OCTOBER 2026
NEWS SHEET

STOUR VALLEY baptist church

A loving Church family, walking alongside Jesus, where his presence is tangible, equipping, empowering and transforming lives

Preachers

27 September: Rev Daniel Pulham Matt.6 v 5-15

4 October: Family Church – Harvest

11 October: Rev Daniel Pulham Matt.6 v 16-18

18 October: Visiting Speaker (Baptist Assoc.)

25 October: Paul Chapman Matt.6 v 19-22

1 November: Family Church

8 November – Remembrance Sunday (no service at SVBC)



SVBC at the Hub

Our new coffee bar at the Ellen Badger Hub will be starting, initially on a trial basis, on **Friday 9 October** from **11am -12.30pm**.

If you fancy coming for a coffee and a chat either with us or those who are also stopping by - please do drop in!

Weekly prayer diary:

Sun: That each of us will be increasingly aware of our own role within the community, using our gifts to honour our Lord and Saviour.

Mon: For Jesus to break through in all our schools: including Shipston, Ilmington and Brailes and in particular the new Headteachers at the Primary and High School in Shipston.

Tue: For the recruitment of the person God has prepared and selected for the role of Joint Churches Family Worker..

Wed: For those attending Alpha, that their hearts and mind will be open to listen to and respond to the teaching shared.

Thu Pray for our Sunday gatherings to continue to grow in both numbers and depth of faith – so people hear and spread the Gospel.

Fri: For the country of Myanmar, and the work of our link missionaries Mike and Jo, that God will keep them safe during the ongoing civil war, and provide urgent financial security for their projects..

Sat. For those who are lonely, grieving or unwell in our communities.



Your Amen Matters!

Our monthly 'Praise and Prayer' gathering, takes place on the first Sunday of every month @ The House of Bread. For the Autumn/Winter months we will be gathering at the slightly earlier time of 6pm!

Can we encourage you to join us for our October gathering, which will have a focus on Open Doors and the persecuted church?

Our brothers and sisters need our prayers- You can come and pray silently- You can come and read a prayer you have written- You can come and listen to what others are praying.

Just remember – Your Amen Matters!

What is God saying to Us?

The leadership continue to explore this question. We have listened hard to the various comments and suggestions made at recent Church Meetings.

Several ways forward have presented themselves in helping us to be more visible and have a weekly gathering place such as at the Hub. Sunday Services have also included more moments for reflection.

The next step will be a church wide audit that everyone will be invited to complete in the New Year that will hopefully clarify our strengths and vision – as well as highlight where church life may be weaker.

More information about this audit will be shared at the Church meeting in December.

Deacon's Election – Who is God Calling?

At the end of November we will have a vacancy on the Deacon Team. Sarah is stepping down a little earlier to tie in with Paul's term as Elder coming to an end. They have both served their respective roles for 6 years. We have much to be grateful to them for.

Whilst the Deacons appoint Elders, the membership appoints Deacons. So please be praying about who God is calling to serve in this role.

More Information to follow shortly.

Daniel will be on leave from Thursday 15th October – Monday 3rd November inclusive. If you have an urgent need during that time please contact either Jo French, Church Secretary or Paul Chaman or Terry Porter, Elders.

Thanks to all who have prayed for Daniel's Father over recent weeks. He has just about recovered from a serious sepsis infection and has now returned to his nursing home.

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OCTOBER 2026 - What's on in the life of SVBC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 SEPTEMBER **10.30am SVBC Service** Shipston Primary School **6.30pm Youth Alpha** Daniel's	28 SEPTEMBER **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Jane Neate	29 SEPTEMBER	30 SEPTEMBER **Baptist Association Meeting** **Lyfe/Home Groups:** **2.30pm** Jill's **7.30pm** Nneka's **7.30pm Alpha 2** House of Bread	1 OCTOBER **9.00am Assembly** Ilmington Primary School **9.30am—1.15pm Abiding** House of Bread **7.00pm Lyfe Group** Daniel's (TBC) **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Georg Stindt	2 OCTOBER **6.15am Leader's Prayers** **9.30am—1.15pm Abiding** House of Bread	3 OCTOBER
4 **10.30am Family Church** Shipston Primary School **6.00pm Prayer & Praise** The House of Bread	5 **9.00am Elders Meeting** **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Jane Neate	6 **3.15pm Treasure Seekers after School Club** Shipston Primary School **7.30pm Deacons Meeting**	7 **Shortlisting for Joint Churches Family Worker** **Lyfe/Home Groups:** **2.30pm** Jill's **7.30pm** Nneka's **7.30pm Alpha 3** House of Bread	8 **7.00pm Lyfe Group** Daniel's **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Georg Stindt	9 **11.00am-12.30pm Coffee** Ellen Badger Hub **6.15am Leader's Prayers**	10
11 **10.30am SVBC Communion Service** Shipston Primary School **6.30pm Youth Alpha** Daniel's	12 **Joint Churches Family Worker Interviews** **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Jane Neate	13 **3.15pm Treasure Seekers after School Club** Shipston Primary School	14 **Lyfe/Home Groups:** **2.30pm** Jill's **7.30pm** Nneka's **7.30pm Alpha 4** House of Bread	15 **7.00pm Lyfe Group** Daniel's (TBC) **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Georg Stindt	16 **6.15am Leader's Prayers**	17
18 **10.30am SVBC Service** Shipston Primary School	19 **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Jane Neate	20 **3.15pm Treasure Seekers after** School Club Shipston Primary School	21 **Lyfe/Home Groups:** **2.30pm** Jill's **7.30pm** Nneka's **7.30pm Alpha 5** House of Bread	22 **7.00pm Lyfe Group** Daniel's (TBC) **7.30pm Home Group** Contact Georg Stindt	23 **6.15am Leader's Prayers**	24
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