

“Methodist and United Reformed Church News in Darwen”

Working together to learn, live, love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

August and September 2026

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Beloved Family,

As we enter the months of August and September, we find ourselves in a season of transition. August often brings a gentle rhythm, with holidays, longer days and opportunities for rest and time with family and friends. As September approaches, summer begins to draw to a close, children and young people return to school, college and university, and many of us settle again into familiar routines and responsibilities.

This changing season invites us both to look back with gratitude and to look ahead with hope. It is an opportunity to take stock of all that has happened during the past few months, while preparing ourselves for the new opportunities and challenges before us. In the life of the Church, such moments remind us that God is continually leading us forward. Seasons and circumstances may change, but God's presence and faithfulness remain constant.

There is much for which we can be thankful. We give thanks for the recent General Assembly and for the ways in which the wider URC continues to seek God's direction for its life and mission. We are also grateful for the EM2 retreat in Leeds, which provided an important opportunity for Noma and I to reflect, learn, pray and be renewed for ministry.

We celebrated the commissioning of our new Missional Partnership, Lancashire South East. We were also delighted to welcome Catriona Wheeler, the immediate past Moderator of General Assembly, during her visit to the Partnership. Her presence among us reminded us of our place within the wider life of the URC and of the relationships that connect us across churches, Synods and the whole denomination.

Another significant moment was our Global Mission Day celebration, with its special focus on Cameroon. It was a joyful occasion that brought together more than 90 members and friends from our churches, the Cameroonian Christian community and the wider Partnership. Through presentations, worship, music, singing, dancing, traditional clothing, exhibitions and shared food, we experienced something of the richness of Cameroonian culture and Christian faith. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped to make the celebration possible.

As we enter a new chapter, we are learning to adapt to change and to build relationships with the churches that have joined us from the South Partnership. We look forward to learning more about their congregations, communities and ongoing mission projects. We do not come with all the answers. We come ready to listen, learn and discern together where God may be leading us.

The task before us is considerable, but we engage with it gladly because this is God's mission, not ours. We are not being asked to carry the work in our own strength. The Holy Spirit has already gone ahead of us and is active within our churches and communities. Our calling is to recognise what God is doing and to join in faithfully.

Across the Partnership, many positive things are happening. People are being welcomed, communities are being served, children and families are being supported, and congregations are discovering new ways of sharing the love of Christ. Some of this work is highly visible, while much of it happens quietly through pastoral visits, telephone calls, prayers, practical assistance, faithful giving and acts of kindness. We thank God for every person who contributes to the life and mission of our churches.

Alongside our joys, we have also experienced sadness. Several of our congregations and families have mourned the loss of dear ones. We continue to hold all who are grieving in our prayers, asking God to surround them with comfort, strength and hope. Scripture reminds us that we are called to “rejoice with those who rejoice; and mourn with those who mourn” (Rom.12:15).

We have also received the news that the Revd Dr Mark Jason and his family will be leaving for Austria. We thank Mark sincerely for the ministry, friendship and service he has shared with us. His contribution to the life of the Church and our Partnership has been deeply appreciated. As he and his family begin this new chapter, we pray that God will guide them, protect them on their journey and bless them richly in their new home and assignment.

There is a story of a gardener who spent an autumn afternoon planting bulbs with a young child. After they had finished, the child looked at the bare soil and seemed disappointed. “But there are still no flowers,” the child said. The gardener smiled and replied, “That is true, but beneath the soil, something has already begun. We must care for it, trust the season and give it time.”

Much of the Church’s mission is like that garden. We pray, visit, plan, listen, welcome and serve, yet sometimes we wonder whether our efforts are making any difference. The results are not always immediately visible, but God is working beneath the surface. Every kind conversation, every act of pastoral care, every prayer and every attempt to build a relationship may be a seed of hope. We may not see the flowers straight away, but faithful ministry is never wasted in God’s hands. The gardener also knew that no single person could care for the whole garden alone. Some prepared the soil, others planted, others watered, and still others patiently watched for the first signs of growth. In the same way, the mission of our Partnership belongs to all of us. Ministers, elders, members, volunteers and friends each have a part to play.

