

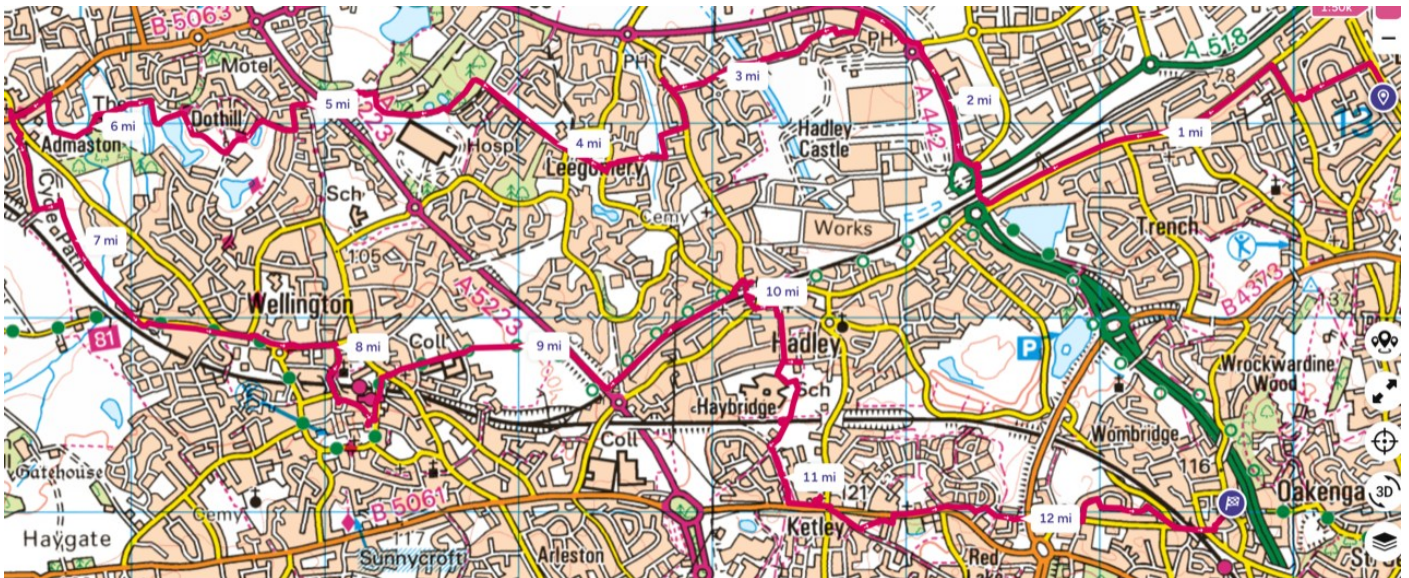
# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

6th March 2025

## Telford Prayer Pilgrimage. 21st March 2025

Our District Chair, Rachel Parkinson, is going to lead a Prayer Pilgrimage in our Circuit on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. People are welcome to join her for any or all of the walk. She will need to make progress at around 3mph to keep to the schedule. Obviously people who don't want to walk might like simply to meet her at one of the brief stopping points.

It's early days yet so we will confirm with you next week which churches will be open for a quick stop and refreshments before Rachel continues with her walk.



## Good news!

If you were unable to attend the **Ash Wednesday service** yesterday evening, it's not too late!

**Just click on the link below to watch the service.**

<https://youtu.be/oJhgslnSVmQ?feature=shared>

I was there, and it was really good :)

Sharon



**Shining with His glory.**

Upon the mountain, high and steep,  
Where holy winds and whispers sweep,  
Moses stood in sacred light,  
Beholding God in boundless might.

The voice of thunder, firm and bold,  
Spoke commands, both new and old,  
And as he lingered in that place,  
He left adorned with heaven's grace.

His face, aglow with holy fire,  
A sight that made the crowds retire,  
For who can stand, untouched, unstirred,  
When bathed in light from God's own Word?

Yet still, he called them, Come, draw near,  
Do not tremble, do not fear.  
For though His presence shakes the land,  
His mercy reaches every man.

A veil he placed upon his face,  
Yet glory shone despite its trace,  
A fleeting glow, a glimpse so bright,  
Of what was hidden from their sight.

But Christ has come, the veil is torn,  
In Him, new life is now reborn.  
No covering hides His light divine,  
For in His love, our faces shine.

So seek the Lord, embrace His call,  
Let His glory on you fall.  
And in His presence, strong and true,  
May His light shine bright through you.

**Author: Rev. Nik Wooller**



## Let's talk about justice

Hello Sharon Hello and welcome back to Soul Food, a delivery of nourishment to your inbox six days a week throughout the season of Lent.

