

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

11th July 2024

Joint statement following the General Election from Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Church leaders

We congratulate Sir Keir Starmer on his appointment as Prime Minister, and all who will now take their seats representing their constituencies as Members of Parliament in Westminster.

The election campaign has been hard-fought, but we know that the real challenges still lie ahead.

The new government inherits a situation where poverty in the UK has been increasing and deepening at an alarming rate. Conflict and persecution in different parts of the world are forcing many to flee their homes to seek safety in other countries including the UK. The existential threat of climate change is causing enormous suffering to both humankind and the wider natural world. There is an urgent need for politicians to restore trust and rebuild integrity in public life. There are also huge pressures on the NHS, on social care, on the criminal justice system, education and other public services, as well as on the public finances.

It is clear that there is an appetite for change in the country, but also a need to restore faith in the ability of politics to meet these challenges.

We urge the new government to put the needs of those who are most vulnerable and marginalised at the forefront as it wrestles to respond to these problems. We also encourage it to work in partnership with local communities to tackle them, in recognition that we all have a part to play in these endeavours, and welcome the commitment made by the new Prime Minister to build strong partnerships with faith groups. Churches across the UK will continue to respond practically in many different ways, but we also look forward to building relationships with the new government and newly elected MPs, and remain ready to support policies and initiatives that offer just and sustainable long-term solutions.

We offer our prayers for the Prime Minister, for the new government and for all elected MPs. We will pray for God's blessing to be on all endeavours to seek peace, justice and the wellbeing of this nation – and where we can embody that blessing, we will.

Revd Lynn Green, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain

Revd Helen Cameron and Carolyn Godfrey, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church



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



"God calls you not despite who you are but because of who you are. Gender, age, race, colour, ability, or anything that you identify with or that defines you is who you are."



50th Anniversary of Women's Ordination as Presbyters in the Methodist Church.

Although women were permitted to become deacons in the Methodist Church from 1890, they were not ordained as presbyters until 2 July 1974 at the Methodist Conference in Bristol.

Read more about the road to women's ordination as presbyters, and reflections including "Being a Minister" by Revd Caroline Weaver at <http://methodistheritage.org.uk/.../women-ordained.../>



50 years
1974-2024



Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Are you a **preacher, worship leader, youth leader** or **leader of Local Arrangement services**?

If you did not complete the mandatory EDI training last year and would like an opportunity to complete it face to face with others, through conversation, video and reflection: this is for you!

The Telford Circuit ‘EDI catch up day’

Monday 22nd July

Dawley Christian Centre

9:30 – 3pm

**Please bring a packed lunch
(drinks will be provided)**

Please let Jo know you are coming (for resources)

tel: [07840596074](tel:07840596074)

email: jokudlacik@gmail.com

If you know that you need to complete this training but will have trouble attending on this date – please also get in touch!

If you have already completed the training online, please make sure that you have let Sharon know the date you completed it for her records. Thank you!

Every person is made in God's image and is of equal value

Everyone is welcome

The Methodist Church is committed to *Justice, Dignity and Solidarity*. We believe that all people are uniquely made in the image of God, and we aim to live this out in the Church and in our communities. This forms our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) work.

Find out more about the Inclusive Methodist Church

[Discrimination - Methodist Church](#)



I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34 (NRSVA)

Robin Prime



Join us for an evening of inspirational stories about how God is working across Asia
Be encouraged, and get involved, right where you are!

Stories from the Silk Road

Saturday 20th July - 5-7pm – Dawley Christian Centre TF4 2EX. Parking available.

Free Event. Donations received for the work of OM across Asia. Gifts and Books for sale.



The Circuit Team for Justice, Compassion and Peace need your ideas!

Are you passionate about Climate Justice?

About fair opportunities and resources for all?

About making a difference where it is most needed?

