

“Methodist and United Reformed Church News in Darwen”

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

October and November 2026

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Lancashire South East Missional Partnership Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ

Grace and peace to you all.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another"
Hebrews 10:24-25

As we look back over the past two months, we give thanks to God for the life, witness, and fellowship shared across our South East Missional Partnership. In each of our churches, we have seen signs of faith, hope, and love through worship, prayer, pastoral care, community outreach, meetings, children's and family activities, fellowship gatherings, and acts of kindness offered quietly in Christ's name.

We are grateful to all who have given their time, gifts, energy, and prayers to support the work of the church. Whether you have led worship, prepared refreshments, visited someone, supported a community event, welcomed a newcomer, served behind the scenes, or simply encouraged another person, your contribution is deeply valued. Together, we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities.

As a partnership, we are reminded that mission is not only found in large events, but also in everyday faithfulness: a listening ear, a warm welcome, a shared meal, a prayer offered, and a word of hope spoken at the right time. These small acts help to build God's kingdom among us.

We also hold in prayer all who are unwell, grieving, lonely, tired, or facing difficult times. May they know the comfort and peace of Christ, and may we continue to care for one another with gentleness and compassion.

As we look forward to the coming months, we give thanks for the opportunity to gather for our Harvest services. Wherever we choose to channel our harvest gifts and offerings, we do so to the glory of God and in love and service to our neighbours.

We also look ahead to Remembrance Sunday, as we pause to remember with gratitude and prayer all who have served in times of war and conflict, especially those who gave their lives in the cause of peace and freedom. It will be a time to honour the past, pray for peace in our world today, and commit ourselves again to the ways of reconciliation and hope.

Looking ahead, let us remain encouraged and united in purpose. May our churches continue to be places of welcome, worship, healing, and hope. May God guide our plans, strengthen our faith, and renew our vision for mission in our partnership and beyond.

Thank you for all you do and for the love you share.

With every blessing,

Rev. Noma

A BIG THANK YOU

Your Generosity Has Become a Blessing

Dear friends in Christ,

With immense gratitude, Florence and I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our wedding celebration in March and the Global Mission Celebration in June. Your generosity did not end with these two celebrations. We wanted the gifts we received to become a blessing to others, particularly children and families living in communities affected by the Anglophone crisis in Cameroon.

We are therefore delighted to share that the donations from both occasions were brought together for a Back-to-School Initiative in Malende, a small village on the outskirts of Kumba (the town we both grew up in) in Meme Division.

Global Mission Celebration (donations received)	£152
Wedding Celebration (donations received)	£520.61
Total Donations	£672.61

50 SCHOOL BAGS • 700 EXERCISE BOOKS • PENS • PENCILS • RULERS

Through these donations, we were able to purchase 50 school bags, 700 exercise books, pens, pencils and rulers. These materials are being directed towards helping children in Malende return to school better equipped and encouraged for their education. Behind every school bag is a child. Behind every exercise book is an opportunity to learn. Behind every pen and pencil is the possibility of writing a different story for the future. That is why this initiative means so much to us. Celebration became generosity, generosity became mission, and mission became an opportunity for children to learn.

To our families and friends who celebrated our wedding with us; to the ministers, elders, churches and supporters of the Global Mission Celebration; to the Cameroonian community; and to everyone who gave, prayed, encouraged or contributed in any way; thank you. May God bless every person who contributed to this initiative and every child who receives these materials.

With our deepest gratitude,

Rev. Gilbert & Florence Esambe
Back-to-School Initiative – Malende, Kumba, Cameroon
September 2026



Ministry of Reconciliation

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation..." (2 Cor 5:18)

Today, we live in a broken world where the greatest need is for healing of deep wounds, lasting peace, reconciliation and a harmony that enables people to live without fear of one another. In the face of conflicts across nations, divisions within communities, the path forward can feel deeply overwhelming. Yet amid such brokenness, the longing for reconciliation, understanding, and peace remains a powerful reminder of our shared humanity and our hope for a better future.