As your ministers, we want you to know how happy and privileged we are to serve among you. We value the relationships we are building and are grateful for the encouragement, hospitality and support we receive. Ministry is most fruitful when ministers and churches work together in openness, trust and mutual respect. We are here to walk alongside you, but we also need you to walk alongside us.

The enlarged Partnership brings significant opportunities, but it also brings an increased workload and considerable expectations. We are working tirelessly to help ensure that worship, pastoral care, administration and mission are supported across our churches. At times, the demands can be overwhelming, and the wellbeing and

mental health of ministers must also be recognised and cared for. Ministers are human beings who need prayer, encouragement, rest and understanding to serve well and sustainably.

We are aware that some may have concerns about aspects of our ministry or the pastoral care being offered. We do not dismiss such concerns, and we are always willing to listen and learn. If something is causing disappointment or anxiety, we encourage you to speak with us directly, honestly and graciously. Constructive conversation is more helpful than assumptions or comments made without an opportunity for dialogue. We may not always be able to meet every expectation, particularly within such a large Partnership, but we remain committed to doing our best and to working with you to find appropriate and realistic ways forward.

As we journey through August and into September, may we approach this new season not with fear, but with faith. The work may be great, but God's grace is greater. We do not walk alone: Christ goes before us, the Holy Spirit strengthens us, and we have one another as companions on the journey. 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." (*Gal. 6:9*)

Therefore, let us enter the months ahead with renewed hope. Let us support our children and young people as they return to their places of learning. Let us welcome new relationships across the Partnership. Let us care gently for those who are grieving or struggling. Let us speak honestly, listen patiently and serve one another generously. Seasons will change, plans may be adjusted and new challenges will arise, but the God who has brought us this far will not abandon us. May we continue together with courage, humility and joy, trusting that even the smallest seeds of faithful service can produce a harvest beyond anything we can presently imagine.

With every blessing,

Your friend and minister, Gilbert

CENTRAL (Janet Goodship)

At the end of May, Central decided to have a Songs of Praise service, which has now become an annual event. The congregation were asked to write down their favourite hymn, together with a reason for their choice. I had the privilege of assembling the service from these hymns. Interestingly, one of the hymns chosen, 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord' is the one which has been sung most often (ten times) in services in the last four years, which is when I started keeping records. This was followed closely by 'Be thou my vision' (nine times).

It was lovely to welcome Lena Talbot back to our pulpit during this period. She very kindly stepped in for one of the ministers, who was unable to come. She spoke about the Christian belief that Jesus is the son of God and told the congregation about Malcom Muggeridge who was a confirmed atheist. He had gone to the Holy Land and on his return his beliefs had changed completely. She also played a game of make believe during the sermon in which she was a newspaper reporter sent out to interview people who were there at the crucifixion and resurrection, including Simon Peter, Mary Magdalene and Mark. A truly thought-provoking sermon.

As always in a church, there are 'unseen heroes' who give of their time in a way which is unknown by most of the congregation. I would just like to mention Eileen, our treasurer, who spends so many hours behind the scenes ensuring that our finances are always correct, and the best use made of them – which often involves wading through a mire of paper- (or rather computer-) work. Many thanks, Eileen.

A beautiful message received from Ramin



Dear Church Family

As I prepare to move to Sheffield to start a new chapter in my life, I wanted to take a moment to say goodbye and express my deepest gratitude to all of you.

Thank you so much for your incredible support, your kindness, and for welcoming me with open arms. You made me feel like a true part of this family, and I will always cherish the love and warmth you showed me.

Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new journey, and know that you will always hold a special place in my heart.

Wishing you all God's blessings, and I hope we stay in touch!