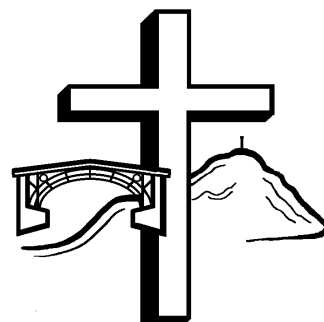
Come to a short meeting at Broseley Methodist Church on Monday 29th July at 7pm. It would be great to welcome a representative from each church in the circuit. We look forward to seeing you as we:

Discuss opportunities to serve God by loving our communities and our planet

Consider how we might become an Eco-Circuit

Reflect on a possible Circuit-Wide International Aid project for the coming year.

For more information contact Jo: jokudlacik@gmail.com



Please keep Jean and Steve in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for Mark.

Prayers please for Rob Yapp who's operation on 4th July went very well, but he needs to heal now.

Please pray for Margaret Reynolds who's operation on 5th July went well. She is now preparing for her second operation which will be in about 6 weeks time.

Please prayer for Marjorie Brown who had a cataract surgery on Monday 8th July.



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.

Online Bible Study is on a Monday 1.3pm, 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.

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

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Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

PRAYER FOR TODAY

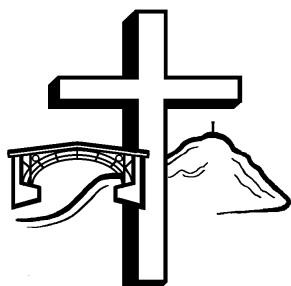
Father, Thank You for caring for me. I choose today to cast my cares on You and trust that You are working behind the scenes on my behalf. I bless and magnify You in my life today and always in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

**Rev Marcus Torchon
Rev Derrick Lander
and Margaret
Reynolds**

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

All are welcome.



**THE
FILLING
STATION**
Haughmond
& Wrekin

**22 July 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 July 2024
for Haughmond &
Wrekin Filling
Station, for worship,
teaching, prayer,
fellowship & great
hospitality!

Future dates

Aug 26 • 23 Sept

Main Speaker

Kevin Roberts
Former Archdeacon,
Kevin was the Director
of ReSource from April
2016 until his
retirement in
September 2021.



Converted as a student, he taught in Sudan and
loves Africa. He led growing churches in Beverley,
Reading, Shrewsbury and had a regional role in
Cumbria... Oh, and he supports Middlesbrough FC!

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



Save the date!

Rev Adrian Burdon's Welcome Service
is on

1st September 2024 at 6pm at Dawley
Christian Centre

All are welcome



HeartSpace on Sundays

10:30am

Upcoming dates:
Sunday 23rd June
Sunday July 21st
Sunday August 18th

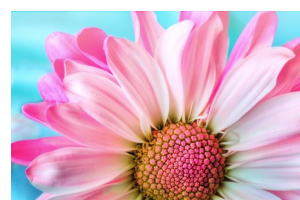
Do come along!

Relaxed contemporary worship
at the Trinity Centre, Victoria Road,
Shifnal



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.



WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH ART GROUP



Our art exhibition is
open to all artists,
all abilities; it's a
wonderful opportunity
for art to be enjoyed in
our community.

Art

EXHIBITION

2024

We are holding an Art Exhibition of
local artists' work
Do come along and **see the display**
Admission is FREE

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th July 2024

Why not exhibit YOUR work?

For entry forms and more details contact
Barbara Murray on 07592 881108 or
email Linda Carter on lindap8080@gmail.com
Entry forms to be returned to Barbara Murray
by **Friday 28th June latest**

All proceeds from the Art Exhibition, after expenses,
will be donated to Wellington Methodist Church

10am - 3pm each day
Tea, coffee and home-made
cakes throughout each day

Wellington Methodist Church
New Street, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LU

The Methodist Church

UK registered charity no. 1120091



Newport Children's Holiday Club

MON 29TH JULY - FRI 2ND AUGUST 2024

10AM - 12 NOON EACH DAY

TRINITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON ROAD,
NEWPORT, TF10 7HD

£3 per day or £13 for the full week
Discounts for families of more than 1 child

To register your 4-11 year olds,
please contact Mona Malt (07890511904)
to request a registration form
& further details

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)
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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



Did you know...?