From a theological perspective, such divisions are rooted not only in structural and societal failures but also in the problem of human sinfulness. Human arrogance, often manifested in the assumption of moral self-sufficiency and the conviction of being invariably right, has resulted in a profound spiritual crisis affecting both interpersonal relationships and humanity's relationship with God. The prophet Isaiah highlights this estrangement: *"Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have... hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."* (Isaiah 59:1-2).

The cry for reconciliation and peace in a world torn apart by war is among the most painful, urgent, and universal expressions of the human heart. When nations clash and hatred appears to prevail, the devastation can leave us feeling powerless and overwhelmed. Yet it is precisely in these darkest moments that the human longing for reconciliation becomes a profound act of resistance against despair and a vital step toward building lasting peace. We believe that, time and again, the history tells us that this longing is met with the reassuring truth that darkness does not have the final word and that God hears the cries of a suffering world.

It must be remembered that reconciliation is not merely a change of status before God, but a profound transformation of human existence. As St Paul declares, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). Through the regenerating and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, believers are renewed in heart and mind, participating in the new life bestowed by Christ and being conformed ever more fully to his likeness.

In our fallen nature, we are unable to reconnect ourselves to the Creator. Yet God, in His great compassion, has done this for us and made us channels of reconciliation. Therefore, we can live with confidence and hope, knowing that we are being transformed daily as we walk in the light of Christ and grow in communion with God. Moreover, God has entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation: *"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation"* (2 Corinthians 5:18). Having received God's forgiveness, we are called to share it with others, promoting peace where there is conflict, healing where there is brokenness, and unity where there is division. In this way, every Christian becomes an ambassador of Christ's reconciling love in the world. God takes a personal interest in reconciling the world to Himself. In the midst of this brokenness, reconciliation emerges as God's gracious initiative to restore fractured relationships. Reconciliation is not merely the cessation of conflict but the renewal of communion between

God and humanity, as well as among human beings themselves. Through Jesus Christ, God reaches out to a sinful and divided world, offering forgiveness, healing, and peace. Therefore, reconciliation lies at the heart of the Christian mission. It calls individuals and communities to move beyond pride, prejudice, and resentment, and to embrace humility, forgiveness, justice, and mutual understanding.

This ministry of reconciliation finds practical expression in our daily lives. It is seen when family members choose forgiveness over bitterness, when neighbours overcome prejudice and build relationships across social, cultural, or ethnic boundaries, and when churches foster unity in communities marked by division. It is evident when Christians seek justice for the oppressed, accompany those who suffer, and work for peace in places of conflict. In schools, workplaces, and societies fractured by misunderstanding and hostility, believers are called to be ambassadors of Christ, reflecting His love through compassionate service, truthful witness, and humble dialogue. Thus, reconciliation is a mission to be lived. As participants in God's mission, Christians bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel by helping to restore broken relationships. By participating in God's reconciling work, Christians become instruments of peace and agents of transformation in a world longing for unity and harmony. This is only possible when we take the ministry of reconciliation as part of our mission.

Let us continue to ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with His grace so that the world around us may see the beauty of Jesus through our words and deeds. It is good to remember that we are called to a higher purpose. Let us ask the Lord to empower us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, so that we may be renewed and display a Christlike attitude to those who are not far from the Kingdom of God. Let us always remember that there is no better hope for humanity than turning to God, for He has the power to transform lives through us. As Scripture reminds us, "He has committed to us the message of reconciliation".

We need to remember that while we cannot fix the entire world overnight, we can bring healing and comfort to those around us through small acts of kindness, compassion, and active listening. Even during difficult and challenging times, we can become instruments of reconciliation and hope in our immediate communities. Above all, Jesus is the fountain of our comfort and peace, sustaining us when burdens seem too heavy to bear. How true it is that the peace which surpasses all understanding becomes our source of hope, strength, and assurance, enabling us to face life's uncertainties with confidence. Therefore, we echo the burning desire of Charles Wesley: "A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify".

