

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

6th June 2024

God is everywhere.. Even in the small things that we do...

A couple of weeks ago Jan Bennett from Horsehay, kindly came into the office to bring me some wool, so I could make a dementia blanket. (I'm learning to crotchet). She also brought in some lovely squares, and rectangles that her Mum, Lona Hutchins had knitted.

Lona was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 5-6 years ago then, sadly, by the time Covid had done its thing, she had gradually lost her ability to knit and crochet and she never felt able to go back to the Craft Group at Dawley Baptist Church which she had really enjoyed going to. Lona would have been 93 in a couple of weeks' time but sadly passed away in March.

Jan Broome from our Crafty Lot Group came in to see me with a beautiful blanket that she had knitted for us to pass on to Sylvia Bailey at Oakengates who is collecting granny blankets for the dementia patients in our local hospital. Whilst we chatted I had a light bulb moment... so off I went to have a rummage in my cupboard and I found the squares and rectangles that Jan had passed on to me and Jan (Broome) was very happy to accept the challenge of putting them together to make a blanket, which she did, in less than two weeks!

I sent Jan (Bennett) a photo of the finished blanket and she was thrilled to see her Mum's squares all beautifully put together and as we knew it would have sentimental value, we did ask Jan if she would like to keep it, but she said no, her Mum had made the squares with the intention of a blanket being made for the dementia patients, so in the near future this very special blanket will find its way to Sylvia, who will ensure that it finds its way to the local dementia ward. The rectangle ones are a bit more of a challenge, but they will get done.

Jan (Bennett) said she knows her Mum would be thrilled to know the squares have finally been used, so it's a lovely tribute to her and a fitting end for her squares, that they have been made into such a beautiful blanket and hopefully will help and give comfort to someone's suffering from this dreadful disease.

I passed Jan (Bennett's) email onto Jan (Broome) who was thrilled that her blanket had brought joy to the first Jan. So my point of the story is how the kindness we shared between us had led to a beautiful blanket being made. My lightbulb moment didn't come from me, I know that.. It was the Spirit talking to me and saying pass those squares onto Jan. All I had to do was listen and obey. Between us, by giving and sharing we have a beautiful blanket that is going to be appreciated by someone else, that we don't even know, but that doesn't matter, because we still care about them, and we are showing God's love to them through our acts of kindness.

Sharon, Jan and Jan x



Do you feel you have the gifts to walk alongside the people of God, sharing in the good times and the bad, and encouraging them in their discipleship. Could you offer pastoral care and support in a variety of contexts and situations, including praying with, and for, members of the church community and beyond?

If so please get in touch with Sharon in the Circuit Office on 01952 505108.

Job Title: Pastoral Support Worker

Overview: We are seeking a compassionate and dedicated Pastoral Support Worker to join our Circuit team to provide essential pastoral care, extended home communion and support to individuals in need.

The ideal candidate will possess excellent interpersonal skills, empathy, the ability to manage their own time and a genuine commitment to the well-being of others.

Responsibilities:

- Provide one-on-one support to individuals facing personal, emotional, challenges.
- Foster a safe and inclusive environment by actively listening and offering emotional support to congregations and individuals.
- Conduct regular check-ins with assigned individuals to monitor progress and well-being.
- Collaborate with the Minister to make sure that we are both aware of any problems.
- Maintain accurate records of interactions and interventions in accordance with organizational policies.
- Attending coffee mornings on a regular basis.
- Stay informed about resources, services, and external agencies available to support individuals and families in need.
- Participate in staff meetings, training sessions, and professional development opportunities as required.



Latest news from John Fletcher of Madeley Primary School

Hello Everyone,

I think it's time for an update!

School life continues apace, and I've been spending more time with the younger children in **Key Stage 1(Infants)** I'm now a familiar face at that end of school and regularly visit the **Resource Base** (our school unit for children with complex needs) on Mondays where we sing together for about half an hour. This is followed by music and storytelling in **The Nest** (our nurture unit) and **Language Class**. We talk about Gods Love and say prayers together.

