

# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

21st March 2024



## **Proposal for Jo Kudlacik our new Pastoral Support Worker to be given authorisation to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion**

At the Circuit Meeting on 13th March, a lengthy discussion was had, which resulted in the proposal that Jo Kudlacik, in her role as the new Pastoral Support Worker for Bridgnorth, Much Wenlock and Broseley be given the authorisation to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion.

To start the process the Circuit needs to complete a reasoned statement which will need to be approved by Synod and Connexion, if they feel there is a need.

Concern was raised over the affect that it will have on the Presbyters role and our ecumenical relationships. It was pointed out that none of the affected churches are in a LEP. Rev. Roger Dunlop shared his view that having to offer Holy Communion on a monthly basis restricts the kind of services he can plan, and welcomes the support offered by lay pastors offering to serve at Holy Communion.

This is an extension of Jo's job description of offering extended communion, because of the current and future staffing requirements, and the related uncertainties the Circuit needs to mitigate.

A vote was taken that the Circuit recommends to the District that Jo Kudlacik be allowed to preside at Holy Communion.

Results: Yes: 17 and No: 4 so it was passed by majority vote.

## **Dawley Food Bank**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food banks, either here in Dawley or locally to you.

I know we have been struggling to keep up with demand. Last Wednesday was our busiest day on record and in 2 hours we did 30 food parcels!

But without the help of the Circuit it isn't sustainable. It is a shared local mission that each of us, if we are in a position to do so, can give just a little too.

But please, if you need help yourself come and see us, no-one needs to go hungry in Telford.

With your help we can make sure people have food.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sharon



## **Albrighton Methodist Church**

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

**7pm led by Rev Derrick Lander.**

**All welcome.**

**Please continue to pray for:**

**Denice Morgan has asked that we pray for her grand-daughter Azura who has an operation booked for her hips on April 24th 2024.**

Doug Hughes

**Jean and Steve Thomas.**

Please continue to pray for Mark who has started his radiotherapy this week. It's going well.

**Please pray for my daughter Stacey who is 24 weeks pregnant. I went with Stace yesterday to her mid wife appointment and baby was very active indeed. We got to hear his little heart beating away on the monitor - Stace is in a lot of pain with her joints and is hardly getting any sleep. Thank you. Sharon**

**Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask You to bless our friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your name, for You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.**



### **Circuit Prayer Space**

**Circuit Prayer Space on a Monday morning at 8:30am.**

Val Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Circuit Prayer Meeting**

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?  
pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09](https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09)

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

God Most High, gracious  
and glorious, blessed is the  
one who comes in your name.  
Lead us now on the road to  
the cross. May we follow  
with faithfulness and joy,  
shouting hosanna in the  
highest heaven; through  
Jesus Christ our Saviour and  
Lord.

**Online Bible Study** is on a Monday 1.30pm, Monday 7.00 pm  
and Wednesday 8.00pm

Enjoy a lively discussion as we explore the work of the  
Holy Spirit in Acts.

Please contact the Circuit office if you'd like to know more.  
If you're not sure why not give it a go?



# Holy Week Services

## We Walk His Way



### **Palm Sunday 24th March**

8.00am Early Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.20am Procession with Palms starting in the Millennium Garden

10.30am Communion & Young Church

6.00pm Stations of the Cross



### **Holy Monday 25th March**

7.30pm Taizé service



### **Holy Tuesday 26th March**

7.30pm HeartSpace Praise Service



### **Holy Wednesday 27th March**

7.30pm Evening Eucharist with Open Door



### **Maundy Thursday 28th March**

7.30pm Foot-washing, Communion of the Last Supper and stripping of the church.



### **Good Friday 29th March**

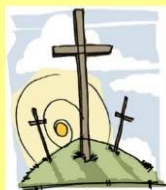
10.30 – 12.30pm Messy Church – for families.

2.00 – 3.00pm Service of the Last Hour on the Cross - in church and online.



### **Holy Saturday 30th March**

7.30pm The Easter Mysteries, the Service of Light, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises .

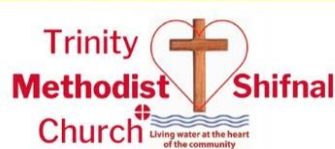


### **Easter Day 31st March**

8.00am Early Communion

10.30am Easter Eucharist and Young Church

Signing of Partnership agreement between St Andrew's Church and Shifnal Methodist Church.



Reaching out together to share God's amazing faith, hope and love



Oakengates United Church  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
9.30 – 12.30

## Spring Fayre

Cakes, Plants, Books,  
Nearly New, Aladdin's Cave,  
& Name the Rabbit.  
Easter Egg Tombola & Raffle  
Bacon Sandwiches, Toast,  
Tea & Coffee

Admission  
Free



How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!  
*Psalms 133:1*



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March is the UN International Day of  
Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery  
and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

It is a day for

- remembering the victims of past injustices
- celebrating our diversity
- speaking out for all to be treated with justice and dignity |
- challenging situations which trap people in slavery today

Can you remember this day in your worship and fellowship?