Every Thursday, we'll be focusing on justice-seeking. Each week, Holly Adams from Salisbury Methodist Church and who works on the Connexional Team, will speak to a different person from around the world and hear a story about a social justice project they are involved in.

The stories are inspiring examples of the many ways Methodists are involved in transformational work, and a challenge to all of us to be agents of change in our own communities.

Today Holly is joined by Pastor Tomas from Venezuela, sharing about the Barinas 55 corner shop project, and considering how the work feeds both the bodies and souls of the communities involved

Click on the link below to watch the short video:

[Justice Conversation – Tomas Camacho: Week 1 | Soul Food](#)

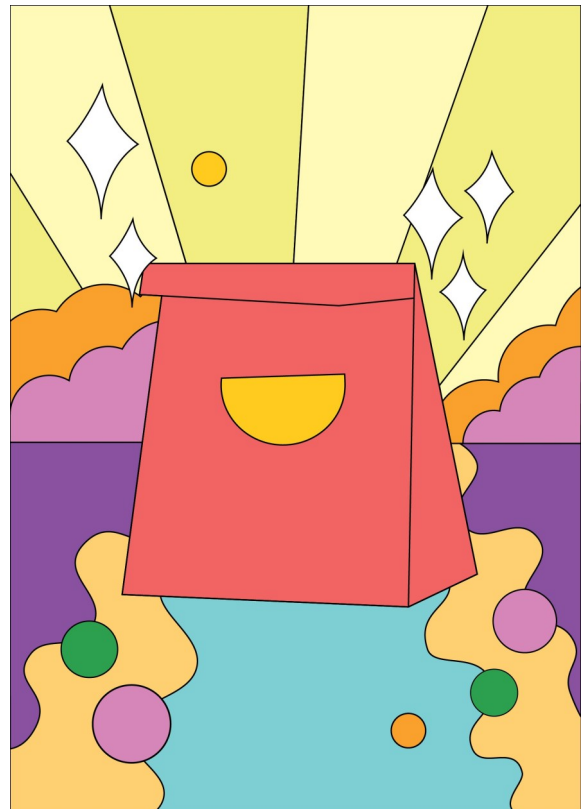
## Questions to ponder today:

What community or justice-seeking activity might you be invited to engage with during this Lenten season?

How might you use this season as a time for blessing others or engaging in social justice work, as well as your own spiritual growth?

The work of the Barinas 55 Shop that Pastor Tomas talks about is, in part, funded by donations made to the World Mission Fund. [Find out more and donate here.](#)

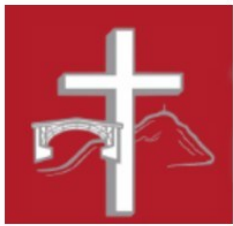
Every blessing,



We are excited to share our theme for Lent 2025, 'Soul Food'

In the wilderness, Jesus reminded us that people don't live by bread alone. Each week during Lent 2025, we'll reflect on what sustains us, based on the lectionary Gospel passage for Sunday.

[Lent 2025: Soul Food - The Methodist Church](#)



# Telford Methodists Circuit project with Ajumako Osedzi Community Health Centre **March Update**

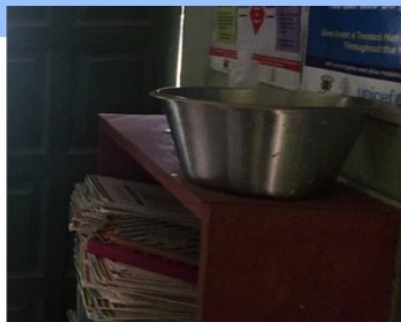


## What is needed:

- Hospital beds
- A wheelchair
- Chairs for the nurses
- Delivery equipment
- A sink for the delivery room
- A larger fridge/freezer

**Total cost: £3500—£4000**

(depending on exchange rates)



**GREAT NEWS: We have raised just over £3500 so far... let's keep going!**

Please consider donating your Easter Offerings this year so that our fundraising can start making a difference by the summer!

# World Water Day

World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater. Preachers and Worship Leaders could use this as a theme for a sermon or talk in the following weeks. It fits into the Methodist Way of Life in the 'Flourish' station, where we do what we can to protect the environment and remember that we are a part of it.



World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Every year, the UN's coordination mechanism on water and sanitation sets the theme for World Water Day. In 2025, the theme will be Glacier Preservation.

Glaciers are melting faster than ever.

As the planet gets hotter, our frozen world is shrinking, making the water cycle more unpredictable.

For billions of people, meltwater flows are changing, causing floods, droughts, landslides and sea level rise.

