

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

15th August 2024

Listen Carefully

Can you Listen carefully to someone who is troubled, listen without judgement and without telling them what they should do? Listen compassionately and try to understand the circumstances from their point of view and then help them to work out their own solution?

The people you will listen to come from many walks of life but there are often reasons why they come to the Dawley Food Bank apart from just 'running out of money at the end of the month'. They may be vulnerable victims of violence or other crime, they may have housing problems or be in debt. They may have mental health problems, have been released from prison or have addiction problems.

Your role would not be to find a solution for them but help them to find their own, maybe through you signposting them to other organisations or maybe by talking through the options that they have thought about. And just to keep them going, you can offer them a food parcel to last the next week.

If you can do these things and you are available to volunteer at Dawley Christian Centre on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning (10:30 to 12:30) then we would like to talk to you and invite you to see what we do at the food bank.

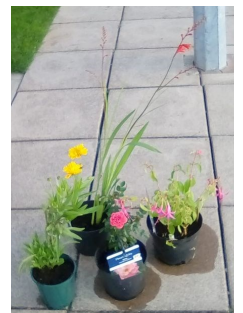
You can contact Sharon on 01952 505108. Thank you.



Plants for Sale

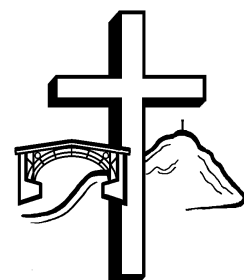
In bloom on the Plant Stall in Priorslee Village this week.

Crocsmia,
Coreopsis
Early
Sunrise,
Rosa
Salmon



Queen and Fuchsia Sleepy. I also have two pairs of long handled shears which have been cleaned up and test driven on our lawn. Should be a good weekend so happy gardening. Regards Sylvia, Oakengates United.

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



Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Chair's Travels – Rev Rachel Parkinson

Whilst I've been out of the District this week, it's been good to be able to work with other faith leaders in Wolverhampton in producing this statement:

At this time when the streets of many cities have been plagued by violence, faith leaders in Wolverhampton have come together to remind people that what makes someone a "Wulfrunian" is not their heritage, race or religion. Instead, it is the desire to call Wolverhampton "home", to live in peace and to work for the good of the city we all share.



Over generations, people from many parts of the world have settled in Wolverhampton, bringing with them different expressions of faith and culture and together building a city of rich diversity. The people of Wolverhampton are consistent living examples of what it looks like to live together well despite differences that could set us apart.

Our different faiths hold in common a commitment to being a good neighbour to one another, and especially to the stranger in our midst who seeks sanctuary – values also shared by those of no faith.

We are proud of Wolverhampton's status as a City of Sanctuary. Along with all the partners with whom we are working, we call upon the people of Wolverhampton to continue to demonstrate that differences do not have to cause divisions between us, and that together we are stronger than the forces that may seek to divide us.

Interfaith Wolverhampton 8th August 2024

Interfaith Wolverhampton



Bread Church taster session in the Dawley Bandstand.

Dawley Christian Centre tried something new last Thursday!

Marcelle Kite and her team (including her husband Simon and their 3 grown up grandchildren), got passers by to make bread dough, which was then proved and baked ready for them to take home to have for their lunch. This was to encourage people to come along to Bread Church which starts on Wednesday 11th September and again on Saturday 19th October - All are welcome.



All you keen or would be bakers please

Join us for Bread Church

On Wednesday 11th September 2024

between 1-4pm

(with delicious tea and scones) and

Saturday 19th October 2024 between

9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)

ALL ARE WELCOME



Everything will be ready for you to make your own bread and it's FREE!

Please come along and give it a go.

Welcome Service for Rev Adrian Burdon

You are warmly invited to join us, as we celebrate the arrival of **Rev Adrian Burdon** to our Circuit on

1st September 2024 at 6pm at

Dawley Christian Centre

During the service we will also be dedicating

Diane Parkin in her role as

Church Pastoral Lay Leader

and John Parkin in his role as New Places for

New People Church Lay Pastor

All are welcome



Please keep Jean and Steve in your prayers.