With love and gratitude

Ramin

Birthday Celebrations: Alizon; Michael (91); Janice; Josh; Debbie and Martin; Janice; Alison's daughter Laura; Dorothy and Terry; Liz; Eileen and husband Gary; Ann Halliwell (90); Edith Tolley (90); Siavash; Christie and twins Dennis and Maria (1); Heather's husband; Somayeh; Ramin.

Wedding Anniversaries: Trevor and Janice (51 years); Margaret Oldham's daughter Alex and husband Stephen; Heather and Kevin; John and Nancy; Doris and Raymond.

Prayers - We are thinking especially of Eileen's sister Trish who is awaiting an operation on her shoulder, Barbara's grandson Ryan with a broken arm, Joyce who has recently broken her elbow, Angela who has recently broken her wrist, Rosemary who has recently been in hospital and Beryl Shaw's niece who has recently died.

Each week in church we continue to mention people by name in need of our prayers, thinking of Doris' husband Raymond, Margaret Williams and Jean Yates in Care Homes, Pauline's husband Mel, and friends of Val who are going through a very difficult time at the moment.

Coffee Bar Rota

2nd August	Margaret East Liz Staffa
9th August	Beryl Shaw Pauline Henson
16th August	Barbara Duxbury Karen Narramore
23rd August	Dorothy Yates Margaret Burns
30th August	Janice Cowell Elsa Peacock
6h September	Margaret East Liz Staffa
13 th September	Beryl Shaw Pauline Henson
20 th September	Dorothy Yates Margaret Burns
27 th September	Harvest Lunch

Central Fellowship – 2 pm restarts October 15th

Bible Study - 10 am - 27th August; 24th September

Vestry Duty – August – Ade Laditan, **September** – Adebola Laditan

Communion Rota

August – Pauline Henson (bread), Janet Goodship

September - Ade or Adebola Laditan (bread), Margaret Oldham

Flower Rota

2 nd August	'In Memory of Mum and Dad' Karen Narramore
9 th August	'In Memory of Diana (Wignall) Janice Cowell
16 th August	'In Memory of Kathleen Knowles' the family
23 rd August	Goodship 'family memories'
30 th August	'In Memory of Mary Hughes and Bill Mellish' - Joyce and family

6th September Dorothy and Kevin Yates

13th September Flower Fund

20th September Dennis and Margaret Oldham

27th September Flower Fund

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP NEWS (Judith Atkinson)

It has been a quiet time at Trinity as the summer holidays approach. We were saddened to hear of the death at the end of May of Mary, and our thoughts and prayers are with Christine, Stephen, Neil and Rebecca and the rest of the family at this sad time.

George has recently heard from Colin and Terry's son, and we are happy to report that Colin and Terry are settled in the home in Clitheroe and are both doing well. In our prayers recently we have remembered Sheila, who fell in the shower at home and is in hospital with a cracked hip and ribs; Helen, who had a fall at bowling but is now doing much better; Ruth; and Lilian and Malcolm.

We congratulated George and Janet on the birth of another great-nephew, Harry George.

In June, we were invited to take part in a fundraising event with the football club. Kath, Stephen, Dawn and Sarah ran a hook-a-duck stall, which raised about £55 for church funds. We hope the event also raised awareness of the church and our services.

Those celebrating birthdays recently have included Helen's friend Sheila, and Frank, who celebrated his 70th. We hope you both enjoyed your special days.

Finally, thank you to Phil for repairing the outside porch door. And of course to Kath, who continues with painting the inside of church.

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TOCKHOLES URC (Marion Isherwood)

This past couple of months has been very difficult for our Chapel. It is with deep sadness that we have to inform you of the loss of FOUR of our Congregation.

KATHLEEN, our secretary for many years, after twelve months of being moved around and suffering ill health, died peacefully in Pickering, with all her family surrounding her. To say we will miss her is an understatement. She had been the 'lynch pin' of Tockholes for many years. She had so many friends, especially in Central, she was able to rely on, whether it was to get a choir for a special service, an organist at short notice, a Lay Preacher to take our service. So many things she always seemed to have an answer for, so that Tockholes Chapel kept going. What I personally will remember her for is her constant friendship in good times and bad. Never failing to be there if needed, and always her phrase JUST KEEP GOING. The love for, and the memory of Kathleen will, I am sure, be remembered at Central and Tockholes for a very long time. Our condolences and prayers are with John, Judith and their families at this time.