Countless communities and ecosystems are at risk of devastation.

As we work together to mitigate and adapt to climate change, glacier preservation is a top priority.

We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to slow down glacial retreat.

We must manage meltwater more sustainably.

Saving our glaciers is a survival strategy for people and the planet.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day>

## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen



## Advanced Safeguarding Course

Stephanie Bradley, Assistant District Safeguarding Officer is doing Advanced Safeguarding Training in the Telford Circuit on **Saturday 24th May 2025**, 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 1pm.

Please book directly with Stephanie by calling 07494 734 473 or email: [StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk](mailto:StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

Thank you.

**SAFEGUARDING**  
Creating Safer Space



### Wool Wanted

If anyone has any spare balls of wool they don't need, can you let Sharon (01952 505108) in the Circuit office know please?

At Dawley we are making knitted and crocheted blankets for the dementia patients at the Princess Royal Hospital.

The colourful blankets help patients, particularly those with dementia, to find their way back to bed more easily – and also see the edge of the bed more clearly when getting in and out. They also provide a more homely feel to the wards. Thank you.

[Calling all knitters: blankets wanted for patients with dementia – SaTH](#)



**A NIGHT OF SONGS AND STORIES BY FIRE SIDE**

**DATE**

**8 MAR**  
**2025**

# **GHANA'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION**



**: Dunwell methodist church  
HOLYHEAD ROAD KETLEY,  
TELFORD TF3 5AQ**  
**: 5PM - 9PM**

**Theme:  
Taboos & Myths:  
STI'S- Early Detection Saves  
Lives**

*All Are Welcome*

Lord, make me  
an instrument of  
your  
peace. Where  
there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
Where there is  
injury, pardon;  
Where there is  
doubt, faith;  
Where there is  
despair, hope.

Please soak these people in prayer.

Together we can make a difference!

Derek Sheldon is now out of hospital and being looked after in Myford House in Horsehay until such time he can return home. Please keep Derek in your prayers.

Please pray for the family and friends of Gail Hocking who passed away on recently. Gail was a Steward at Wellington Methodist Church. Her funeral will be on 24th March.

Please pray for Wes and James who are brothers and are both are having treatment for cancer at the same time. The rest of their families are struggling with their illness too.

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

Passcode: 355690

**God loves you**  
**unconditionally, no strings attached.**  
**That's the good news.**

# Lent



**Come along and join us for our Lent Course with  
Lunch and find out more about Jesus!**

## **Dawley Christian Centre**

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March

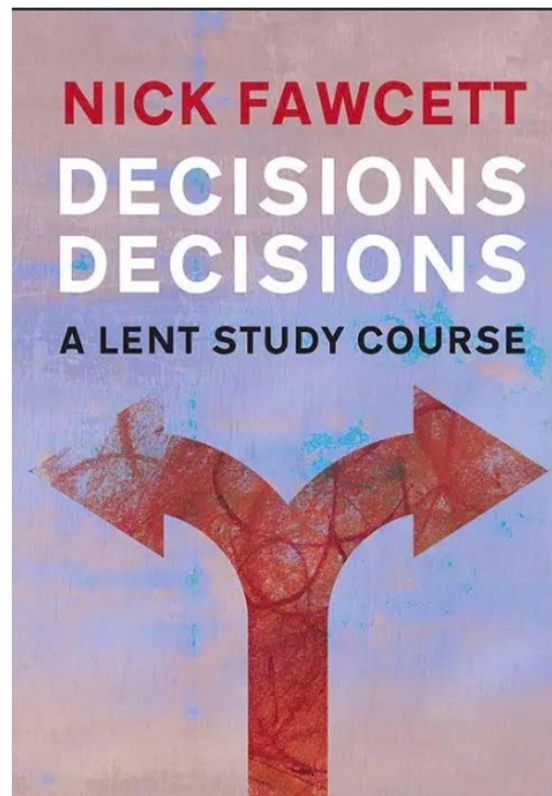
And 2nd and 9th April between 12:30-2:30pm

### **The Lent course is based on Nick Fawcett's book, Decisions Decisions.**

We make decisions every day - big and small, unimportant and life changing, good decisions and bad, easy and hard to make. We can ask God for his help and search the Scriptures for guidance, but ultimately decisions are ours alone. This is the essence of free will, and also the essence of Lent. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we must wrestle with the issues of life and the challenge of faith.

