

BUXTED METHODIST CHURCH

The regular Sunday Morning Service, held at Buxted, will be led as shown below:

September Services 2026

6 th	10:30	Deacon Vicky Welsh	Minister	
13 th	10:30	Rev Sheila Foreman	Minister	Holy Communion
20 th	10:30	Rev Andy Melvin	Minister	Harvest Festival
27 th	10:30	Rev J Gayford	Minister	

October Services 2026

4 th	10:30	Cathy Agius	Local Preacher	
11 th	10:30	Rev Sheila Foreman	Minister	Holy Communion
18 th	10:30	Rev Andy Melvin	Minister	
25 th	10:30	Deacon Vicky Welsh	Minister	

An evening service (6:00 PM via Zoom), normally hosted by Rev Barbara Evans-Routley, will continue to be broadcast throughout 2026.

Activity Dates for September and October 2026

4 th	September	2:00 PM	David Sweet – "Celebration of Life"
7 th	September	2:00 PM	Emmaus – Book of James
12 th	September	10:30 AM	Coffee Morning
12 th	September	2:00 PM	Art Group – Harvest
20 th	September	12:30 PM	Harvest lunch
30 th	September	10:30 AM	POP-IN
5 th	October	2:00 PM	Emmaus
10 th	October	10:30 AM	Coffee Morning
10 th	October	2:00 PM	Art Group
28 th	October	10:30 AM	POP-IN

David Sweet June 1944 – August 2026



David was a gentle soul who never sought the limelight, even though he loved appearing in operettas and often sang solos with local choirs, was a much loved biology and form teacher, and an inspirational Local Preacher. He had a gift for listening, for making you feel special, and he would go out of his way to help if he could. He became a Magistrate and especially enjoyed his time on the Youth Bench. He lost his own father to cancer in his early 20s, and kept a careful eye on his mother until her death in 1988. Married in 1990, ill health soon struck, but undaunted he proved doctors wrong and had

four wonderful girls with Christine. David's ill health was never far away but he continued to battle as long as he could. He died peacefully at home, when the eclipse was almost at its fullest, with all the family around. He will be missed.

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Art Group

The theme for September will be 'Harvest'.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 20th September with a service led by Rev Andy Melvin. This will be followed by a light lunch.

Eclipse

The eclipse was visible from Buxted although Sue and I missed it totally even though we kept going outside to look. I hope that others were able to see it.

Scarecrow Competition 2026 – A Special Occasion

These scarecrows were displayed in Gorden Road. Others were displayed at the entrance to Oast Farm. Thank you to all who contributed to this cheerful sight.



The 'ladies' look as if they are having a good time!



Look for all the animals



Pooh Bear of course