

## SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> 11am **Morning Service with Holy Communion**  
led by Rev Andrew Biggs
- 14<sup>th</sup> 11am **Morning Service** led by Mr Tony Gibson  
Preacher: Rev Alex Ross  
*(Followed by Sunday Prayer Focus)*
- 21<sup>st</sup> 11am **Morning Service** led by Rev Charles Harris
- 28<sup>th</sup> 11am **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** led by Mr Tony Gibson

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### **Chapel Zoom on Sundays at 7.30pm**

- 7<sup>th</sup> **NO ZOOM**
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Nola Webster**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Ruth Purchase (Open Doors)**
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Antony Porter (Harvest theme)**

### **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP – 2.30PM**

- 4<sup>th</sup> **No meeting**
- 11<sup>th</sup> **'Joyful Certainty – The Real Jesus'** (1 John 1 - 2:2)
- 18<sup>th</sup> **'Joyful Certainty – This is how we know'** (1 John 2:3-11 & 15-17)
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Rev Sue Jacobs - "My story and call to Ministry"**

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# WESTCOTE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday 28th September at 11am

followed at 1pm by Harvest Lunch at Westcote Village Hall

*(We invite you to include a donation for the lunch in the offering, all of which will be dedicated to our Child Sponsorship with Tearfund and World Vision.)*

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*We would be grateful for harvest donations of tinned, bottled and dry goods, which will go to the local Food Bank.*



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# WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

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## VILLAGE BOOK SWAP AND COFFEE

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

10.30am to 12 noon at Westcote Methodist Chapel

## SUNDAY PRAYER FOCUS – 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

If you can, please stay after the service for a few minutes to pray for our families, friends, church family and our neighbours.

### Chapel Directory & Chapel Newsletter

I will shortly be updating the Chapel Directory. If your details have changed, if you would like to be included in the Directory, or if you wish to unsubscribe from receiving the newsletter, would you kindly let me know. Thank you.

Helen Blight

### Hazel's Greeting Cards

During August & September, all proceeds from the sale of Hazel's cards (available at the back of the chapel) will go to  
**The Branch, Chipping Norton**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*If you have any prayer requests, please let one of the stewards know*

## Harvest 2025

I don't think I ever remember such an early harvest. We saw barley being cut on July 2<sup>nd</sup>!! I know it is many years since I was working on the farm, but I am sure we reckoned to start combining around August 10<sup>th</sup>. I guess it is down to the long, hot dry spell which seems to have lasted for weeks, if not months. As several of my farming friends have told me, the yields overall will be well down. I think straw will be expensive for farmers with livestock, who have to buy it in.

What about the "harvest of souls" - well the news is good. The Bible Society have published a review of church attendance. The decline has been reversed, not just in the UK, but in other European countries and the USA. The amazing thing is that this revival has happened mostly among young people, "Gen Z" born between 1998 and 2012. Has the drought ended?

I am reminded of the old chorus –  
"Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need:  
Mercy-drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead!"  
(African Methodist Church Hymnal)  
Every blessing  
Tony

**My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.**      Philippians 4v19