Exploring different aspects of life's decisions through biblical passages and personal experiences, the six weekly sessions include prayers, activities, discussion questions, meditations, suggestions for further reading and ideas for action. This course offers an opportunity to reflect on the challenge of Lent and the decisions God calls us to make.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**





# Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

**Thursday February 6th**

**Thursday March 6th**

**Thursday April 3rd**

**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: 07955 688627





## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**A Women-led, Global, Ecumenical  
Movement.**

**FRIDAY 7th MARCH 1pm  
at St George's Church, Telford**

The annual service has been prepared this year by  
Christian women from the Cook Islands with the theme  
"I made you wonderful".

See the website for information and for local  
details contact:

[catharine.dixon@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:catharine.dixon@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Cook Islands** *I made you wonderful*



# **SALE**

## **Every item!**



## **14th March 2025**

## **from 9 - 12 noon**

## **At Dawley Christian Centre**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



**Jean Martyn**

*Britain's Top Pianist, Organist  
& Boogie Woogie Player!*

*\* Jean Martyn \* \**

*As heard in the  
West End and  
playing for Royalty*

*An Afternoon of  
Great Music for  
Everyone  
with the UK's  
Favourite  
Keyboard  
Entertainer*

**Concert at Wombridge Parish Church**

**2.00pm – 4.30pm**

**Proceeds in aid of church funds for  
Wombridge Parish Church & St Peter's Priorslee**

**Tickets £12.00**

Available from: Chris – 07930 245773    Fiona – 07873 343008  
Chris – 07941 961461

*Wombridge Parish Church, Wombridge Road, Telford, TF2 6HT*

# **HeartSpace** **on Sundays** **10:30am**

**Upcoming dates:**  
**Sunday 16th February**  
**Sunday 16th March**  
**Sunday 27th April**

**Do come along!**

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



# Table Top

sale

**Friday March 21st 2025  
at Dawley Christian Centre  
9:00am - 12:00 noon**



**Come along and grab yourself a  
bargain!**



# THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond  
& Wrekin

**Sat 22nd March 2025**  
**2pm - 4pm**



Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station,  
Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury,  
SY4 4QS. 7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

Join us in March when the choir from St John's Muxton will be with us for worship, teaching, prayer & great hospitality!

## Future dates

- 28th April
- 26th May

## Main Speaker

### Roland West

Roland worked in the aerospace and automotive industries for over 20 years. He led a team to start Hope Community Church in Admaston in 2012.



Roland loves his wife and his three children, his grandchildren and the outdoors. He has a passion for Jesus, God's word, the church and winning the lost.

More info at...

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



# IONA WORSHIP



An evening reflection  
in Lent

inspired by the Iona Community, Scotland

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 23rd March 2025

5pm

ALL WELCOME

[www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk)

[www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)

**All you keen or would be bakers please**

**Join us for Bread Church at  
Dawley Christian Centre**

**On Wednesday 26th March 2025**

**between 1-3pm**

**And Saturday 29th March 2025**

**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.**

You are warmly invited to join us for the official  
opening of

**Dawley Christian Centre  
Community Sensory Garden**

**On 9th May 2025 between 1:00-3:00pm**

**Our garden has been designed to evoke the five senses: sight, sound, touch, taste and smell. It's a place to relax.... or if you prefer, you are welcome to pick up a trowel and do a bit of weeding. All are welcome.**

Sponsored by:



**The  
Grimmitt  
Trust**



The **Methodist** Church



**Telford & Wrekin  
Co-operative Council**

## **Bibles Studies in the Circuit**

**Admaston** meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month between 10-11:30am. They currently meet in the home of one of the church family but if the numbers increased they would be happy to transfer the bible study to church.

**Cartway, Bridgnorth** has 3 bibles study groups.

Shambles Group meet on 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30am

Orchard House Group meet on 3rd Monday in the month at 10:30am

Greenfields Group meet 3rd Tuesday in the month at 2pm.

**Dawley** - Bible study group meets for two 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One during Lent the other during Advent.

**Dunwell** - has a bible study before church service each Sunday which (service starts at 10am)

**Oakengates** Bible Reflections Group meet for two series of 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One of these is in Lent and the other in the autumn.

At present they meet in homes on a Wednesday afternoon (2-3:30pm) and the next session will be their Lent Study starting on Wednesday, 12 March 2025. The venue and the topic are both yet to be confirmed.

If anyone wants to attend, they should contact Andrew Evans on email [andrew.evans20@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.evans20@btinternet.com) or telephone 01952 292684.

As they usually meet in someone's home, we do not include the venue in general publicity.

T 01952 292684

**Online Courses: Monday afternoon at 1:30am, Monday evening at 7:30pm and Wednesday evening at 8pm. Please contact the Circuit office for the Zoom link. All are welcome.**





The Church of  
St Andrew  
& Trinity  
Church  
School



Dementia  
Friendly Church  
2022-23

Reaching out together to share  
God's amazing faith, hope and love.