MARY, a lifelong supporter of Tockholes Chapel and Hollins Grove Chapel. In her later years when travel became difficult for her, she attended Trinity in Lower Darwen but still managed to get to Tockholes for any special services. Another stalwart of our Chapel we are going to miss. Our condolences and prayers are for Christine and family at this difficult time.

ANN, at the time of writing this is rather raw. Kathleen and Mary both had full lives. Ann had not been retired very long and was looking forward to enjoying more time to do the things that were precious to her. She was a lady with a gentle heart; many times wise words and her faith ran through her veins like a thread of steel. She introduced Tansie to Chapel and did any of us realise what a gift that was? Our Worship on Sunday afternoon followed by refreshments (which Tansie took care of) took on a whole new meaning of community and fellowship.

TANSIE As I write this it is with the knowledge that Tansie has died suddenly yesterday. Everyone who knew Tansie is in shock. She brought such love, kindness and thoughtfulness into our world. Her loss is difficult to comprehend.

Ann and Tansie both had their own qualities, both invaluable to Chapel in so many ways.

Ann's funeral will take place at St Stephen's Church Tockholes on 29th July at 1 pm.

Tansie's funeral service will take place at Tockholes URC on 6th August at 12 noon followed by burial at Tockholes.

We now have to find our courage to continue with our endeavours to ensure Chapel and its fellowship keeps thriving.

We have had a great deal of support from many (too many people to name and I would surely be in trouble if I forgot one), so forgive me for not naming names but Central, Trinity Lower Darwen, Lay Preachers, Ministers, organists and members. Your surrounding support has been truly appreciated.

Forthcoming events at Tockholes for your Diary

August 30th service 6.00 pm Led by the Apples of Gold Music Ministry Group

September 13th service 2pm Harvest Thanksgiving led by Mr George Grime.

Flower Rota

August

2 nd	Vacant
9 th	Christine Smith
16 th	Mr & Mrs Wooford
23 rd	Mr & Mrs Isherwood
30 th	Family of Joyce and Vernon Rothwell

September

6 th	Mr George Swanton
13 th	HARVEST
20 th	Rev & Mrs T Young
27 th	Mr & Mrs A Gillett

SPRING VALE METHODIST CHURCH (David Foster)

Another busy 2 months here at Spring Vale. Our Sunday School continues to grow, and it's been a pleasure to welcome some new children. We are currently working to refurbish our first-floor classroom to accommodate our growing Sunday School. Thanks to Chris and Matt for their hard work.

We said au revoir to Duncan and Carol as they went to spend time in their house in Italy and we were sorry to hear of Duncan's car accident and pleased that he wasn't injured.

Our stewards' team has been strengthened and at our Annual Church Meeting we elected Philemon Blankson, who is also training to be a worship leader. Philemon helped to deliver one of our Local Arrangements Services and we are grateful to Donna and Duncan who continue to deliver them as well.

Our 15-year-old projector is having to be replaced, and we have been amazed at the generosity of our friends in helping to fund the replacement. We have received generous donations from our sister church at Bright St, the Lloyds Trust, and both Northwest District and West Pennine Moors Circuit of the Methodist Church.

The church has been supporting Babak, an asylum seeker from Iran and went down with him to Birmingham to support him in his appeal. By the time you read this we will probably know the result of that appeal.

We are looking to employ a lay worker (family worker and mission enabler) for our Darwen and Blackburn churches and we are currently discussing their terms of reference.

Our Toddler Group had a very enjoyable visit to Smithills Farm; we took over 20 families, and it cost only £5 per family thanks to our Lottery Grant.

