the work and interceding for the needs of the local community and the world.

So may we take time to look at our spiritual life – are we stronger or weaker than we were in September 2025. May the answer be – we are stronger. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Dear Lord God, we bring to you the children and young people who are having major changes in their lives at this time, may you guide them. We pray for the people living in places where there are wars and unrest, may they know something of your peace in their lives. We remember the people affected by the Floods in Nepal & Tibet, where many people have lost their lives, and many are still missing, please be with the rescuers, aid workers, and families. We pray for all who are sick and suffering, bring relief from their pain and bring healing, and be with all carers. May all who are mourning know your love surrounding them, bringing comfort and peace. We bring before you the churches in our Circuit and our Ministers, may your Holy Spirit bring blessings to them all. We ask all these prayers in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Hymn StF 664 Lord, you call us to your service. [Bing Videos](#)

Benediction.