God bless you all
Shalom my friends shalom,

Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Suray

CENTRAL (Janet Goodship)

It seems that our strange summer has now really gone, and the shops are already displaying their sparkling Christmas wares. Over the summer, though, we have had some really interesting services. One I found particularly fascinating was John East's take on the story of Jacob wrestling with the strange man and having his hip thrown out of joint. John clarified the allegorical nature of this Bible reading and explained more about Jacob's circumstances at the time.

At another service the unfortunate situation arose where both the organist and the deputy organist were unable to attend church, due to unforeseen circumstances, and Barbara, who was taking the service, had to lead the unaccompanied singing. Reports suggest that the congregation excelled themselves!

Rev'd Gilbert also had a reading to deal with which has always seemed to me difficult to process – that of the vineyard owner who gave all his workers the same amount of money for their labours, whether it was for an hour's or a day's work.

Looking forward now, the choir is currently practising an anthem for the Harvest service on September 27th, when Doreen will be preaching. Our annual Gift Day will be on October 25th, and Remembrance Sunday November 8th. After that the choir will start on the music for Christmas.

Birthday Celebrations: Doris' husband Raymond (91) on 26th July; Raymond & Doris' grandson Nathan; Beryl Shaw; Lesley B; Adebola; Dorothy C; Elsa; John Briggs; Norma's son; Val and her husband; Keith; Barbara's grandson; Angela's great-granddaughter; Doreen's granddaughter Sophie (10); Ann (65); Barbara; Karen, Ann.

Wedding Anniversaries: Eileen and Gary, Ade and Adebola, Beryl and Keith, Debbie and Martin. Janice & Trevor's daughter Charlotte married Denre her partner of 25 years on Wednesday 19th August in Holland. Charlotte is now Mrs. Bruins (Mrs Brown in English).

Prayers - Each week in church we continue to mention people by name in need of our prayers.

Coffee Bar Rota

4 th October	Beryl Shaw, Pauline Henson
11 th October	Taibat Mohammed, Karen Narramore
18 th October	Janice Cowell, Elsa Peacock
25 th October	Dorothy Yates, Margaret Burns
1 st November	Margaret East, Liz Staffa
8 th November	Beryl Shaw, Pauline Henson
15 th November	Taibat Mohammed, Karen Narramore
22 nd November	Janice Cowell, Elsa Peacock
29 th November	Dorothy Yates, Margaret Burns

Central Fellowship – 2 pm

October 15th – an afternoon of music and laughter

November 19th – Christmas shopping at Barton Grange

Bible Study - 10 am - October 22nd, November 5th

Vestry Duty – **October** – Karen Narramore, **November** – Janice Cowell

Communion Rota

October – Val Carr (bread), Dorothy Yates

November – Elsa Peacock (bread), Nancy Briggs

Flower Rota

4th October 'In Loving Memory of Joe and Olive Hargreaves' the family

11th October Flower Fund

18th October 'In Memory' Elsa Peacock

25th October 'In Memory of Geoff and Eunice Yates' the family

1st November 'In Memory of Edwin and Doris Raine' the family

8th November 'In Memory of Edward Marsden and John Shorrocks and those who lost their lives in wars' - Barbara Hirst

15th November Flower Fund

22nd November Flower Fund

29th November 'In Memory of David Yates' the family

To mark Baby Loss Awareness Week in October, we will be holding a special service at Central United Reformed Church Darwen.

This will take place on Wednesday 14th October at 7 pm. The Service will be led by Mrs Doreen Goodship.

Anyone who has been affected by pregnancy or child loss is very welcome to attend. You may be a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, or sibling.

Whether your baby was lost during pregnancy, was born asleep, or only lived on earth for a short while. Or whether you lost your child when they were older, or even when they had reached adulthood, they will always be your child, who will live in your hearts, until you meet them again in heaven.

This service will allow time for quiet reflection, to remember our babies and children together, and to celebrate and honour them.

We hope everyone affected will come along to what will be a meaningful and comforting service, in memory of all the little souls who will never be forgotten.

Gift Day Quiz at Central URC – Saturday 24th October 7 pm

Tickets £5 or pay on the door. Bring your own drinks

Small snacks provided (crisps/nuts) Raffle

Contact Liz Rutherford 07505052133

A huge thank-you to Central Church for donating all the Harvest goods to DARE. These will be taken out and distributed to families in need in our community.

