



**Minister** - Rev. Shirlyn Toppin - Tel 01793 853197

**Lectionary** - Job 38:1-7 (34-41) - 'The Lord Speaks',  
Psalm 104:1-9,  
Hebrews 5:1-10 - 'Jesus the Great High Priest',  
Mark 10:35-45 - 'The Request of James and John'.

**More on the lectionary...**

The lectionary offers a cycle of readings for use on weekdays as well as on Sundays. These readings are each listed in the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#), together with the suggestion of a hymn to read and an appropriate passage from the Psalms.

The same list of readings form the basis for daily online Bible studies, to be found at [A Word in Time Bible Study](#).

The Methodist Church website link is:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/resources/the-lectionary/not-just-for-sundays/>

Comms Team

**Prayer Rota** - Swinburne Place in RWB; Toothill Methodist Church in our Circuit; Nottingham & Derby District; Fiji & Rotuma Methodist Church.

**Please pray for the week's activities and those taking part:**

<b>Monday 21 October</b>	7.30pm - Bible Study in Church - John 16
<b>Tuesday 22 October</b>	10.00am - Tuesday Morning Pop-In & Light Lunch
<b>Wednesday 23 October</b>	9.30am - Walking Group 7.30pm - Prayer with a Purpose
<b>Friday 25 October</b>	NO Puddleducks - half-term break
<b>Sunday 27 October</b>	Clocks go <b>back</b> at 2am - we gain an hour. 10.30am - Worship Service, including Holy Communion, led by Rev. Shirlyn Toppin

**Flowers** - this week the flowers have been arranged by Judith Crimp. If you know of anyone who might benefit from our flowers, please inform either Judith or a Steward. This may be due to illness, a bereavement or maybe having something to celebrate. *Mary*

The post of **Church Treasurer** will be vacant **at the end of October**. This is a position that **urgently** needs to be filled. It may well be that several people could together cover this role in servicing our church. If you feel you may have the desired skills to help in any way with filling this position, please speak to a steward.

**The following is a Pulpit Notice, which was read out in our Circuit churches on 29th September 2024:-**

I am writing to inform you of an important change in the Circuit. After time spent in prayers seeking God's will Rev. Dr. Joseph Ribeiro has decided to curtail his ministerial appointment in the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit effective from 31st August 2025.

Rev. Joseph will continue to have pastoral responsibility of Shrivenham Methodist church with extended ministry and support to the Superintendent and the other churches in the Circuit. Rev. Shirlyn Toppin will be the interim minister at Highworth Methodist church.

The profiles for Rev. Joseph and the Upper Thames Circuit have been submitted, awaiting successful matching in November.

I ask for your prayers for Joseph and Martha, Highworth and Shrivenham churches and the Circuit during this period of transition.

Yours in Christ, *Rev. Shirlyn Toppin*

**Harvest Weekend** - at the Saturday Harvest Supper, **£206** was raised for **All We Can** and at the Sunday Harvest Service, **£325** in cash, together with tins etc, were donated to **The Filling Station**. Many thanks to everyone for your support for these worthy charities. *The Stewards*

If you have an item, please contact Mary on [notices@rwbmc.co.uk](mailto:notices@rwbmc.co.uk) by the preceding Tuesday evening.