For more information click on this link  
[2024 Remembrance Programme | United Nations](#)



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use  
your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly  
in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:  
"Love your neighbour as yourself."  
*Galatians 5:13-14*



**THE  
FILLING  
STATION**  
Haughmond  
& Wrekin

**25 March 2024**  
7:15pm for 7:30pm - 9pm

Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station,  
Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury,  
SY4 4QS. 7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

Join us in March for  
Haughmond &  
Wrekin Filling  
Station, for worship,  
teaching, prayer,  
fellowship & great  
hospitality!

### Future dates

22 April • 27 May

### Main Speaker

**Rev Dr Christopher  
Landau**

Christopher was  
appointed Director of  
ReSource in 2021. He is  
passionate about  
Christians hearing the  
Spirit's call to pursue loving unity, seeking the  
fruit of the Spirit, even in the face of inevitable  
disagreements. He read Theology at  
Cambridge University, and became the BBC  
World Service's religious affairs correspondent.



More info at...  
[www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin)



"But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;  
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
or let the fish in the sea inform you.  
Which of all these does not know  
that the hand of the Lord has done this?  
In his hand is the life of every creature  
and the breath of all mankind."  
*Job 12: 7-10*

Dates to remember in your preaching and fellowship this month.  
Click on the links for more information and resources:

**22<sup>nd</sup> March is World Water Day**  
*This year's theme: Water for Peace*  
[World Water Day | United Nations](#)

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 8:30-9:30pm is Earth Hour**  
[Earth Day 2024 - Earth Day](#)

**30<sup>th</sup> March is International Day of Zero Waste**  
[International Day of Zero Waste | United Nations](#)

If you are interested in getting more involved in Justice,  
Compassion and Peace across the circuit or if you would  
like more information about being an Eco-Church, contact:  
Jo Kudlacik [jokudlacik@gmail.com](mailto:jokudlacik@gmail.com)

# IONA WORSHIP

An evening meditation  
for PALM SUNDAY  
inspired by the Iona Community, Scotland

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH  
New St., Wellington  
Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 24th March 2024

5pm

ALL WELCOME

[www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk)

[www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)

## Wellington Methodist Church *Maundy Thursday Service*



Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>. 7.30pm

Communion in the form of an  
AGAPE MEAL

| Led by Rev. Roger Dunlop

*All will be VERY WELCOME*

## Easter Messy Church

**Good Friday**

**29th March**

**10:30am - 12:00pm**

**St Andrew's Church**

Come and join in all the Easter Messy fun  
of singing, worship, craft, and a delicious  
hot cross bun!



Reaching out together to share God's amazing faith, hope and love.

## Good Friday Service

in the **Dawley Bandstand**

(Weather permitting - in Church if not)

**On 29th March 2024**

**at 10:30am**

**Refreshments will be served  
after the service.**







Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District  
Methodist Women in Britain

## Springdale Methodist Church, Penn WV4 4LF

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am to 3.15pm**

*11.00am Final MWiB  
District Thanksgiving  
Service*

*Rev. Rachel Parkinson  
1.30pm Happy District  
Memories*

*Please bring your stories and photos.*

**Please bring packed lunch  
Drinks provided**



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## Games 4 Wellbeing

FREE COURSE

Start date: Wednesday | 10th April 2024  
End date: Wednesday | 17th April 2024  
Duration: 2 weeks  
Time: 12:45-3pm  
Location: Dawley Christian Centre, TF4 2EX

Do you enjoy playing games and meeting new people?  
Join us and try a selection of number-based games to  
increase your confidence with numbers.  
Enjoy **FREE** light refreshments in a relaxed and  
friendly environment, whilst making new friends.  
Each week you'll take away a **FREE** number-based  
game to enjoy at home.

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.



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To register your interest, please  
call / text 07528 979376 or visit  
[www.learnelford.ac.uk](http://www.learnelford.ac.uk)



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I am holding an 'Open Morning'  
at Seniors Hall Curriers Lane Shifnal TF11 8EQ

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April From 10.30-12

An opportunity for you to learn all about our services  
and the impact we make in this district.

We can explore the ways we can work in collaboration for  
volunteering opportunities, fundraising and support for the  
elderly in our community.

I will be talking at 11am

Drinks and cake provided.

Please join us at our wonderful new venue.

RSVP to Rachel

on 07935202556 or [rachel.powell@mha.org.uk](mailto:rachel.powell@mha.org.uk)

# Table Top

# SALE

## DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

**on Friday 19th April 2024**

**from 9 am – 12 noon**

**Come along and pick up a  
bargain.**

**To book a table please call  
01952 505108.**

### **Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth**

On the 1st Saturday of each month between 10am and midday there is a Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church. There's going to be a raffle, cake and biscuits too.

All are welcome.



### **Wellington Methodist Church**

Are having All Age Drop-in Craft Sessions on the second Saturday of each month.

The sessions are FREE and start at 10am-11:45am.

You are welcome to drop in any time. Everyone is welcome.



## **Advanced Safeguarding Course**

Stephanie Bradley, Assistant District Safeguarding Officer is doing Advanced Safeguarding Training in the Telford Circuit on **Saturday 22nd June 2024**, starting at 10am at **Wellington Methodist Church**.