During the months of **October and November** we at DARE are collecting donations for our Winter Warmer boxes if you can help for DARE families, elderly, isolated, poor and vulnerable people in the community.



TRINITY FELLOWSHIP NEWS (Judith Atkinson)

Over the past few weeks we have been praying for Sheila after she spent some time in hospital following a fall. We were very sorry to hear that she has recently spent a further short period in hospital after suffering a heart attack. She is now back at home and recovering, although she says it will be a while before she is able to join us on a Sunday morning.

In our prayers we have also remembered Lilian and Malcolm. We were sad to hear of the death of Lilian's mum Grace, who has long been a supporter of Trinity, and our thoughts and prayers are with Lilian and Malcolm and the rest of the family at this sad time.

We have also been praying for Ruth, who has now moved into a care home as she was finding it increasingly difficult to manage at home.

Those celebrating birthdays recently include Mike and Sandra. We hope you both enjoyed your special days.

Our thanks go to Phil for polishing the font and restoring it to its former glory, and to Kath for donating the brass plate. And thanks are again due to Kath as she has pretty much finished the painting inside church.

Finally, we were very pleased to hear that Sandra has now joined George in being awarded a Silver Wolf Award by the Scout Association for outstanding service to scouting.

**Warm and welcoming room for hire
at Trinity Church, Sandy Lane, Lower Darwen**
For details contact Janet Grime on 01254 54305

TOCKHOLES URC (Marion Isherwood)

Tockholes, at last, feels like we are beginning to come out of a period of change and face the challenges to move forward. We are very grateful to our faithful friends and our 'newcomers' who are supporting us and giving us hope for the future.

On the last Sunday in August, we were fortunate to have two of the Ministerial Praise Group – Apples of Gold - to lead us in Worship. It was held in the evening, unusual for us, and it was really lovely and enjoyed by all.

This past Sunday we held our Harvest Thanksgiving and I am so pleased to be able say it was very successful. A Big Thank you to Emma & Family with Sarah, for making our Chapel look especially lovely; to all our members and friends for their donations; to Dorothy, George and the team for helping to distribute the gifts throughout the village. We had plenty so we were able to give a good amount to the Darwen Larder. A busy weekend but I am sure we all agreed very worthwhile.

Looking forward - Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is to be held after our Service on the 4TH OCTOBER and we hope for a good attendance as we have many plans to discuss for our future.

NOVEMBER 4TH We will be having our **CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE** in remembrance of the loved ones we have lost.

NOVEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. After our service in Chapel we will gather at our Lyche Gate and remember those who gave their lives so that we might live.

TOCKHOLES FLOWER ROTA

4 TH October	Vacant
11 th October	Vacant
18 th October	Sue, Claire & Camille (In memory of Alan Robins, beloved Husband & Dad).
25 th October	Mr & Mrs B Isherwood (In memory)

Nov 1 st	Mr & Mrs R Gradwell
Nov 8 th	The Knowles Family (In memory)
Nov 15 th	Mr & Mrs Pickup
Nov 22 nd	Mr & Mrs Woolford
Nov 29 th	Mrs O Pickup (In memory of Mr A Turner)

SPRING VALE METHODIST CHURCH (David Foster)

We have said goodbye to the summer when many of us have enjoyed time away and welcomed in autumn.

We have had a variety of services including Local Arrangements Services led by Philemon Blankson, communion services led by our minister Rev Joseph, and a first for Spring Vale – a puppet service. We welcomed a group from St John's in Glossop with their friendly puppets and they taught what it means to share. We will welcome them back in May next year for our Sunday School Anniversary.



We received generous donations from the Methodist Circuit and District, the Lloyds Trust and our sister church at Bright St which enabled us to replace our old projector and screen.

A successful Quiz Night enabled us to raise money to refurbish our classrooms for our expanding Sunday School.

We welcomed a new group to Spring Vale, Little Lions who meet on a Monday morning and teach ball skills etc for toddlers. This now means we are in use at least 6 days a week and often 7 days.