Year 1 also enjoy my visits and I tend to elaborate on the assembly theme that morning and we have Question and Answer Sessions. Our latest discussion was on the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with sound effects and speaking in different languages! The children enter into these discussions with gusto.

The Lent Bags went well with **Year 2** and we ended up with both classes making them to take home. These are the instructions sent with each bag: (I thought you might be interested to read)

Lent in a Bag

How to use this bag....

Lent is a season when many people focus on growing their faith in God.

Lent is also when we think about our own journey of faith.

Week 1 : **STONE** (log slice) **Hold it in your hand.**

Jesus went into the wilderness and was very hungry. He was tempted to turn stones into bread. He stood firm and said that bread isn't the most important thing. **God's word is.**

Hold the log slice and think about something you find difficult. Ask God to show you how to handle the problem.

Week 2: **Teardrop** **Hold it in your hand.**

What makes you sad right now? Something in your family or friends or the world. Pray for the situation you are thinking about.

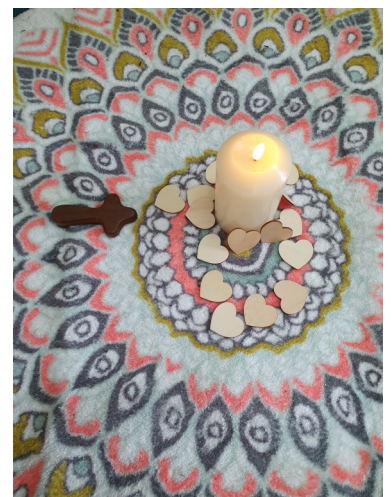
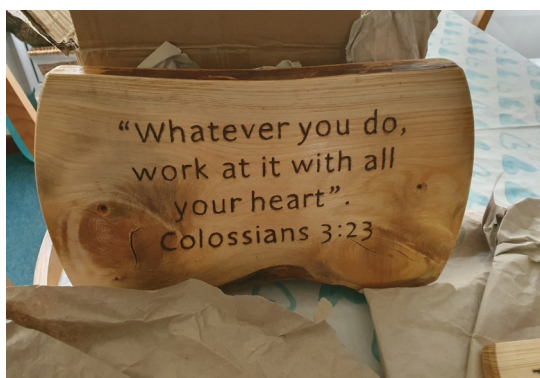
Week 3 : **Compost and the seed** **Plant the seed ball in the soil.**

As you plant it think about your faith and ask God to help it to grow. Look after your little pot and water it every week. Watch the seed grow into a plant.

Week 4 : Rose petal **Think about mothers as you hold the petal.** Think about Mary the mother of Jesus and say thank you for all mothers. Thank God for His love. Thank Him for the people who love and care for you.

Week 5 **The candle.** **Light it up!** **Spend time looking at the candle.**

Think about how much Jesus loves you and what He did for you. His love for you is a shining light.



The children really enjoyed this activity and the rest of Key Stage 1 have asked for it to be repeated next Lent, but I think it could be used also for a season like Advent so watch this space!

Reception children visit me every Monday morning in the Den and we have a session together with prayers and singing. This last term we are talking about Hope and how God gives us hope through Jesus. We love our sessions together and I get asked some interesting questions like 'Why do you believe in God and does God really love me?'

Stay n Pray is every Monday lunchtime and we have enjoyed talking, praying and reading together as well as crafting. We follow the church lectionary and are just about to create a new display on 'I am the Vine. You are the branches' Rev Marcus visited us a few weeks back and was placed in the 'Hot Seat' in assembly. He bravely answered questions from Year 5 and there were some tough ones! Well done Rev Marcus! Come back and visit us again!

Friday Meditation continues with the lectio 365 readings, and a new rug has been gifted! A small group of children really appreciate this ministry with one or two staff members joining in on occasion.

