

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

29th August 2024

FAITH SPACE UPDATE

From September we are going to trial All Age services on Faith Space, on the 4th Sunday of every month. If you have some young friends or family members you might invite, please share our link with them and tell them how much we would love to see them! (Under 18s to have adult supervision and agreement)

Just a reminder that there will be no online service this week because we have a Circuit service at Dawley with our Chair of District and New Superintendent Minister at 6pm.

See you on Sunday 8th September!

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love.

Ephesians
5:1-2a



A big welcome to Rev Adrian Burdon and his family to the Circuit

Our new Superintendent Minister Adrian moved into the Newport manse on Tuesday with his wife Janet and daughter Rachel. Daughter Kacey will visit sometimes but has stayed behind for her job.

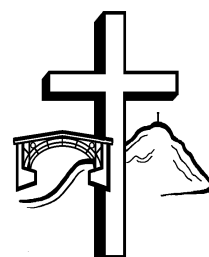
We look forward to meeting them all this Sunday evening and pray that they will settle quickly and feel at home.

CLT Meeting on 3rd September

CLT are meeting on 3rd September at Horsehay at 5pm for a bring and share meal to get to know Adrian before they begin the meeting which will start afterwards.

If there's anything you would like to share, please email the information to Sharon and she will forward it on to them. Thank you.

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



Welcome Service for Rev Adrian Burdon

You are warmly invited to join us, as we celebrate the arrival of **Rev Adrian Burdon and his family** 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



**Remember
whenever you're in a position
to help someone, be glad and
always do it because that's
God answering someone else's
prayers through you.**

**WHATEVER
you DO, DO it
all FOR THE
GLORY of
GOD**
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Please pray for...

Please keep Jean and Steve in your prayers.

Prayers please for Lorna who is recovering from surgery.

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 (NOT THIS SUN-
DAY)**

**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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQT0
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Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

Prayer for the week...

A prayer for peace in our hearts

Let your peace rule in our hearts, O Lord that we may delight in your strength, rejoice in your grace and find our fulfilment in your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matthew Henry (1662-1714)



Dawley Christian Centre has a Holy Roof!

We have a hole in our roof! A big one as well!

As you can see the water is causing a lot of damage and it's gone from a couple of drips to filling buckets very quickly so we can't leave it.

We have received 3 quotes to replace the whole roof:

£90,000

£70,380

£26,400

We have accepted the last one as we simply can't afford not to do it, but we will be emptying our available funds (we are not using an restricted funds eg. Food Bank). If any church have any spare money (unlikely I know) but if you do, can we have some please?

We are very mission minded at Dawley but money is always very tight.

Many thanks.

The Stewards of Dawley Christian Centre



Ministry Update

In many countries, culturally, only men can speak with men, and women with women. In order to **reach out to women** in their communities, more local believing women have joined the teams and women's ministries have started - literacy classes, tailoring programmes, discipleship trainings and women's conferences.

Yasmin attended one of these women's conferences. Her close friend had become a Christian and started sharing about Jesus with her. **She was interested but had questions.** In a culture where women don't ask questions, she had no-one she could openly ask.

Yasmin's friend invited her to a women's conference, where the women are actively encouraged to ask their questions - they model it through a Q&A panel before inviting the participants to ask their own questions. After asking her questions, **Yasmin had her answers, and she gladly decided to follow Jesus.**

With the support of believing friends, she is slowly starting to share her faith with her own mum and sisters.

Pray: That women would have the opportunity to hear the gospel, ask their questions, and find the answers they need. That they would have the courage to share with their families.

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or call 01691 773388
quote "37172474"



LEEGOMERY FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST
11AM - 2PM



GRASS PARK,
AT THE JUNCTION OF
HADLEY PARK ROAD &
OKEHAMPTON ROAD
TF1 6QG FREE ENTRY



STALLS AND CAR BOOT £5 PER PITCH.
ADVANCE BOOKING ONLY!

PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL REQUIRE YOUR OWN TABLE.
TO BOOK PLEASE MESSAGE THE EVENT FACEBOOK PAGE.



Bereavement cafe morning

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday September 5th 10:30am - 12:00pm
The Trinity Centre, Victoria Road, Shifnal

Offering support, understanding & empathy

A small group brought together through loss.
We offer a relaxed, friendly and safe environment to
talk with others, share memories and make new friends.

Everybody welcome

For further information contact Claire: 01955 688627



Friday 6th September, 2024



I know what it's like to use the same teabag twice
To cut the mould from the bread, to rescue a slice
I didn't ever think I would be in such a mess
While working full-time for a living, while suffering from illness
and stress...

Words written by a Food Bank client

Could you...

- Remember to pray for Food Bank clients and workers in your church?
- Find out more about your local Food Bank?
- Ask a local Food Bank volunteer to come and talk at your church?
- Hold a special Food Bank collection?

Micah 6:8: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
*And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly
and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Education Sunday

8th September, 2024

Please pray for all those in Education

Could you...

- Give thanks for the gift of Education?
- Ask your local schools how you can pray for them?
- Pray for our work through Julie Tomlinson at John Fletcher School, Madeley?
- Think of a way you can bless your local schools?
- Click on this link for more ideas and resources?

