

## Tales from the Farm Yard



Nana's bread was second to none.

Nana and grandpa lived in a big old farm house, about a mile away from us, so I would often get on my bike to go and see them. Half a mile up the road I would turn right and cycle the rest of the way down what was an extremely bumpy old farm track. More often than not grandpa would be out, busy on the farm somewhere, but nana could usually be found in her kitchen. I can remember her now, stood baking and kneading bread at the farmhouse table.

The Harvest Festivals back then were big community events - people gave so generously and even now I can remember the smell of the chrysanthemums. Every year the communion table would be groaning under the weight of homemade apple pies, carrots, potatoes etc. There was always a lump of coal to remind people to give thanks for the harvest of the mine and fish, often in a tin, to remind us to thank God for the harvest of the sea. The table always looked fantastic but honestly, its "crowning glory" was nana's harvest sheaf, made out of bread and varnished to preserve it, it always took pride of place right in the middle of the table, and it was the one thing that everyone commented on.


My nana had a very profound faith and she honestly did what she did for the Lord... So can I ask, what are YOU good at? Not all of us can cook! Not all of us can preach. Not all of us can flower arrange. Not all of us can knit. But we are all good at something. Maybe you're good at woodwork or gardening or washing up! Whatever it is, let's do it to the best of our ability and let's do it for the glory of God.

God bless, Viv

### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting - Bedford Methodist Church (6.45pm prayer, 7.15pm coffee, 7.30pm meeting).

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September Circuit Meeting – venue to be announced

**The Methodist Church**   
*Bolton and Rochdale District*  
*Leigh and Hindley Circuit (06/07)*

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Preaching Plan September – November 2018

*"preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction."*

*2 Timothy 4 verse 2*

Church	Worship Time	2nd September	9th September	16th September	23rd September	30th September	7th October	14th October	21st October	28th October	4th November	11th November	18th November	25th November
Pray for this church today	⊕							Jonah	Jonah	Jonah	Jonah	Remembrance	Jonah	Jonah
Astley & Tyldesley Elliot Street M29 8JB	10.30am	Young ⊕	Worgan 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Stewart	Pereira Holy Communion	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	Own Arrangement Harvest Warren Done Food Bank	Pereira J1	Evitts	Smith J2 Holy Communion	B Jones J3	Groves	Hatton ⊕	Pereira J4 Healing/Holy Communion
Atherton Central High Street M46 9DW	10.00am	Fisher Holy Communion	Laing ⊕ 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Evitts	Smith	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	X 2.00pm Fisher Harvest	B Jones	Daniels J1	Edge	Fisher J2 Holy Communion	9.45am Own Arrangement	Eaves J3	Worgan J4 ⊕
Bag Lane Atherton M46 0JX	10.45am	Pereira	Smith Holy Communion 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Harvest ⊕ Own Arrangement 2.30pm Pereira 6pm Songs of Praise	B Jones	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	Own Arrangement	Worgan	Hatton J1	Daniels J2	Pereira J3 Healing/Holy Communion	X	Own Arrangement	Bushby J4
Bamfurlong Lily Lane WN2 5JY	10.45am	Hatton	Pereira Holy Communion 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Own Arrangement	Eaves ⊕	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	N Whitehead Harvest	Groves	Pereira J1 Wedding Anniversary / Holy Communion	Kennedy J2	Hilton	Pereira Healing/Holy Communion	B Jones J3	Laing J4
Bedford Breaston Avenue WN7 3DJ	10.30am	Smith Holy Communion 6pm Smith	Daniels 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Hilton	Own Arrangement Harvest Festival	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh ⊕	Own Arrangement JMA	Hatton	Walker Holy Communion	Stewart J1	Smith J2 Baptism	Smith Holy Communion	M Jones J3	Groves J4
Culcheth Ellesmere Road WA3 4BJ	9.45am	Bushby	M Jones 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	P Martin Back To Church	Bradley Holy Communion	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	Bradley ⊕	Laing Harvest Parade	Bradley J1 Holy Communion	Davies	Bradley J2 3pm Bradley Memorial	Kennedy	Bradley J3 Holy Communion	Stewart J4
	6.30pm	Bradley Holy Communion	X	Daniels	Bradley Praise & Worship	X	Celtic	Bradley Praise & Worship	Churches Together - TBA	Café Harrison	X	Bradley Holy Communion	District Service - Bolton	Own Arrangement
Glazebury Warrington Road WA3 5LD	10.00am	Bradley Holy Communion	B Jones 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Own Arrangement/ Breakfast	Kennedy	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	Whitehead Harvest	Bradley ⊕ J1 Holy Communion 4.30pm T@T	Own Arrangement/ Breakfast	Worgan J2	M Jones J3 Holy Communion	10.45am All Saints	Own Arrangement/ Breakfast	Brazier J4
Hindley Green Leigh Road WN2 4XW	10.30am	Hilton	Walker Holy Communion 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Fisher Harvest	Laing	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	Own Arrangement	Whitehead J1 Holy Communion	Fisher J2 ⊕	Young	Bushby J3	Fisher Holy Communion	Own Arrangement	Kennedy J4
Kingsleigh King Street WN7 4LR WN7 4BT(car park)	9.30am	Smith Holy Communion	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X ⊕	Smith Holy Communion	X	X	X
	10.00am	Own Arrangement/ Breakfast	Wynn 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Smith Circle 50th	Walker Holy Communion	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	10.30am Smith Harvest Festival	M Jones J1	Davies Holy Communion	Whitehead J2	Own Arrangement/ Breakfast	Worgan	Smith J3 Holy Communion	Smith J4
St Johns Market Street WN2 3AN	10.30am	Own Arrangement	Auden 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	Pereira All Age Harvest & Holy Communion	Hatton	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	Pereira Holy Communion	Kennedy J1	Bushby	N Whitehead J2	Whitehead J3 ⊕	Evitts 4pm Pereira Memorial	Pereira J4 Healing/Holy Communion	Danels
Wigan Road WN7 5AH	10.30am	Worgan	Bradley Baptism 3pm Picnic & 4.30pm Big Sing Bedford	B Jones Holy Communion	Baker All Age Harvest	11.00am Circuit Celebration at Kingsleigh	Kennedy	Own Arrangement	Groves J1	Bradley J2 Holy Communion	Pratt	Hatton ⊕	Hilton J3	Bradley J4 Holy Communion