We have some exciting event coming up in the next few months. We are planning to hold a family event in the afternoon, and we have a group coming up from the Midlands to deliver a puppet service on the 13 September. Our popular Quiz Night returns on 12 September.

NEWS FROM BRIGHT STREET METHODIST CHURCH (Karen Rowley)

Greetings from Bright Street. Over the last couple of months we have enjoyed a wide variety of services, with a few local arrangements thrown in. Our worship leaders are having to work hard these days. As you may know, us Methodists enjoy our singing, so today we held a 'Songs of Praise' services which we hope the congregation enjoyed. They were certainly enthusiastic as we marched around church during our final song, playing various instruments, singing 'We are marching in the light of God', ending up in a large circle to say the Grace together. Whatever will we come up with next I wonder - well if you fancy a change, come and join us next Sunday (July 26th) you'll find out.

We're coming up to our 'quiet' summer period when we take a break from our Stay & Play toddler group, and our Friday well-being group. Both groups have been well attended throughout the year, so we're ready for a rest. The toddler group finished their last session with a summer party. 40 children and adults had lots of fun with darts, giant snakes and ladder, hook-a-duck, dancing and lots of bubbles. There was food of course – lots of it, pizza, cheese, sausages, jelly & ice cream, finishing off with lollies.

The well-being group finished for the summer break with a trip out to Southport. I believe a lovely time was had by all, and they were certainly blessed with lovely weather. Bonus point, nobody got lost and they all arrived home safely.

Did I mention a quiet period – no such thing, there's cleaning to be done, cupboards tidied, toys washed and cleaned and a host of other things.

However, I hope during these summer months we can all find time to spend more quiet time with God, being more like Mary than Martha.

Have fun in the sun and God bless you all.

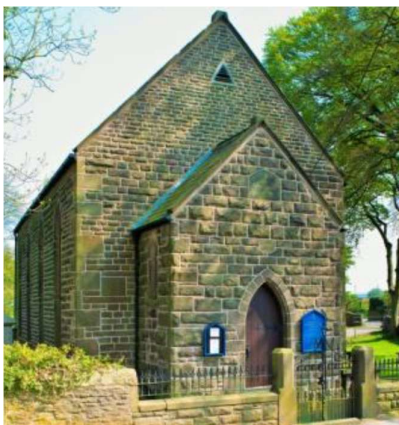
DEADLINE DATES FOR MAGAZINE 2026/2027

October/November, 2026	Sunday 20 th September, 2026
December 2026/January 2027	Sunday 22 nd November, 2026

URC CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2026

Date	Central	Trinity
2 nd August	John East	Danny Wilson
9 th August	Barbara Duxbury	Natalie Litnevski
16 th August	Barbara Duxbury	Kathryn Hodkinson
23 rd August	Barbara Duxbury	Rev Gilbert Esambe
30 th August	John East	George Grime
6 th September	Danny Wilson	John East
13 th September	Barbara Duxbury	George Grime
20 th September	Rev Gilbert Esambe	George Grime
27 th September	Doreen Goodship - Harvest	Rev Noma Marambi - Harvest

TOCKHOLES URC CHURCH



2 nd August	Danny Wilson
9 th August	Barbara Duxbury
16 th August	Rev Gilbert Esambe
23 rd August	Danny Wilson
30 th August	Evening Service 6pm
6 th September	Rev Noma Marambi
13 th September - Harvest	George Grime
20 th September	Rev Gilbert Esambe
27 th September	David Foster

