



The Link ++

October 2026

**The newsletter for the Methodist Church in
Burnham-on-Sea and the surrounding area**



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Jesus said

**“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”**

John ch 8v12

Brean

www.breanmethodistchurch.org.uk

It was a good feeling after Sunday lunch a week or so ago, to turn on our Television and find some well known faces singing their hearts out on Songs of Praise. There they were, Margaret Trapp and Jim and Alice McKnight we saw and, for all we know, others too. The broadcast celebrated Harvest Festival. Margaret, Jim and Alice belong to a local singing group that sang three hymns, while other choirs from across the country sang their own selections to fulfil the programme. It was a recorded programme, and further hymns were sung and will be broadcast later. Margaret told me that with practices and repeated efforts the whole business took 5 hours to record.

Jim, took our own Open Air Songs of Praise at the end of August. Dark clouds threatened for much of the hour, but we survived until tea and cake time satisfactorily. A goodly number were there (close to forty I should think) in spite of the weather and as usual a good time was had by all (but no dogs this year unfortunately)

Our own Harvest will be celebrated during morning service on 11th October and we will be joined by our friends from St Bridget's for the occasion. They have been busy too with a well received concert in September and a lecture on the history of the river Brue to be held in their church at 3pm on Saturday 17th October and to which all are welcome; it should be interesting.

Our Monday Coffee morning has been well attended this year with a dozen regulars faithfully sharing coffee and cake and a few passers by dropping in also.

October presents its own little tweaks. The Country and Western event started at the end of September but runs into early October, our Church Council is held after service on 4th, clocks go back on 25th, and half term brings a final little push at the end of the month. The first of our winter service shared with our East Brent friends will be in our church on 18th

and will be taken by the Chair of District, Marcus Torchon. Then everything goes quiet again – maybe.

Thank you to everyone for your support over the summer months. With all the threats and uncertainties that are going on around us, we particularly wish peace and justice to you all for October and the future months before us.

Harvey Allen

**60th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Church in
Burnham on Sea
Monday 18th April 2027**

**Love to Praise God in song and free on Monday evenings?
Then join us at OLEM Church as we begin the journey to our
60th anniversary by coming together in a Churches Together
Community Choir to sing 'Tales of Wonder' by Marty Haugen.**

From now rehearsals are on Mondays at 7.00pm.

Just turn up and join in.

For more info, email: TOW@abmus.org.uk

East Brent

www.eastbrentmethodistchurch.org.uk

Is it really the end of September already? Yes, it is, but what a month it has been.

The first Sunday of the month saw the welcome return of Brian to our pulpit and we really enjoyed sharing worship, led by him, followed by coffee and his favourite ginger biscuits made by Jill.

The following weeks have been a 'family affair' – firstly, worship led by Tim followed by our Church Council and then lunch. The next week Janet led our Harvest worship and we all became gardeners for a while which gave us plenty to think about. The Church looked wonderful thanks to the hard work of Rosemary Cullimore, thank you Rosemary. We had an amazing harvest of harvest gifts, this year, some of which were purchased after the service and the rest were collected by a representative from the Morland Kitchen, in Highbridge, who provide meals for people in need. Our last service of the month is being led by Tim. Thank you Brian, Janet and Tim.

By the time you read this Gordon and Jill should be back from what we hope will have been an interesting and enjoyable holiday in Scotland.

Looking forward, do please make sure that you have Saturday 5th December marked in your diaries. After last year's success we have invited back the All Sorts choir and look forward to being entertained by them as well as enjoying some community singing. Coffee and mince pies from 10.30 am, choir from 11.30 am followed by soup and rolls plus all the usual stalls.

A little teaser on which to finish..... when you have your new diaries, mark the weekend of Valentines Day, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th February. Plans are afoot for something a little different at East Brent! Watch this space.

Margaret Scott

Burnham

<http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk/>

Well here we are in the final quarter of 2026 how did that happen!

