

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

25th July 2024

The Rock Methodist Chapel's Final Service on Sunday 28th July at 3:30pm.

After 163 years of dedicated service to the Lord, The Rock Methodist Chapel will be having its final service this Sunday. Everyone is welcome to share in a service of thanksgiving for the life of the chapel. Rev David Lavender will be leading the service.

Please pray for Derek Sheldon and other members of The Rock, as we know the decision to close hasn't been easy.

I came across an interesting article about The Rock that I thought might interest you. Over the years many souls have been saved and we give thanks for the hard work that everyone has given throughout the years.

Opening of The Rock Chapel, 1861

'Rock is a village that has been noted for wickedness. The Primitive Methodists have preached here for nearly thirty years, and a few souls have been saved, and a little society has reflected some light on the surrounding darkness. Last spring the tiny church was aroused; a deeper anxiety was felt for the salvation of their neighbours. Prayer was made to Him who has the hearts of all men in His hand. Their Heavenly Father heard the voice of supplication, and poured His Holy Spirit on His children; a revival followed, and the house where the services were held was too small to accommodate the congregation.

In September last we arranged to build a chapel 30 feet by 24. On December 8th, it was opened for the celebration of divine worship. Three sermons were preached on the occasion; that in the morning by the writer, Mr. J. H. Poole preached in the afternoon, and Mr. R. R. Pearse in the evening. The amount collected was £9 4s. 1d.'

JOHN PORTER. - *Primitive Methodist Magazine*, 1862, p 115.

There are two Primitive Methodist Chapels at The Rock. A second polychrome building with a blue clock was built in 1877, 16 years after its smaller neighbour, and is now the principal place of worship.

In the apex of the Chapel's gable is a clock with a blue face and gold roman numerals with the inscription "It's time to seek the Lord".

The earlier chapel became the Sunday school. – modernised in 1954 by Wellington UDC with a stone commemorating the opening by Councillor Isaiah Jones. The date stone from 1861 was retained with the inscription "Let the inhabitants of the Rock sing". (By Andy Rose (28/04/2021))



The **calling** of the **Methodist Church** is to respond to the **gospel** of **God's love** in **Christ** and to live out its **discipleship** in worship and **mission**.

The greatest gift given by **God** is love. God is love and with His love we can love Him and our neighbour. God loved us so much that He gave His only Son for our lives. Love is patient and kind.

Love is not jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. Love never fails.

As you pray today, think about your love for Christ and for your neighbour.

God loves you
unconditionally,
no strings attached.

Please keep Jean and Steve in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for Mark.

Please pray for Margaret Reynolds who is still waiting for the biopsy report, then provided it is all clear, then it will be possible for the next date for her second surgery to be arranged at Oswestry.

Prayers please for Richard who is waiting to see if he has cancer and is full of anxiety.

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

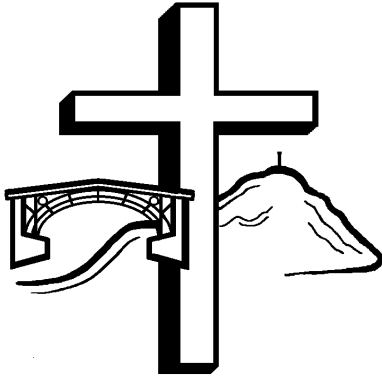
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Come and reign, O Christ, in our home and its life; in our church and its mission; in our nation and its politics; in our world and its affairs. Come, O Christ. Come and reign.

Mary Sumner (1828-1921)



Telford Methodist Circuit

Part-time Circuit Safeguarding Officer

The Telford Methodist Circuit is seeking a Safeguarding Officer to support and oversee the Circuit's Safeguarding Practices.

We seek someone with the ability to lead and instruct on all aspects around Safeguarding at Circuit level. To support churches with their Safeguarding needs.

Applicants should have experience in Safeguarding within a volunteer or employed environment with a working knowledge of workplace IT systems.

12 hours per week

Salary: £7,488 per annum

For Job Description & Person Specification, please contact
circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH SHARON IN THE CIRCUIT OFFICE ON
01952 505108 - THANK YOU

Transform a young person's life



Become a mentor

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Grandmentors Telford and Wrekin is seeking volunteers willing to empower and support young people, aged 16-24 as they transition from the care system to independent living. We provide mentors with full training and guidance, and all expenses incurred during your mentorship journey will be paid.

Criteria

- Aged 50+ (although not exclusively)
- Be open-minded, empathetic, patient and helpful
- Basic IT and communication skills
- Committed to meeting a mentee weekly for at least 6 months

Contact



07939 838671



kenneth.wu@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

Scan to apply



VOLUNTEERING MATTERS



Telford & Wrekin
Co-operative Council

Congratulations

I'm delighted to share that **John Parkin** has accepted the volunteer role as **New Places for New People Church Lay Pastor** and

Diane Parkin has accepted the volunteer role of **Church Pastoral Lay Leader**.

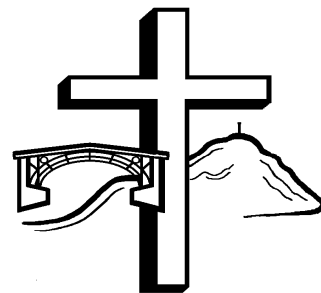
Both roles will commence on
14th September 2024.

John can be contacted by
emailing
john@telfordmeth.org.uk

Diane can be contacted by
emailing
diane@telfordmeth.org.uk



Our next Circuit Meeting
will be at Oakengates
United Church on
18th September at
7:30pm.



**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: jokud-lacik@gmail.com

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

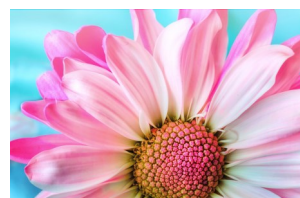
Do come along!

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.



Oakengates United Church

Coffee Morning

& Plant Stall
Saturday 27th July.

10am until 12 noon
Bacon Sandwiches Toast
Tea & Coffee



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





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!**