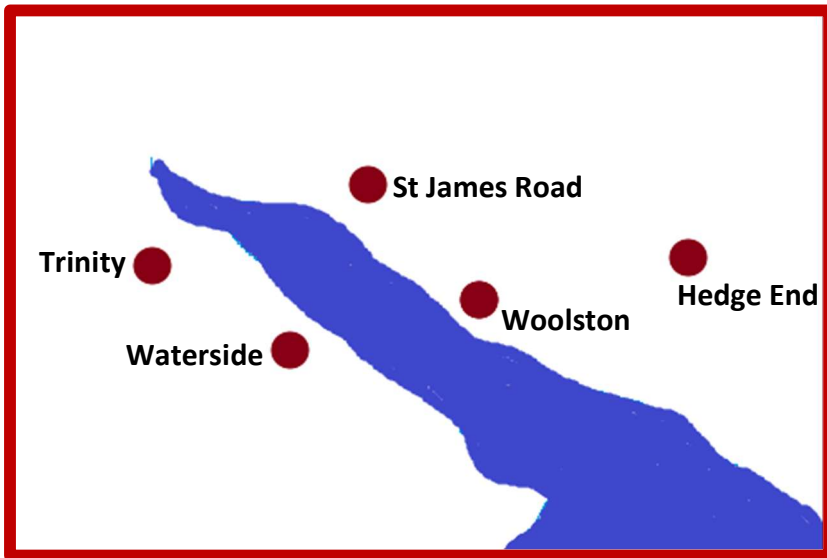


The **Methodist** Church
Southampton Circuit 26/1



PREACHING PLAN AND NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER to NOVEMBER 2026

In the beginning God.....

SUPER'S SOAP BOX

Dear Friends

Happy New (Methodist) Year! This is a new start as a circuit with a new Superintendent (me!), a new probationer minister (Sophia), a new Circuit Administrator (Kayleigh), a new Church Life Missioner (Nigel) and two new Circuit Stewards (Kate and Eric).



As I have prepared for becoming Superintendent one word has frequently come to my thoughts and has been part of conversations with some of you, including Sophia. That word is TOGETHER. 'We look forward to working together as a circuit'.

The word 'together' is right at the heart of the Christian faith. In June I was preaching a series on the early church in Acts 2 where the word is used, and implied, many times in vv42-47. As Christians we are meant to be together as an expression of our unity centred on Jesus. I hope this will be our model, moving forward, as a Circuit

Being together doesn't mean we have to be the same or do everything together. We don't need to be all the same, doing the same things, but we can have a common love and purpose that comes from following Jesus. I hope and pray that this can be true for us as a circuit.

So I look forward to leading the circuit along with both lay and ministerial colleagues as, along with all of you, we are TOGETHER.

John 17 vv20-21 The prayer of Jesus: *I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

Your Superintendent,

Stephen

CHURCH DETAILS

(M=Membership; P= Presbyter in pastoral oversight)

Church	M	P	Address
Hedge End	53	SO	St Johns Road SO30 4AG
St James Road	153	SR	St James Road, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE
Trinity	48^	WW	Hazel Farm Road, Totton, SO40 8WU
Waterside	33	SO	North Road, Dibden Purlieu, SO45 4PG
Woolston	23	SO	Manor Road North, Woolston, SO19 2DU

^Membership Numbers for Trinity include Methodist and United Reformed members

Circuit Dates for the Diary

12 th September	District Synod at Chandlers Ford
16 th September 7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at North Road, Dibden Purlieu
20 th September 4pm	Circuit Preachers Meeting at SJR (followed by Tea & Worship)

CIRCUIT SERVICES

WELCOME SERVICE:

Tuesday 1st September 7.30pm at St James Road

for Rev Stephen Robinson, as the Superintendent, and Rev Sophia Odoom the Probationer. We will also welcome our new Lay Employees. The service will be led by the Rev Rachel Bending, Chair of District.