# **Forget me not Group** for people affected by dementia. **Third Thursday of** **the month at 2:00pm**

**Come and join us - there's a warm  
welcome and a friendly atmosphere.**

For more information, or for if you want to have a  
conversation about memory difficulties or  
dementia, contact Sarah Thorpe on 07982 248949 or  
[sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com)

# **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

## **LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH**

Are looking for volunteers to assist

With the Children and Young peoples activities at the Church

If you could spare an hour or so on a regular or occasional basis, or know of someone who might be interested

please contact:

Shirley via email [Shirley.stevens@stevens92.plus.com](mailto:Shirley.stevens@stevens92.plus.com)

Or

Rev Roger Dunlop

[roger@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:roger@telfordmeth.org.uk)

For further information

# **VOLUNTEER**



Don't sit at home feeling cold and hungry.

Come and join us at the **Dawley Christian Centre.**

**Our Coffee Bar is open between 9-12:30pm from Monday - Thursday as a Warm Space.** (We are open Friday mornings as usual for cooked breakfasts.)

**Between 11am—12noon** we are offering a tasty bowl of soup, with a slice of freshly made toast and a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and **it's all free!**

We can get through this winter together.

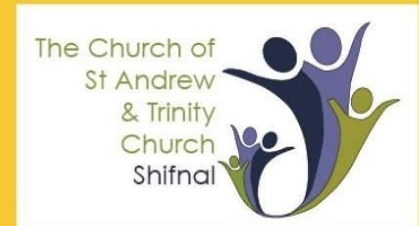


**Dawley Christian Centre  
High Street  
Dawley  
Telford TF4 2EX**

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## Everyday Welcome

**We will re-open on Monday 13th January  
at St Andrew's Church.**

**Wishing all our visitors and volunteers a blessed  
and Happy New Year, and looking forward to  
providing a warm welcome for everyone in 2025.**

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
10:30am - 2:00pm

Tuesdays 10:30-12:30pm

Come and join us for a friendly chat &  
refreshments. Delicious light lunches served  
from 12 Noon each day except Tuesday.

**It's free. Donations welcomed!**

**Pop in for a warm  
welcome at our**



**Cosy Café**



**Every Monday from**

**7th October**

**10.30 to 12.30**

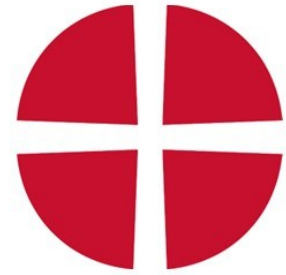
**Meet friends and chat**

**Refreshments provided**

**Admaston Methodist Church,  
Bratton Road, Admaston.**

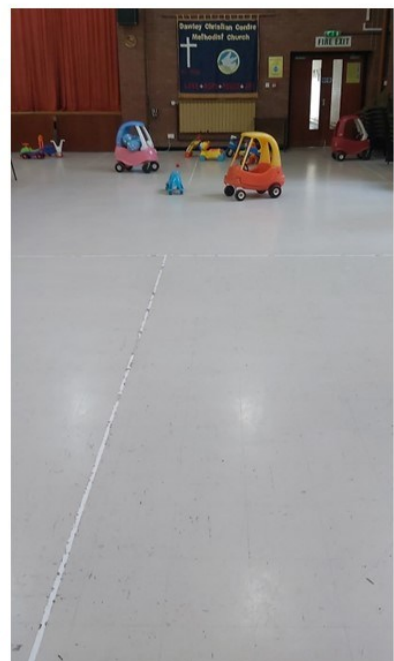
**TF5 0AH**

**Stay & Play Under 5's Playgroup  
at Dawley Christian Centre  
High Street  
Dawley  
TF4 2EX**



**Every Monday & Tuesday from  
9:30-11:30am.**

We have lots of space and plenty of toys so  
bring the kids and let's make some noise!



### **Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth**

On the 1st Saturday of each month between 10am –12 midday there is a Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church.

There's going to be a great raffle,.

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!**



## **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? **Thursday and Friday mornings**  
10.00 - 12.30. £5.00 per session.

## **Albrighton Open Door**

**Meets on the first  
Tuesday of each month  
7-30 to 9pm.**

**It is a series of informal  
and interesting talks and  
activities in a friendly  
social setting.**

**All are welcome.**

## **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 noon.**

(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.**

We have a **Quiet Corner** open for prayer/quiet  
reflection when there are church run events,  
located in the Meeting Room.

**All are welcome**



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

Our Calling

The **Methodist Church** 