4.3 million



children in the UK
are living in poverty



That's **3 in 10 children**

Children are in
poverty if they grow
up in families with
**incomes below
60%** of the average

Figures from the Department for Work and Pensions (2022). Households below average income: for financial years ending 1995 to 2021.

14th July is Action for Children Sunday

Safe and happy childhood

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.



Could your church...

- Pray for **Action for Children** on that Sunday?
- Make a donation to **Action for Children**?
- Raise awareness of the work carried out by **Action for Children** during your service?



There's no way we can survive like this, it's just impossible. We have a food bank near us, but it's on a Friday at 10am and I'm in work. A lot of people think food banks are just for people who don't work, but people who do work need them now.

Leanne, Action for Children supported mum of two

THE METHODIST CHURCH

A PLAN TO HELP US CHANGE AND WELCOME NEW PEOPLE

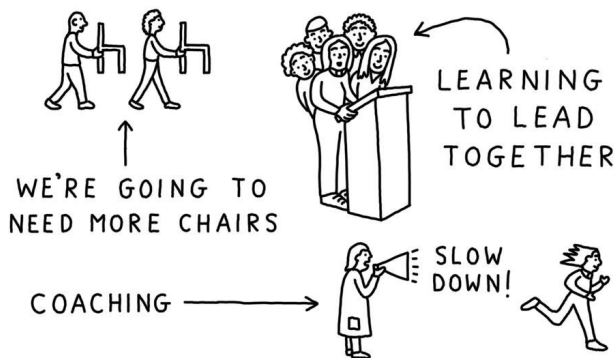
1 A CHURCH FOR EVERYONE



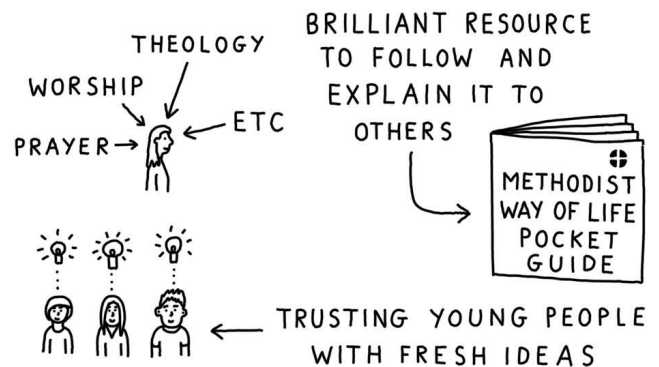
2 TELLING OUR STORY



3 PUTTING MISSION FIRST



4 LIVING AS CHRISTIANS



QUESTION: WHERE DOES GOD WANT YOU TO START?

AS FOUND IN THE
IT'S A GOOD DOC
GOD FOR ALL
STRATEGY

- 1 NEW PLACES FOR NEW PEOPLE/ CHURCH AT THE MARGINS
- 3 MISSIONAL GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP

- 2 EVANGELISM
- 4 DISCIPLESHIP/ METHODIST WAY OF LIFE

The **Methodist** Church

davewalker.com

New Places for New People (NPNP) are new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church.

They may look quite different from established churches because they will always reflect the new people encountering the love of God.

The Methodist Church hopes to plant many NPNTs over the next five years. We are committing significant energy and resources so that over time every circuit will begin a pioneering or church planting community.

We encourage every Circuit to imagine, begin and sustain something new. We also need those who are called and gifted to pioneer and plant them. We have recently advertised a volunteer role for a New Places for New People Church Lay Pastor and a candidate has shown interest in the position. We have an interview arranged for Saturday 13th July 2024. Please pray for the Circuit and the applicant for God's guidance.



Ladies' Fellowship at Horsehay Second Tuesday of each month

in the vestry @2.30pm

ALL WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!

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.



CRAFT AND CHAT

2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS EACH
MONTH 10-11.30

At Wellington Methodist Church
New Street Wellington Telford TF1 1LU
www.wellingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk
Contact Roger Jones 07808344374
Or the church office 250944

Bereavement Cafe

A monthly opportunity to meet and chat with others who have been bereaved, hosted by members of local churches.

Second Monday of each month

2:30-4:00pm

Wellington Methodist Church



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!**