We welcomed back Duncan and Carol Turner after an eventful 6 months in their second home in Italy.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Celebrations on 4 October to be led by Bryan Lamb.

NEWS FROM BRIGHT STREET METHODIST CHURCH (Karen Rowley)

Hello from Bright Street. Hope you have all had a good summer filled with blessings. We have certainly been blessed with some excellent services here at Bright Street, and once again the worship leaders have been busy leading services during the summer when many of our local preachers are on holiday. Just today we had a wonderful harvest festival service led by David Foster, with a great activity that made us think about all the processes involved in food production from field to plate. Great hymn choices too, including one with meaningful words to the tune of 'I'm a believer' by The Monkees. We have also been blessed by a steady increase in numbers attending regular worship and pray that this may continue.

Apart from worship, have we had a quiet time at Bright Street during the summer? – in one sense yes, because we've had a break from running our regular groups, but on the other hand, we've been busy doing other things - tidying cupboards, cleaning toys and getting other odd jobs done around the building.

Stay and Play has recommenced and it's great to see familiar faces once again, welcome new families and learn new names. We will once again be supporting 'Children in Need' with a special session, and of course, planning something special for Christmas. If any of you have grandchildren, nieces/nephews under the age of five, they will be very welcome to come along with their parents/carers.

This year we are bringing back a firm favourite – Soup and Sparklers on Saturday November 7th. A great event for all the family to join in. There will be soup, hot dogs/burgers, bonfire/firework related crafts, and of course a firepit, marshmallows and sparklers. Look out for more details nearer the time.

Our Friday 'Well-being Group' is back and it's been good to welcome more new faces. Details of what's in store can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

We will, of course, be holding a Christmas event of some kind; what and when have yet to be decided and details will be circulated as soon as a decision is made.

In the meantime, take care and God bless.

Karen

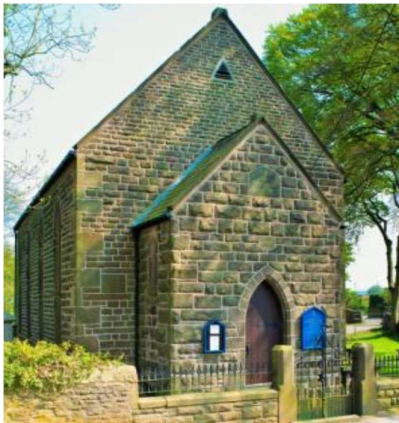
DEADLINE DATES FOR MAGAZINE 2026/2027

December 2026/January 2027	Sunday 22 nd November, 2026
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URC CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2026

Date	Central	Trinity
4 th October	Danny Wilson	Rev Gilbert Esambe
11 th October	John East	George Grime
18 th October	Rev Noma Marambi	Rev Dr Joseph Suray
25 th October	Doreen Goodship – Gift Day	Catherine Young
1 st November	John East	Doreen Goodship
8 th November	Barbara Duxbury – Remembrance Service	George Grime
15 th November	George Grime	Rev Noma Marambi
22 nd November	Doreen Goodship	Kath Hodgkinson
29 th November	George Grime	Barbara Duxbury

TOCKHOLES URC CHURCH



4 th October	Danny Wilson
11 th October	Rev Gilbert Esambe
18 th October	Barbara Duxbury
25 th October	Rev Terry Young
1 st November	John East
8 th November - Remembrance	George Grime
15 th November	Rev Gilbert Esambe
22 nd November	Doreen Goodship
29 th November	George Grime

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

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 – East Lancashire Hospice
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 (1st 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	10 am to 12 noon	Little Lions
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	6.00 pm to 7.30 pm	Brownies
Wednesday	7.30 pm to 9.00 pm	Guides
Thursday	6.30 to 9 pm	Bible Study
Friday	11 am to 12.30	Wellness Group
Friday	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Kung Fu
Friday	7 pm to 8.30 pm	Karate

Match the dates (answers will be verified in next magazine)