[Education Sunday 2024 – 8 September – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](https://www.cte.org.uk)

Dear Lord God,
we thank you for the gift of learning.
Help us to be mindful that learning is a gift from you to be cherished,
to be used for the betterment of ourselves and others
and to the glory of your name according to your will.
Here in our community, we have teachers, learners and places of learning.
We thank you for them all
and for the contribution they make to our community.
Bless them and strengthen them.
We pray for our places of learning,
that they are safe and supportive places
which open up a world of possibilities to all.
We pray for those who contribute as teachers, lecturers,
teaching assistants, support staff, chaplains, volunteers,
leaders and governors.
May they each know what valuable contributions they bring
in helping their learners flourish and grow.
We pray for those who learn,
whether that comes easily to them or is difficult,
that they see the opportunities before them
and grow in confidence and wisdom and flourish.
We thank you Lord for their curiosity and creativity.
We ask all these things in your name. **Amen.**



BE THE CHANGE

9th—22nd September 2024 is Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade facts and figures

50%

**of Fairtrade is owned by
farmers**

The assembly combines 50 percent producer representation with 50 percent national Fairtrade organisation representation.

€1bn

**Paid in Fairtrade premium
since 1994**

Since 1994, shoppers buying Fairtrade products have generated more than €1bn in Fairtrade Premium for farmers and workers.

4,800

**Fairtrade products in the
UK**

Think Fairtrade is just bananas and coffee? The full list of products includes flowers and gold, chocolate and tea, cotton and beauty.

Could you...

- Share a Fairtrade story?
- Enjoy Fairtrade refreshments at your church?
- Make it a church policy to only purchase Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar?
- Pray for the work of Fairtrade or for a Fairtrade project in a particular country?
- Encourage one another to visit the Fairtrade website?
- Sign the 'Make your Mark' pledge?

You will find lots of resources and videos on their website

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

24/7 Prayer for Revival Telford

1. Thanksgiving Table

Read and meditate on the thanksgiving verses as you come into God's presence.

On the back of one of the thank-you cards (or plain card with a thank-you sticker) write or draw your prayer of thanks to God.

2. Personal Confession

Read and reflect on Psalm 51.

Write in the sand tray a word to convey who/what you need to forgive/confess; or maybe a worry that is on your mind.

Now rub it out and receive God's total forgiveness.

3. Declaration/Proclamation

Put a pin on the map where you live/ where you work or an important place to you.

Use the declaration/ Caleb's prayer/ the blessing and speak it (out loud if possible) over these areas and then over the whole town.

Focus on the cross, Jesus died for ALL.



5. Broken Hearted

As you reflect on the verses from Isaiah 61 put a dab of oil on your hand "the oil of joy," if you want to put on the tiara/ scarf "the garment of praise."

Pray for anyone known to you who are broken hearted, mourning, suffering with mental health issues or lonely.

Write or draw anything to help you reflect if you wish.

6. Praise and Worship Wall

Read and reflect on some of the praise and worship verses...

Take a post-it note or paper, write or draw something to complete:

Praise God for...

Add it to the wall.

Pray that God will flood our town with praise and joy.

USE THIS RESOURCE TO PRAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUTH GROUPS, AND SCHOOLS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.

WHEN USING THIS RESOURCE IN SCHOOLS, WE ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHAKE THE GLITTER JAR AND OBSERVE AS IT SETTLES. WHY NOT USE THE JAR AS A PRAYER TIMER?

CHOOSE A STAR OR STONE AND USE IT TO PRAY FOR A SPECIFIC YOUNG PERSON.

PLACE YOUR STONE OR STAR IN THE BOWL TO INDICATE HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS HAVE BEEN PRAYED FOR.



8. Rebuild...Restore

Pray for the new housing areas in Telford and that there would be a Christian presence in all areas, a good sense of community and the outward restoration will be mirrored in an inward renewal in people's lives.

As you pray add a Jenga brick to the wall and/or write/draw your prayer on a post-it note and stick on the Jenga wall.

Use the verses/ song to inspire your prayers.

9. Salvation Tree

Tie a leaf with a picture/ symbol/initials of someone you're praying for to know Jesus or return to Him.

Jeremiah 24:7 "I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart."

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

10 Covenant and Dedication

Read and reflect on the verses, hymns and the Covenant Prayer.

How much do you long and dream to see our community "Saturated with God?"

How much will we be his hand and feet?

Do you long to see, hear and touch Revival?

People saved... young people disciplined

Strongholds broken... crime falling

The sick healed

Lives transformed... addictions broken

Families reunited... marriages restored

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

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?

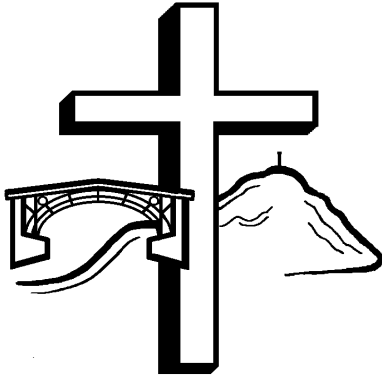
The people you will listen to come from many walks of life but there are often reasons why they come to the Dawley Food Bank apart from just 'running out of money at the end of the month'. They may be vulnerable victims of violence or other crime, they may have housing problems or be in debt. They may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





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!**