



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

13th June 2024

For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in (Matt 25:35)



"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world Yours are the feet with which he is to go about; Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now."

- St. Teresa of Avila

How can you mark Refugee Week this year?



Could you pray for peace, pray for safety for those at risk, pray for fair and generous laws and attitudes?

See suggested prayers:

Prayers for Refugees | The Church of England CCOW Prayer for Refugee Week 2023 - Christian Concern for One World Unaccompanied Toolkit Prayers.pdf (ignatiansolidarity.net)



Could you commit to a 'simple act' for Refugee Week? Could you include the theme 'Our home' into an act of worship? See the simple acts here: Simple Acts - Refugee Week

Our home: Theme of Refugee Week 2024: Our Home – Refugee Week



Could you become a Church of Sanctuary: A place of safety and welcome for all?

For more information click: Church of Sanctuary

Click on the link to find out more: Attending 3Generate 2024 - Methodist Church

3Generate 2024

We'll be back at the NEC in 2024 from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October! Event times

- Friday 4th October: Groups arrive from 7pm (Programme starts at 7:30pm)
- Saturday 5th October: Programme starts at 9am
- Sunday 6th October: Programme starts at 9am and groups depart at 1pm
- 4-7s Area: Saturday 5 October ONLY 9am-7pm (Programme ends at 6pm)

Tickets available NOW!

- Leaders FREE
- Children, young people weekend tickets £120.00
- Children, young people Saturday only tickets £60.00
- 4-7s tickets £50 (discount for siblings)
- Adults accompanying 4-7s = FREE
 Meals will be provided for all participants, regardless of ticket types, when they are on-site
 during the event.

Our hope is that 3Generate will offer a wonderful opportunity to encounter God, gather together and be reminded of their vital place within the wider Methodist Church.

The Circuit wants to help towards the cost so please don't let the cost of the tickets put you off... we want our children to enjoy this wonderful experience.

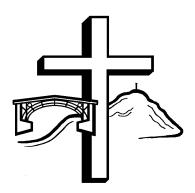
3Generate wants to make sure that everyone can join in with the whole weekend and we work with Growing Hope to help make this possible. If you, or one of your group, has any additional needs or may need support accessing the weekend, please **email Jennie from Growing Hope**.

There will be staff on site throughout the weekend with yellow lanyards, but we will be much more likely to provide a good level of support if we know in advance.

Volunteers needed and the good news is... it's FREE!!

Please direct any booking enquiries to 3Generate@methodistchurch.org.uk





Telford Methodist Circuit is looking for a Safeguarding Officer

After 17 years of faithful service Margaret Reynolds has retired as our Circuit Safeguarding Officer. This opens an opportunity for someone who may have the gifts and would like to take on the role. With this in mind please find below the job description for the post of Circuit Safeguarding Officer. If you would like to know more please contract Sharon in the Circuit office on 01952 505108 or email: circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk Thank you.

Main Responsibilities as Circuit Safeguarding Officer will be:

The Circuit Meeting holds the following responsibilities, which may be delegated to the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, if appropriate:

- Support and advice to the Circuit Superintendent and the Circuit Stewards regarding safeguarding matters.
- With the support of the Circuit Superintendent, prompt recording and reporting of any safeguarding concerns of which they are made aware. This will include appropriate referral to statutory agencies and DSOs, as required by Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance.
- Making appropriate arrangements for the secure storage, retention and appropriate sharing of safeguarding information held by the Circuit.
- Promoting the safety and well-being of all children and vulnerable adults within the Circuit.
- Presenting a report to each Circuit Meeting about safeguarding events (noting the need for confidentiality regarding specific cases).
- Receiving and reviewing church risk assessments and training schedules for each church in the Circuit and sharing with the Circuit Meeting annually.
- Liaising with individual Church Safeguarding Officers to offer guidance and check they are complying with Methodist Church Safeguarding Policies, Procedures and Guidance. This should include at least one annual meeting.
- Working with the Superintendent Minister, Ministers and the DSO regarding safeguarding concerns.
- Attending and active participation at safeguarding training, district safeguarding events and meetings.
- Reviewing safeguarding policies for each church in the Circuit prior to presentation to the Circuit Meeting.
- Supporting the Circuit Superintendent with the annual review of the circuit safeguarding policy and sending a copy to the DSO.
 - Maintaining of a record of all people within the circuit who have received Foundation Module, Foundation Refresher Module (prior to 2020), together with dates of attendance with the support of the Circuit Support Manager.

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 or 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.



Horsehay Methodist Church

are offering free to good home a foosball and a small pool table. The foosball shown below is sitting on top of the pool table, both are in very good condition. Whoever snaps up these lovely items will need to collect.

Also on offer are the following books: Junior Praise - 100+ Mission Praise - 50+ Songs of Fellowship - 30+ Hymns and Psalms - 50+ Large print Hymns and Psalms - 3 Worship books - 16

Please let Sharon in the Circuit office now if they are of interest to you on 01952 505108 or circuitsup-port@telfordmeth.org.uk. Thank you.





The Dawley Christian
Centre Community
Sensory Garden is taking
shape but we are going to
need a lot of plants, so if
anyone has too many and
would like to find new homes
for them please let Sharon
at Dawley Christian Centre
know on 01952 505108.

Thank you.





Please continue to pray for Azura who had surgery on 5th July. The surgery went very well, but we need to continue to pray for healing.

Please keep Jean and Steve in your prayers.

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

Please pray for Jan who has lost her mum and then her brother suddenly. Please Father, hold Jan close to you so she can feel your presence as she comes to terms with her loss, and I pray Father that she can find peace in your love.

Please continue to pray for my grandson who is 35 weeks (in the womb). Please keep praying for baby's safe arrival on 5th July - (Only 3 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

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never
fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living
Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.











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

All are 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

Thank you.



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

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!