

Ivybridge Methodist Church

Word Inspired, Spirit Infused, Grounded in Prayer

October 2025

	Ivybridge Church Services
5 Oct	10.30am Amanda Roper. Harvest Festival
12 Oct	10.30am Phil Walsh
19 Oct	10.30am Amanda Roper. All Age Worship, Church meeting, bring & share lunch 6pm Reflective, quiet service
26 Oct	10.30am Hazel Baker
2 Nov	10.30am Amanda Roper. Communion

	Bittaford Church Services
5 Oct	11.00am David Youngs. Communion
12 Oct	11.00am Mike Cade
19 Oct	11.00am Mike Cade
26 Oct	11.00am K. Angilley
2 Nov	11.00am David Youngs. Communion

Notices: weekly

Mondays. 12 – 2.30: Baby Hub. (Term time only)

Tuesdays: Lunches. Faith in Art

Thursdays: Songs & Stories.

Saturdays: Wesley's coffee 10-12

Fortnightly: Alternate Fridays - Wise and Wonderful (see later)

Monthly

First Saturday of the month: Viaduct Prayer Walk. Praying for and blessing our town. Next ones - 4th October & 1st November

Second Saturday of the month: Church work day from 9.30am onwards with break for coffee & cake. Next one – 11th October

From Amanda

Dear friends, our leadership team has been thinking about how to improve our communication at IMC, to better enable full transparency into the decision making process, and to engage each of you more fully. As you will be aware, we follow the Methodist system, which means our decision making body is the Church Council. This will not change, as it is our legal standing but the suggestion is that we hold regular full church meetings throughout the year to keep the wider church body more informed. These meetings would always be on the Sunday that is our all-age family worship, due to the fact that it is often a shorter service. We propose to then hold a 30min meeting, followed by a Bring and Share lunch. This would happen maybe 2-3 times a year. The purpose of this meeting is for information sharing, not voting. Please be reminded that your congregational reps are there for you, and will pass on any concerns, ideas, suggestions you may have to the Church Council for deliberation. The first of these full church meetings will be on October 19th, following all-age worship and will conclude with lunch. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to stay. This meeting will have three topics for your prayer and consideration:

1. Communications publicity - the 'internal' newsletter and a new proposed outreach magazine
2. The naming of the Church - with the leadership team proposal
3. Discussion surrounding the possible formation of a new Circuit

Hoping this process will help us as we move forwards,
with our blessings,

Amanda and the leadership team

Family News October 2025

As we gradually get back into gear with church news we send many belated congratulations to Ken and Sara Bromage who

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. We thank God for you both and pray His richest blessings on the years to come.

Right at the beginning of married life we send our love and every good wish for a wonderful wedding day for Laura Maddaford and Brendan who will tie the knot on October 29th. We pray for a wonderful celebration of your commitment to each other and also that the sun shines!!

Pam Montgomery's grandson Harry has recently graduated with a 2:1 degree in Applied Theology. He will continue to work, with his wife Lydia, at the Launceston Community Church in the next step of their ministry and life serving Jesus. It's been a long journey for Harry and we send warmest congratulations and every blessing on your next steps in service.

Christmas Angels

Please don't forget we are looking for hundreds of knitted or crocheted Christmas angels that we can scatter throughout the area, each with a message that will bless our community. Can we beat 500 this year?

There are hard copies of the knitting pattern available on the noticeboard in the Concourse at church, or you can download an electronic copy from: <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf> or if you prefer crocheting, then you can download a crochet pattern from: <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Christmas-Angels-Crochet-Pattern.pdf>

Thank you in anticipation of the noise of clattering needles!!
Happy Knitting 😊 Nicky Rowe Tel. 07866054804

Please email any information for the November newsletter to gill.cowsill@btinternet.com by October 26th. Many thanks.
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Wise and Wonderful

*We meet in the café
on Fridays 2.30 til 4*

Autumn dates:

October 3 Celebrating the Harvest with friends at the Priory.
Please book a lift if you need one.

October 17 The U3A Drama Group visit again!

November 7 Revd Amanda talking about her recent Sabbatical

November 21 Welcome to Richard Cropper from Coast Watch

December 5 A reflection for Christmas

Val, Christine, Sue, Maureen, Carole, Judy

Light Party

The light party will be held on the 31st October from 4-7pm.

Some people have already volunteered for various aspects of the evening but I do still have some areas which need someone to be in charge of, or lend a hand. These areas are Christian tattoos, face painting, silent disco area, football zone, food zone, sensory/neuro divergent zone and baby area. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please email imc-cfm@outlook.com or catch me around church

Sam

Advent Quiet Day

On Tuesday 2nd December 10am to 3pm we are holding an advent quiet day of prayer & reflection at Bittaford Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Please bring packed lunch (drinks will be provided). No charge but donations towards Bittaford Church.

To book your place please email gill.cowsill@btinternet.com or phone 07836687985. Transport from Ivybridge can be arranged.