We continue to be busy ending August with a ploughmans supper. 36 people enjoyed good food in the garden of Joan & David Easton. Even the weather was kind and we added to the hall refurbishment fund.

We all celebrated the beginning of the Methodist new year with a circuit service in Burnham. Judith blessed us all when she spoke with great positivity about all we have to look forward to in the months ahead and how much can be achieved by working together. Afterwards we all enjoyed fellowship and of course cake!

Our hall fund raising event for September was a quiz run by Ann Hall. There were 16 taking part thankfully it was not too intellectual and we all had a lot of fun.

This month has also seen the start of our Friday prayer meeting and our toddler group, numbers have been really encouraging for both, that is also the case for our 2 flourishing house groups.

As we look forward to October we have messy church on the 17th then our fundraiser is the Salvation Army band on the 24th, tickets are still available. There is no doubt God is blessing us all with so much to look forward to.

Jackie Clark

West Huntspill

www.wsbos.org/westhuntspill.htm

Thank you to our friends from the Link Churches who came and supported our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday the 25th September.

Our next Coffee morning is Friday 30th October 10.30am – 12 Noon. Donations for the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. Do come along and bring your friends and family. We would love to see you again. We do have a sales table with various items which increases every month.

Below is a leaflet of an event here at the end of October. If you are interested, please book early, as there are only a few spaces.

Janet Johnson



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Celebrating AUTUMN

• WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP •

Join us for a creative
and relaxing workshop
and make a beautiful
autumn wreath to
brighten your home.



DATE

Saturday 31st October 2026



TIME

10–12:30 or 1:30–4:00



LOCATION

West Huntspill
Methodist Church
TA9 3SQ



COST

£20

Cost – includes all materials



Including
teas, coffees
and cakes.



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**West Huntspill
Methodist Church**

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Link Fellowship

The Link Fellowship began its new a session with the AGM followed by communion.

We remembered with affection two past members, Dr. Margaret Hicks and Shirley Pycroft and three, Evelyn Tucker, Carol Fisher, and Val who had all died during the past year.

A report was read of the variety of meetings that had taken place during the year; and people were thanked for their contribution to the running of the meeting. Especially mentioned were Christine Thomas, Janet Johnson, Kathy, and John Lamb who has come into the Fellowship to provide music.

It was decided that donations would be made to East Brent Methodist Church; Weston Hospice and the Air Ambulance.

At the conclusion of the business, we moved into communion which took the form of an Iona service which was led by Revd. Margaret Trapp.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th October when Brian Foakes will be talking about his visit to Ethiopia. It's a talk he gave one evening at Burnham, and there are several people who missed that who don't usually come to our fellowship who are interested in hearing the talk, so I have invited them to join us. So, if you don't usually come, but would like to hear Brian, you would be very welcome.

We meet at 2.30 pm in the hall alongside East Brent Methodist Church.

All are welcome.

Joyce Pipet

Poetry Corner

To Autumn



*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.*



*Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings, hours by hours.*





*Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft,
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.*

John Keats 1795 to 1821

Written September 19, 1819; first published in 1820. This poem is in the public domain.

CALENDAR

	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Regular Days			
Mondays	10.30am	Brean	Coffee & Chat
Wednesday	2.00pm	Burnham	Knit & Natter
Friday	Morning	Burnham	Mothers and Toddlers
Other Dates			
11 Oct	10.30am	Brean	Harvest Festival
13 Oct	2.30pm	East Brent	Link Fellowship
17 Oct	2.00 - 6.00pm	Burnham	Messy Church
18 Oct	10.30am	Brean	Link Service (Bring & Share)
24 Oct	7.00pm	Burnham	South West Band Salvation Army concert
30 Oct	10.30am	West Huntspill	Coffee morning
31 Oct	10.00am- 12.30pm or 1.30pm-	West Huntspill	Wreath making workshop
5 Dec	East Brent	Christmas Fayre & Concert	1030 am - 12.00pm

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this October issue
 of the Link Plus ++ magazine.
 Could you please send me your contributions for the November issue
 by Monday 26th October 26
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