CHURCH GROUPS

CENTRAL URC

Day	Time	Name of Group and Room
Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Worship
Sunday	1.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Lighthouse of Glory Church Darwen
Monday	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Ballroom/sequence dancing (Hall)
Tuesday	10am to 11:00 am	Yoga (Hall)
	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	Dance Fit Exercise Group (Hall)
	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Ballroom/sequence Dancing (Hall)
Wednesday	9.30 am to 1 pm	DARE (Hall and Lounge)
	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Ashleigh Singers (Hall)
	5.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Line Dancing (7pm-8pm) Ballroom (Hall) 8 – 9 pm
Thursday	9.00 am to 12.00 noon	P.R.O.B.U.S. alternate weeks (Hall and Lounge)
	10.00 am to 11.30 am	Bible Study once a month (Lounge)
	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Church Fellowship once a month (Hall/Lounge)
	7.15 pm to 8.45 pm	Tai Chi
Friday	8.00 am to 10.00 am	Slimming World (Hall)
	11.00 am to 12 noon	Yoga (Hall)

TIME WELLBEING GROUP - AUTUMN TERM - 1-3 pm at Bright Street

11 th September	Speaker: Norman Pearson
18 th September	Quiz Day
25 th September	A Spanish Day
2 nd October	Speaker: Karen Narramore
9 th October	Bingo and Cheeky Bingo
16 th October	In-house music
23 rd October	1960's Day 'Flower Power'
30 th October	Speaker: Elizabeth on Croatia
6 th November	Remembrance Day
13 th November	To be confirmed
20 th November	Sing and dance with Allan and Andrew
27 th November	Trip to Blackpool Illuminations
4 th December	Preparation for Christmas
11 th December	Christmas music with Ashleigh Choir
18 th December	Christmas Party

Any questions ring Elizabeth 01254 776294

DARWEN METHODIST CHURCH AT BRIGHT STREET

Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday service – multi-media Contact Karen Rowley 07941 881833 Karenliz1947@gmail.com
Monday	11.30 am – 12.15 pm	Pilates
	7 to 8.45 pm	Fellowship Group
Tuesday	10.30 to 11.30 am	Tai Chi
	6 to 7 pm	Fit n Funky
Wednesday	11am to 12 noon	Strength & Balance
	1 pm to 2 pm	Strength & Balance
	6 to 7 pm	Yoga (for menopausal women)
	7.30 to 9 pm	Trefoil Guild (1 st Wednesday of every month)
Thursday	9.30 to 12 noon	Stay & Play Toddler Group
	10 am to 12 noon	Beading Group
	1 pm to 2 pm	Making Memories
Friday	1 to 3pm	“Time” wellbeing Group
Saturday	9-10 am	WW

SPRING VALE

Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Service & Junior Church
Monday	5 pm	Drama Group
Tuesday	10.30 am to 12.00 noon	Stay and Play Toddler Group
Tuesday	2 pm to 4 pm	Craft Group
Tuesday	5.45 pm to 7.00 pm	Rainbows
Wednesday	5 pm	Drama Group
Wednesday	6.00 pm to 7.30 pm	Brownies
Wednesday	7.30 pm to 9.00 pm	Guides
Thursday	10 am	Lullaby Baby Group
Thursday	6.30 to 9 pm	Bible Study
Friday	11 am to 12.30	Moving and Stretching Classes
Friday	7pm	Karate

NAMES OF SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES

Instrumentalists of old	Minstrels
Pleasure in Istanbul	Turkish Delight
Dusk	Twilight
They'll fix you up on a date	Matchmakers
More than a minibus	Double Decker
Born in Valletta	Malteser
Too much perm solution	Curly Wurly
Are the witches up to this	Black Magic
A mate of Captain Birdseye	Fisherman's Friend
Let the Yorkshiremen eat them	Pontefract Cakes
These infants wobble	Jelly Babies
Know it alls	Smarties
Where refined people live	Quality Street
Sport for a Prince	Polo
Mother's local	Mars Bar
Where there was a mutiny	Bounty
Where 9 and 10 come	After Eight
Shirt fasteners made of cocoa	Chocolate Buttons
100% precious metal	All Gold
In a hushed tone	Wispa