Please pray for Margaret Reynolds who has thankfully heard that her cancer hasn't spread, so is now waiting to hear for a date for her second surgery to be arranged at Oswestry.

Prayers please for Gill who is going through a difficult time at the moment.

You alone know the depth of their struggle. We pray for strength and courage. May they take their first breath each day knowing that life is precious despite its hardships. Reminding them in quiet moments that they are not alone;
Your presence is steadfast.

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?pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09>

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

Prayer for the week...

In this turbulent and troubled world it's hard to find rest, real rest that refreshes us and gives us the strength to face each new day. So often, even while our bodies are still, our minds are racing, plagued by anxieties, for ourselves, our loved ones, our health, our future. And so we turn to you, Lord God, for you promise us true rest, rest for our souls – a peace deep down that we don't have to seek out or strive for, because it is your free gift to all who put their trust in you. So today, Lord, we are going to look to you for our security, to the One who holds all things together; who holds us in love, who gives us hope, and promises to be with us always and to never let us go. Thank you, Lord! Amen

(Liz Stuart—Manchester Methodist Circuit)

Praying for TeenStreet



Taken from the Operation Mobilization website on 14/8/24.

TeenStreet 2024 kicks off this Saturday, and we couldn't be more excited to witness God's work at Capernwray this year. We are dedicating this time to the Lord, creating space for Him to move and transform lives.

To support the ministry of TeenStreet this year, we invite you to join us in praying for the week ahead:

Father, we are grateful for the opportunity to create space for your presence and for your work in the hearts and minds of every teenager attending TeenStreet. We pray that they would feel your Spirit, grow closer to you, and develop a desire to live life with you beyond TeenStreet.

For those attending with no understanding of who you are and how deeply you love us, we ask that their hearts be softened and illuminated by your Word. Work in them this week, Father; guide our conversations, and speak through our worship.

We lift our team to you. For the TeenStreet staff, volunteers, service team, coaches, and Capernwray staff, we pray for wisdom, energy, and peace. Amid the activities and talks, may they also find your peace and presence. Support them in their roles this week and draw near to them.

We are incredibly grateful, Lord, that we can hold events like TeenStreet so freely in our country. We also acknowledge the other countries where TeenStreet takes place, asking that you be present in their weeks as well.

We place all these things before you, Lord,

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

HeartSpace on Sundays

10:30am

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

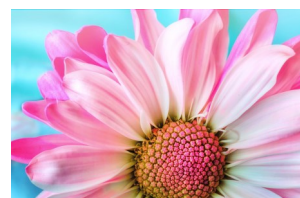
Do come along!

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.



Advanced Safeguarding Course

Stephanie Bradley, Assistant District Safeguarding Officer is doing Advanced Safeguarding Training in the Telford Circuit on **Saturday 2nd November 2024**, starting at 10am at **Dawley Christian Centre**.

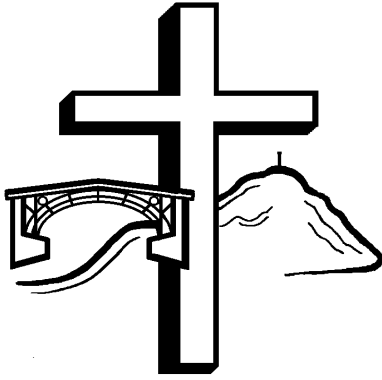
If you are unsure as to whether you are due to attend a course please contact either your Church Safeguarding Officer or Sharon in the Circuit Office on 01952 505108.

Registration will be from 9:30am with a prompt start at 10am, finishing around 2pm.

Please book directly with Stephanie by calling 07494 734 473 or email: StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk

Thank you.

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults



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



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 great raffle, handicraft stall and lots more and not forgetting the strawberries and scones and tea and coffee.

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!**