I have been working on the **Prayer Garden** and Dobbies have again generously donated some plants. In addition we have three beautiful wooden signs and the children are in the midst of an art project for the garden. Its to be in the shape of a butterfly.

We met for Prayer in March at school with several of the circuit members and were very happy to be joined by our Assistant headteacher Sarah.

It is great to know I'm supported by circuit members, and I feel in these days that prayer for this school work is vital to see it flourish!

Please continue to pray as school faces some major staff changes from September as teachers move on. Please pray as I attempt to share Gods Love and Promises with children and staff.. that there may be a renewed interest in the gospel . Please pray for peace, care and respect to blossom in our school. Pray that Gods Word would not return to Him empty and that any new staff might be active Christians! That would be awesome!!

I've been invited to take part in the local Anglican church Year 6 transition Day on June 25th. This is to be held at St Michaels Madeley and is for all year 6 classes in local schools who are moving on to secondary schools in September. Your prayers are appreciated for that day too.

With Every Blessing to you all,

Julie



Please continue to pray for Derek Cole, Doug Hughes and Derek Sheldon.

Denice Morgan has asked that we continue to pray for her grand-daughter Azura who will be having surgery on her other hip today, the 5th of June.

Steve Thomas has been in touch to say it looks as if his mum Jean has had another mini stroke and has been very sleepy and not too well at all this week. Please keep both Jean and Steve in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for Mark as he recovers from his treatment for cancer.

Please continue to pray for my grandson who is 34 weeks (in the womb). Please keep praying for baby's safe arrival on 5th July - (Only 4 weeks to go!) Thank you.

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 is good
all the time.
All the time
God is good.**

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?

All are welcome.

Oakengates United Church
Community Cream Tea
with the
Shropshire Belles
Remembering the 80th
Anniversary of the
D*Day Landings

D*Day 

Saturday 8th June
3.00-5.00pm

The Church in the Heart of Oakengates Caring for the Community

150th Anniversary Celebrations
Admaston

Methodist Church

Sat 8th June – 2pm

Blue Sky Brass
Quintet

and
Cream Tea



Tickets

Adults £10, Children £5

Tickets/enquiries:

amcenquiries@outlook.com

07976957703



St. Andrew's Church, Shifnal presents...

Cosford

Military Wives
Choir

Sat 8th June

Doors open 6pm for 7pm start

£8 per ticket
£16 per ticket with high tea (finger sandwiches, sausage roll, quiche, cake)
Cocktails, prosecco, tea and coffee available to purchase

**TICKETS FROM PRESENCE GIFT SHOP OR
KELLY 07971518408**

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Carnival Teas

Saturday 29th June
From 2:30pm



Enjoy a cuppa and a cake, at the Trinity Centre
in Victoria Road.
Great vantage point for the Carnival
Procession!
Proceeds towards Trinity funds.






Donations of cakes and biscuits gratefully received at Trinity on Friday 28/6 at 11:45am. Contact Kathy Insall Tel: 01952 461758.

All Saints Parish Church, Wellington



Musical Memories

Returning by popular demand!

Matthew Richards

(Channel 4 "The Piano")

playing Piano and Ukulele.

Saturday June 15th

3.30-5.30 pm

Free Entry!! (Ticket required)

****Interval Cream Tea****

This is a dementia friendly event.

For tickets please scan the QR code
or phone 07976100321.



FUNDRAISER

HELP CHLOE FIGHT BACK

Kidney disease → Kidney transplant and now Cancer

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2:00 PM

Clothes sale - **LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON** - tombola
Bake Sale - name the teddy - book sale

**HORSEHAY CHAPEL, WELLINGTON ROAD
TF4 2PU**



Chloe is a friend of Brenda's granddaughter, Alix - they went to Primary School and dance lessons together. She has just had her 21st birthday. During her first year at university she suffered kidney failure and following a successful kidney transplant she has now been diagnosed with cancer. She has had a couple of chemo treatments but they were stopped because her response to the treatment was not as expected. They have said they will give chemo another go, but their hopes are pinned on a trial treatment in Scotland. The NHS first said they wouldn't cover any of the cost of this, but now they have said they **might** fund the first round of treatment, but this is not certain. The treatment will cost £14,000 plus the

associated expenses of staying in Scotland etc. Full details are on Facebook - see Connie Kempton Lindsay. Please help with the fundraising if you can. Thank you.