Word Search – Bowls of Wrath

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

Arrayed, Babylon, Bedecked, Bidding, Blood, Conquer, Creatures, Cursed, Demonic, Dragon, Fear, Fight, Forehead, Forty two, Fountains, Glory, Golden, Harlot, Healed, Image, Kingdom, Lamb, Linen, Marveled, Mind, Mystery, Nations, Perdition, Prepare, Prophet, Remain, Rivers, Scarlet, Six Hundred, Sixty six, Slain, War, Wisdom, Worship, Wounded, Written

Answer to last Wordsearch – Commandments

BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST 2026

1 st	John 11:1-6	Psalm 92
2 nd	Matthew 14:13-21	Psalm 145
3 rd	John 11:7-16	Psalm 93
4 th	John 11:17-27	Psalm 94:12-23
5 th	John 11:28-37	Psalm 95
6 th	John 11:38-44	Psalm 96
7 th	John 11:45-57	Psalm 97
8 th	John 12:1-11	Psalm 98
9 th	Matthew 14:22-33	Psalm 85
10 th	John 12:12-19	Psalm 99
11 th	John 12:20-26	Psalm 150
12 th	John 12:27-36a	Psalm 102:1-11
13 th	John 12: 36b-43	Psalm 102:12-17
14 th	John 13:1-11	Psalm 102:18-28
15 th	John 13:12-20	Psalm 103
16 th	Matthew 15:21-28	Psalm 67
17 th	John 13:21-30	Psalm 104:1-23
18 th	John 13:31-38	Psalm 104:24-35
19 th	John 14:1-14	Psalm 105:1-11
20 th	John 14:15-17	Psalm 106:1-12
21 st	John 14:18-24	Psalm 107:1-16
22 nd	John 14:25-31	Psalm 107:17-32
23 rd	Matthew 16:13-20	Psalm 138
24 th	John 15:1-6	Psalm 107:33-43
25 th	John 15:7-8	Psalm 108
26 th	John 15:9-11	Psalm 110
27 th	John 15:12-17	Psalm 111
28 th	John 15:18-25	Psalm 112
29 th	John 15:26-27	Psalm 113
30 th	Matthew 16:21-28	Psalm 26:1-8
31 st	1 Peter 1:1-12	Psalm 116

SEPTEMBER 2026

1 st	1 Peter 1: 13-25	Psalm 117
2 nd	1 Peter 2:1-10	Psalm 118:1-9
3 rd	1 Peter 2:11-17	Psalm 118:10-18
4 th	1 Peter 2:18-25	Psalm 118:19-29
5 th	1 Peter 3:1-12	Psalm 119:1-16
6 th	Matthew 18:15-20	Psalm 149
7 th	1 Peter 3:13-22	Psalm 119:17-32
8 th	1 Peter 4:1-6	Psalm 119:33-48
9 th	1 Peter 4:7-11	Psalm 119:49-64
10 th	1 Peter 4:12-19	Psalm 119:65-80
11 th	1 Peter 5:1-14	Psalm 119:81-96
12 th	2 Peter 1:1-11	Psalm 119:97-104
13 th	Matthew 18:21-35	Psalm 103
14 th	2 Peter 1:12-15	Psalm 119:105-112
15 th	2 Peter 1:16-18	Psalm 119:113-128
16 th	2 Peter 1:19-21	Psalm 119:129-144
17 th	2 Peter 3:1-7	Psalm 119:145-160
18 th	2 Peter 3:8-13	Psalm 119:161-176
19 th	2 Peter 3:14-18	Psalm 121
20 th	Matthew 20:1-16	Psalm 145:1-8
21 st	Genesis 1:1-13	Psalm 122
22 nd	Genesis 1:14-25	Psalm 123
23 rd	Genesis 1:26-31	Psalm 124
24 th	Genesis 3:1-7	Psalm 125
25 th	Genesis 3:8-21	Psalm 126
26 th	Genesis 3:22-25	Psalm 127
27 th	Matthew 21: 23-32	Psalm 25: 1-9
28 th	Judges 14: 1-20	Psalm 28
	Philippians 1: 3-14	
29 th	Judges 16: 1-22	Psalm 28
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	Matthew 9: 2-8	

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