



# The Methodist Church

## Church Stretton

IN THE SHROPSHIRE & MARCHES CIRCUIT



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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.  
IF YOU ARE VISITORS WE TRUST THAT YOUR HOLIDAY WILL BRING YOU JOY  
AND REFRESHMENT OF SPIRIT. PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP  
IN THE HALL FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 2025

10.30 am Wesley Morris

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

10.30 am Rev Sheila Macnally – Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

10.00 am to 12.00 Baby & Toddler Group – in church hall

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm “Cuppa & Chat” – in church hall

**WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Linda Roberts , Pam Rush , Frances & Peter Sutton ,  
Sally & Peter Walton , Sheila Whitlock , Sally Williams , Joy Wilson .

**REFLECTION..... on “ a mother’s self-sacrifice”**

The television was showing a group of young zebras enjoying a time together, where there was lush grass and a stream of sparkling water. Mother zebra was also there enjoying being with her family. Suddenly their contentment was interrupted. A band of hyenas attacked the young zebras, hoping to have meat for a tasty meal. There were plenty of young zebras available. It was then that the mother zebra took things in hand. Encouraging her family of young zebras to escape, she chose to linger back, being immediately attacked by the crowd of hyenas. As she died, she knew that she had saved the family that she loved.

Having watched the television’s account of self-sacrifice, the role taken by our own mothers becomes apparent. There is nothing they would not do for the betterment of their children.

I thought of Mary, the mother of Jesus, making a happy home for him and giving him every opportunity to improve his status in the society of that time. How proud she was of him. She even may have felt that he was too successful for success to be good for him. So, it proved. Jesus was captured by the officers of the Temple Guard and crucified. We know that it was not the end, but maybe having admired his mother’s self-sacrifice, he knew what it costs to truly love. Even the mother Zebra felt like that .

**Tony Hearle**

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

Meetings will begin again next week on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> following the summer break.

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW METHODIST CONNEXIONAL YEAR**

*With the start of the new Connexional Year next week , we share a prayer from Matthew Forsyth , Vice President of the Methodist Conference*

O Christ of the morning,  
You who sang the stars into being,  
Sing again into our hearts today.  
As a new year unfolds,  
we walk into the next verse of your story,  
the next line of your song.  
May the Spirit stir our memory,  
reminding us who we are a  
your people, your melody,  
each life a note in your unfolding hymn.  
Guide us in courage,  
hold us in love,  
send us with hope.  
In the name of the One who goes before us,  
beside us, and sings within us  
Christ our companion,  
**Amen.**

**Items for the Notices for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September to  
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