Prince Edward born	
Votes for Women	
New Scottish Parliament set up in Edinburgh	
University of St Andrews established	
Queens Golden Wedding Anniversary	
Succession of Crown Act	
First Hovercraft	
Worlds 1 st underground railway	
First portable defibrillator	
Elizabeth 1 st comes to the throne	
Queens Diamond Jubilee	
Good Friday Agreement	
Snowdonia National Park opens	
Princess Anne born	
Princess Elizabeth meets Philip	
United Nations formed	

1413	1558	1863	1928
1934	1945	1950	1951
1955	1964	1965	1997
1998	1999	2012	2013

Word Search – Joshua and the Gibeonites

N F M S N I K S E N I W G H A
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All the land, Bad sandals, Bags, Community, Couldn't fight, Deceived, Donkeys, Elders, Far away, God's altar, Heard about God, Hot bread, Inhabitants, Israelites, Kiriath-jearim, Leaders, Lied, Lord, Moldy bread, Neighbors, Oath, Peace, Pleaded, Princes, Rich, Saved, Torn clothes, Treaty, Water carriers, Wineskins, Wood cutters

Answer to last Wordsearch – Book of Life

BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 2026

1 st	Genesis 7:1-17	Psalm 132
2 nd	Genesis 8:1-22	Psalm 133
3 rd	Genesis 11:1-11	Psalm 134
4 th	Matthew 21:33-46	Psalm 80
5 th	Hebrews 1:1-6	Psalm 135:1-7
6 th	Hebrews 2:5-18	Psalm 135:13-21
7 th	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalm 136:1-9,23-26
8 th	Hebrews 3:7-14	Psalm 138:
9 th	Hebrews 4:1-11	Psalm 139
10 th	Hebrews: 4:12-13	Psalm 141:1-5
11 th	Matthew 22:1-14	Psalm 23
12 th	Hebrews 4:14-16	Psalm 142
13 th	Hebrews 5:1-10	Psalm 143:1-8
14 th	Hebrews 6:9-12	Psalm 140:1-7
15 th	Hebrews 6:13-20	Psalm 144
16 th	Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17	Psalm 146
17 th	Hebrews 7:25 -8:6	Psalm 147
18 th	Matthew 22:15-22	Psalm 96
19 th	Hebrews 8:7-13	Psalm 148
20 th	Hebrews 9:1-3, 11-14	Psalm 149:1-5
21 st	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28	Psalm 150
22 nd	Hebrews 10:1-10	Psalm 2:1-8
23 rd	Hebrews 10:11-18	Psalm 3:1-6
24 th	Hebrews 10:19-25	Psalm 4
25 th	Matthew 22:34-46	Psalm 1
26 th	Hebrews 11:1-3	Psalm 5:1-8
27 th	Hebrews 11:4-11	Psalm 6:4-9
28 th	Hebrews 11:32-40	Psalm 8
29 th	Hebrews 12:1-11	Psalm 9:1-11
30 th	Hebrews 12:12-24	Psalm 10
31 st	Hebrews 13:1-21	Psalm 11:1-5

NOVEMBER 2026

1 st	Matthew 5:1-12	Psalm 34:1-10,22
2 nd	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalm 13
3 rd	Genesis 17:1-10	Psalm 15
4 th	Genesis 18:1-33	Psalm 16
5 th	Genesis 19:15-29	Psalm 17:1-8
6 th	Genesis 21:5-20	Psalm 18:1-19
7 th	Genesis 22:1-19	Psalm 19
8 th	Matthew 25:1-13	Psalm 70
9 th	Genesis 23:1-19	Psalm 20
10 th	Genesis 24:1-9, 62-67	Psalm 21:1-7
11 th	Genesis 27:1-5a, 15-29	Psalm 22:1-18
12 th	Genesis 28:10-22	Psalm 22:19-31
13 th	Genesis 32:22-32	Psalm 23
14 th	Genesis 37:3-28	Psalm 100
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21 st	Genesis 50:15-25	Psalm 29
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23 rd	Daniel 1:1-6,8-20	Psalm 30
24 th	Daniel 2:31-45	Psalm 31:1-8
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