If you are unsure as to whether you are due to attend a course please contact either your Church Safeguarding Officer or Sharon in the Circuit Office on 01952 505108.

Registration will be from 9:30am with a prompt start at 10am, finishing around 12:30pm.

Please book directly with Stephanie by calling 07494 734 473 or email: [StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk](mailto:StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

Thank you.

**Safeguarding**  
Young people and vulnerable adults

## Coffee Mornings at Horsehay

Every Wednesday:  
10.30am - 12.00 noon

Join us for tea/coffee,  
fellowship and lots of  
chat and laughter!

Please use this space to  
advertise what's going on  
in your church.

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### Calling all knitters!

Sylvia Bailey from Oakengates United Church has put out a request for people who enjoy knitting to knit Dementia blankets.

**The Dementia Team at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) is looking for people to knit or donate knitted blankets.** The colourful blankets help patients, particularly those with dementia, to find their way back to bed more easily – and also see the edge of the bed more clearly when getting in and out

The blankets are **usually 90cm x 90cm (or 3ft by 3ft), brightly (multi) coloured crochet or knitted new wool blankets. Please use double knitting wool.**

They are given to the patients when they are settled on the ward. The only thing we have to be careful of is that there are no knots as they love playing with the knots and undoing them.

So far Sylvia and her team of knitters have sent 177 blankets to the Dementia Ward.

"Due to infection control, the blankets are single-use items and they will be taken home with the patient when they are discharged. They must be knitted using new wool, or if anyone is planning to donate blankets, they need to be brand new. The blankets should also be brightly coloured or patterned, and 3ft wide."

Dawley Christian Centre is happy to be a drop off point for the blankets and will ensure they get to Sylvia to pass on if it's easier.

And there's always an opportunity to pray for the patient who'll be receiving the blanket whilst you're making it.. Soak the blanket in prayer... what a wonderful gift indeed.





# **Admaston Methodist Church— the little church with a Big Welcome**

## **Sunday Services**

These are informal services at 10.30am led either by a Minister or Local Preacher / Worship Leader. There is often an opportunity for tea, coffee and chat after the service. Please check the Notice Board outside church or our website for details.

We also offer prayer meetings, bible study and fellowship meetings.

## **Community Activities**

**Community lunch** The first Thursday in the month at 12.30pm. A two-course lunch and a chance to meet up with others for companionship.

Fabulous food (Donations approx £5)

**Table Top Games** The third Thursday in the month at 12.30pm for a soup lunch or just come along at 2.00 – 4.00pm to play board games or simply chat with others. Always fun!

**Craft and chat** Every Monday afternoon - 1.00 – 3.00pm. Come with your own ideas or share with the activities offered (small charge for tea and coffee).

**Coffee mornings** Occasional Saturday mornings from 10.30 – 12.30pm, often with table top sale.

**Munch and Meet** An opportunity to meet for supper at 6.00pm followed by sharing fellowship at 7.00–8.00 pm. Normally held on the second Thursday of the month.

**Warm space** We will be opening the church on Monday mornings for those who need a warm, safe space to sit quietly and reflect or would like to meet up with others for tea/coffee and a chat.

The church will be open from 10.30am

All these activities take place at Admaston Church but we have an open policy and you do not have to be a churchgoer. We are keen to provide activities for the local community - so please do come along.

**For more information please check the Notice Board outside church or visit our website:**

**[www.admastonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.admastonmethodist.org.uk).**

**If you have any queries please email: [amcenquiries@outlook.com](mailto:amcenquiries@outlook.com)**

**Minister: Rev Roger Dunlop**

**Email: [roger@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:roger@telfordmeth.org.uk)**

**Tel: 01952 640079**

Church Activities taking place in  
**Albrighton Methodist Church** on a regular basis:

Weekly, Thursday cafe 10-12

Monday (2nd and 4th Monday of the month) Coffee and T4U 10-12 ( A quiet coffee morning for people who want a bit of time out it's FREE!)

Friday (2nd and 4th Friday of the month) Sing a long 2-3.30pm ( For anyone who likes to sing 'old time' songs or from the musicals. £2)

Saturday morning 1st Saturday in the month 10-12. with bric-a-brac and bookstall.

Tuesday eve Open Door. 7.30-9pm This evening has a variety of speakers ranging from singing, talks about wildlife, travel logs, health related talks.....£2

We have a Quiet Corner open for prayer/quiet reflection when there are church run events, located in the Meeting Room. Gill is available for anyone who wants to chat on a Thursday morning and has planned a 'Food for thought' time for a short while after the cafe closes.

**All are welcome**

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Module and Unconscious Bias Training Links

To register for online learning via the Methodist Church in Britain learning page:

Click on this link: [MCBX \(theologyx.com\)](https://theologyx.com)

Click on **sign in** (in the top right corner) and **create an account**. You will need your email address and you will need to choose a password.

Once you have signed up to the website click on **Courses**. The two mandatory courses are:

- **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Module**
- **Unconscious Bias Training** (unless you have already completed this training eg via a zoom training opportunity)

Click on **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Module** and then on **Go to course**