Telford Debt Centre

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Invite you to a

Garden Party

Saturday 29th June

1.30pm — 5.30pm

Wellington TF1 6PG

Full address available from Rita when booking.

Tickets £12

Available from rita_church@sky.com

Or phone/text 07815 864 568

Enjoy a generous savoury and sweet buffet
throughout the afternoon, whilst finding out more
about our work in the Telford area.

If anyone has
any spare
garden tools
they no longer
need can
Dawley
Christian Centre
have them for
their sensory
garden please?
Many thanks.
Sharon



Painting for Pleasure at Horsehay Methodist Church

Informal art groups (no tutor, but lots of chat and helping each other with tips and techniques). Whatever your skill level, if you enjoy drawing and/or painting, why not come and join us? Monday and Thursday mornings 10.00 - 12.30. £5.00 per session. Ring Dave on 01952 505942 for more info.





Trinity Church, Newport
Friday 12th July at 7.00pm



There will be a 'Concert'/Social Evening for Marcus.

Our small choir will be singing a few pieces and Bill will be playing the organ. We would welcome anyone who would like to attend and even more so if anyone would like to participate by reading a poem, or singing

If you feel you would like to take part could you please contact Judy on :

01952 820016 or judymartin565@gmail.com
and let me know what you would like to do.

There will be refreshments in the schoolroom following the concert for chatting and catching up with old friends.

We look forward to welcoming you



Ladies' Fellowship at Horsehay
Second Tuesday of each month

in the vestry @2.30pm

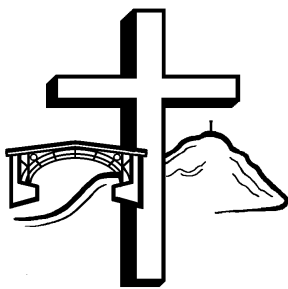
ALL WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!

**A Circuit Farewell Service
at Trinity Church, Newport
will be held on Sunday
21st July at 6pm for:**

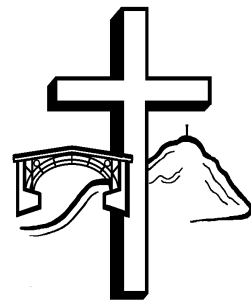
**Rev Marcus Torchon
and Rev Derrick Lander**

***An opportunity to say
thank you for your hard
work and dedication.***

All are welcome.



Our next Circuit
Meeting will be at
Wellington
Methodist Church
on 24th June at
7:30pm.



Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley



Save the date!

Rev Adrian Burdon's Welcome Service is on
1st September 2024 at 6pm at Dawley Christian
Centre



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

Thank you.

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

Advanced Safeguarding Courses

arranged 2024

19/06 - Birmingham West & Oldbury

22/06 - Telford

13/07 - Bromsgrove & Redditch

05/10 - Vale of Stour

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

TABLE TOP SALE

**DAWLEY CHRISTIAN
CENTRE**

**On Friday
21st June 2024**

9.00am – 12 noon

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

***To book a table (only £5)
please phone 01952 505108***



Church Activities taking place in

Albrighton Methodist Church on a regular basis:



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!)

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

Weekly, **Thursday cafe 10-12**

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.



NEW!!!! Board Games

Come and join the fun!

**The last Saturday of each month
10am-12noon. This is for all ages.**

£2 per adult, £5 per family.

You are welcome to bring your own game.

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

All are welcome



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.



Coffee Mornings at Horsehay

**Every Wednesday:
10.30am - 12.00 noon**

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