SERVICE OF REDEDICATION OF LOCAL PREACHERS:

Sunday 20th September at 6pm at St James Road

As we recognise the invaluable work that our Local Preachers do, this service enables them to rededicate themselves to God in this calling. It gives an opportunity for non-preachers to come and express support to them for all they do in the service of God

Please support both services as an expression of our circuit togetherness

September 2026

		6	13	20	27
Liturgical Year		Ordinary 23	Ordinary 24	Ordinary 25	Ordinary 26
Special Sundays			Education		
Please pray for		Hedge End, St James Road	Trinity, Waterside	Woolston, MHA	Uni Chaplaincy Fijian Fell.
Hedge End	10.30am	Odoom HC	S Judd	Robinson HT	Bailey
St James Rd, Shirley	9.30am	Robinson	Robinson	A Judd	Robinson HC
	11.15am	Robinson	Robinson HC	L Judd	Parkinson
	6pm	Craggs		Robinson/ Circuit LP HC	Robinson HC
	7.30pm		NS Cafe 7pm		NS Connect
	Wed 2 nd	Robinson R			
	12noon				
Trinity,Totton	10.30am	White HC	White	Pritchard	Eden LA
Waterside	11am	Barnes	D Robinson	Odoom HC	LA
	7pm	LA BS			
Woolston	10.30am	Castle	Odoom HC	Barnes HT	Quansah

Bible Readings for the Lectionary can be found at
the back of the Methodist Worship Book

All preachers are reminded that if they cannot fulfil an appointment,
they must find an accredited substitute and inform the
Superintendent Minister, Circuit Administrator and the
relevant local Church Steward. Thank you.

October 2026

		4	11	18	25
Liturgical Year		Ordinary 27	Ordinary 28	Ordinary 29	Ordinary 30
Special Sundays		Homelessness	Prisons week		Bible Sunday
Please pray for		Hedge End, St James Road	Trinity, Waterside	Woolston, MHA	Uni Chaplaincy, Fijian Fell.
Hedge End	10.30am	Odoom HC	Castle	Barnes CA	Quansah
St James Rd, Shirley	9.30am	Robinson HT	Robinson HC	10am BCB	Bailey
	11.15am	Robinson HT	Robinson HC	D Robinson	Pearce
	6pm	Pearce HT		Robinson HC	Castle
	7.30pm		NS Cafe 7pm		NS Connect
	Wed 7 th 12 noon	Robinson R			
Trinity, Totton	10.30am	White HC	White B	Robinson	Eden LA
Waterside	11am	Elkin	Pritchard HT	LA	Odoom HC
	7pm	LA BS			
Woolston	10.30am	Craggs	L Judd HC	S Judd	Parkinson

DEADLINE FOR NEXT PLAN:
For December 2026 to February 2027
Sunday 27th September 2026

This Circuit Preaching Plan is a 'public document' under GDPR (General Data
Protection Regulations) legislation. The contact details for all preachers
named within this Preaching Plan can be found in the circuit directory

November 2026

	1	8	15	22	29
Liturgical Year	Ordinary 31	Ordinary 32	Ordinary 33	1 before Advent	Advent
Special Sundays		<i>Remembrance</i>		<i>Christ the King</i>	
Please pray for	Hedge End, St James Road	Trinity, Waterside	Woolston, MHA	Uni Chaplaincy, Fijian Fell.	CLT, District
Hedge End 10.30am	A Judd	L Judd	Odoom HC	Parkinson	Quansah
3pm					Odoom TH
St James Rd, Shirle	9.30am Robinson	10.30am Robinson	Quansah	Robinson HC	Robinson
	11.15am Robinson HC	Robinson	Pritchard	Robinson	Robinson
	6pm 4pm Robinson TH		Robinson HC	Craggs	Franks
	7.30pm	NS Café 7pm		NS Connect	
	Wed 4 th 12noon Robinson R				
Trinity, Totton 10.30am	White HC	S Judd	D Robinson	Eden LA	Elders LA
Waterside	11am Elkin	Pearce	Robinson HC	Odoom	LA
	7pm LA BS				
Woolston 10.30am	Odoom HC	Franks P	A Judd	Bailey	Odoom

ABBREVIATIONS

B	Baptism	Eden	Trinity Worship Group	NS	New Song
BCB	Big Church Breakfast	HC	Holy Communion	P	Parade Service
BS	Breathing Space	LA	Local Arrangement	R	Reflective Worship
CA	Church Anniversary	LP	LP Rededication	TH	Thanksgiving Service