

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter






5th June 2025

West Midlands Methodist District

A new family of Methodist Churches and Circuits in the West Midlands launching in September 2025.

A growing, evangelistic, justice-seeking and inclusive church without walls.

The District exists to:

-  **Enable** churches to flourish
-  **Connect** people
-  **Evolve** with the changing picture of methodism
-  **Initiate** new work
-  **Challenge** the status quo

Want to be the first to hear about the latest from the West Midlands Methodist District? Sign up for the newsletter and get exclusive updates, inspiring stories, and details on upcoming events straight to your inbox!

Visit the website to sign up today and join our growing community.

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New Chair for the new West Midlands Methodist District has been nominated

The Rev'd Rachel Deigh has been nominated as Chair for the new West Midlands Methodist District, following a prayerful and unanimous decision by trustees.

Currently serving as a mission partner in Sierra Leone, Rachel brings 25 years of diverse ministry experience and a collaborative vision for our District's future. Her appointment, pending approval at Synods and Conference in 2025, would begin on 1 September 2025, with Rev'd Novette Headley continuing as Chair for the first year to ensure a smooth transition.

Let's give thanks for this next step in our journey as a united District!



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" *Isaiah 52:7*

Firstly: **Happy World Environment Day to you all!**

Secondly: **I bring good news!**

Probably, like me, you are enjoying some summer weather and hopefully large heating bills and fuel costs are not foremost in your minds at the moment. Surely though, anything which might help us to plan ahead and reduce our heating bills this winter is a good thing.

Browsing the Methodist Website '[Latest Eco Stories](#)' (which is great for inspiration and ideas by the way) I noticed a reference to '[HeatHack](#)', a free programme and guidebook with lots of easy-to-digest information and resources to help community building operators (such as churches) identify ways to save on heating. It includes a card game which can be used by a church group to consider the way that their building is used and heated now and into the future and to prioritise actions which will make a difference. At a time when we are looking to save money from our tight church budgets, this resource really does look worth investigating.

**The next meeting of the Growth Team for Inclusion and Justice (which includes our environmental work) will be at Dawley on Wednesday 11th June at 7:30pm in the community garden (weather permitting). Could you come along to represent your church?
All are welcome.**





Born in Song - come and sing!

We are forming a scratch choir from around the new West Midlands District to sing at the launch and welcome service on Saturday 30th August at Walsall Central Hall.

Rehearsal Dates....

Monday 30th June 7pm - 9pm

St Johns Methodist Hereford

St Owen's St, Hereford HR1 2PR

Saturday 5th July 3pm - 4:30pm

Stratford Methodist Church

Old Town, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 6BG

Monday 28th July 7pm – 9pm

Shirley Methodist Church

257 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3AL

Wednesday 30th July 7pm – 9pm

New Road Methodist Church Stourbridge

29 New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ

Thursday 28th August 7pm – 9pm

Carrs Lane Church Centre

Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX

Saturday 30th August Rehearsal: 11:30am – 12:30pm Service: 3pm – 4:30pm

Walsall Central Hall

Central Hall, Ablewell St, Walsall WS1 2EQ

- ☆ No prior singing experience required!
- ☆ No expectation on reading music!
- ☆ Attend at least one rehearsal then the day itself.

Sign up by emailing your name and which rehearsal(s) you will be attending to office@birminghammethodist.org.uk

How their link to an MHA home gives a new lease of life to a congregation

As MHA Sunday approaches on 8 June 2025, we share how this care home exemplifies how Methodist values continue to enrich the lives of older people, even as traditional church structures evolve.

In May the closure of the local Methodist Church in Stainton in the Darlington District presented an unexpected challenge. With membership dwindling to just 15, the small congregation could no longer maintain their property or meet administrative requirements. Yet, rather than severing spiritual connections, this transition has sparked renewed engagement between the wider Methodist community and the residents of MHA Montpellier Manor.

"What we have here is unique: we give time and value to the spirituality of our residents," explains Revd Barbara Robinson, Chaplain at Montpellier Manor. This holistic approach represents the core mission that MHA Sunday celebrates each year – recognising the charity's commitment to enabling older people to live well in later life.

"We aim to show that the Methodist Church and MHA are part of the same family," shares Revd David Godfrey, Superintendent Minister Middlesbrough and Eston Methodist Circuit, who has witnessed how the closure became a catalyst for deeper integration. Monthly services that took place before the pandemic have been revitalised, with many church members now visiting the home directly.

This transformation reflects the adaptability at the heart of spiritual care. When the traditional church setting became unsustainable, the congregation found a new purpose in bringing worship to residents. "They had a well-attended Blue Christmas service (like the one in Scotland last December) and have asked to have more services," Barbara notes, highlighting the enthusiasm from both residents and visitors.

The home's manager, Donna, has observed tangible benefits from these strengthened connections, "Coffee morning would be a way to make residents meet and talk. It happened once before and the residents talked about it for a while but felt it was a one-off – but it doesn't have to be." Musical worship continues to thrive, with one Methodist resident who used to play the organ now happy to play the piano during services, maintaining cherished traditions in their new setting.

As David thoughtfully observes, "Montpellier is an ever-changing environment. For many residents, MHA becomes their church as well as their home." This sentiment embodies the adaptability of faith communities facing change.

As MHA Sunday approaches, Montpellier Manor stands as a testament to spiritual resilience – demonstrating how, sometimes, the closure of traditional doors can open new pathways to meaningful connection and worship for older people in care settings.



The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, and Mrs Carolyn Godfrey, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, attended Wesley Day at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission in London.
29 May 2025

"Remember, on this day my heart was strangely warmed and it changed my life," says 'John Wesley' during the Songs of Praise service at which Mrs Carolyn Godfrey preached in Wesley's Chapel.

Wesley Day is always a big day with the pilgrimage to St. Paul's Cathedral. Still, this year, the Wesley Chapel and Museum team planned a full day of worship and activities, including music intervals, a drum workshop enjoyed by Mrs Godfrey and costumed volunteers.

The pilgrimage started at John Wesley's tomb, passed through Bunhill Fields cemetery, walked the John Wesley Walk at the Barbican and commemorated at the Aldersgate Flame before arriving at St. Paul's Cathedral for an Evensong service.

A few hundred people attended the day or some activities, including Revd Dr Jongi Zihle, Chair of the London Methodist District, the East Barnet Anglican Methodist Partnership and the Susanna Wesley Fellowship.



Help Needed

This summer, Telford Circuit will be hosting our very own OM Family, as they return to visit us for the summer.

They will lead an All Age Service at Wellington on July 6th and be around for coffees and conversations throughout July and early August.

Can you help them with:

- Picking the family up from, or dropping them to, Birmingham airport
- Hosting them for a meal one lunch time or evening, in exchange for hearing more about their life overseas
- Offering the use of your car (they will organise insurance)
- Finding odd jobs around your house or garden for the teenage kids to do for some pocket money
- Providing any local Days Out Vouchers or coupons, suggesting activities they could do, loaning bikes etc

If you can help, please email newsfromthereeds@gmail.com or call Doug on 01952 270 016

The Plant Stall in Priorslee Village has had a delivery of tomato plants. Alisa Craig, San Maranza and Roma. San Moranza is a big plum and Roma a small plum. Roma is specifically bred for outdoor growing. There is also a bag of big pots (free) if you need one to grow a tomato plant. Happy gardening.

For more information please contact the Circuit Office. Thank you.

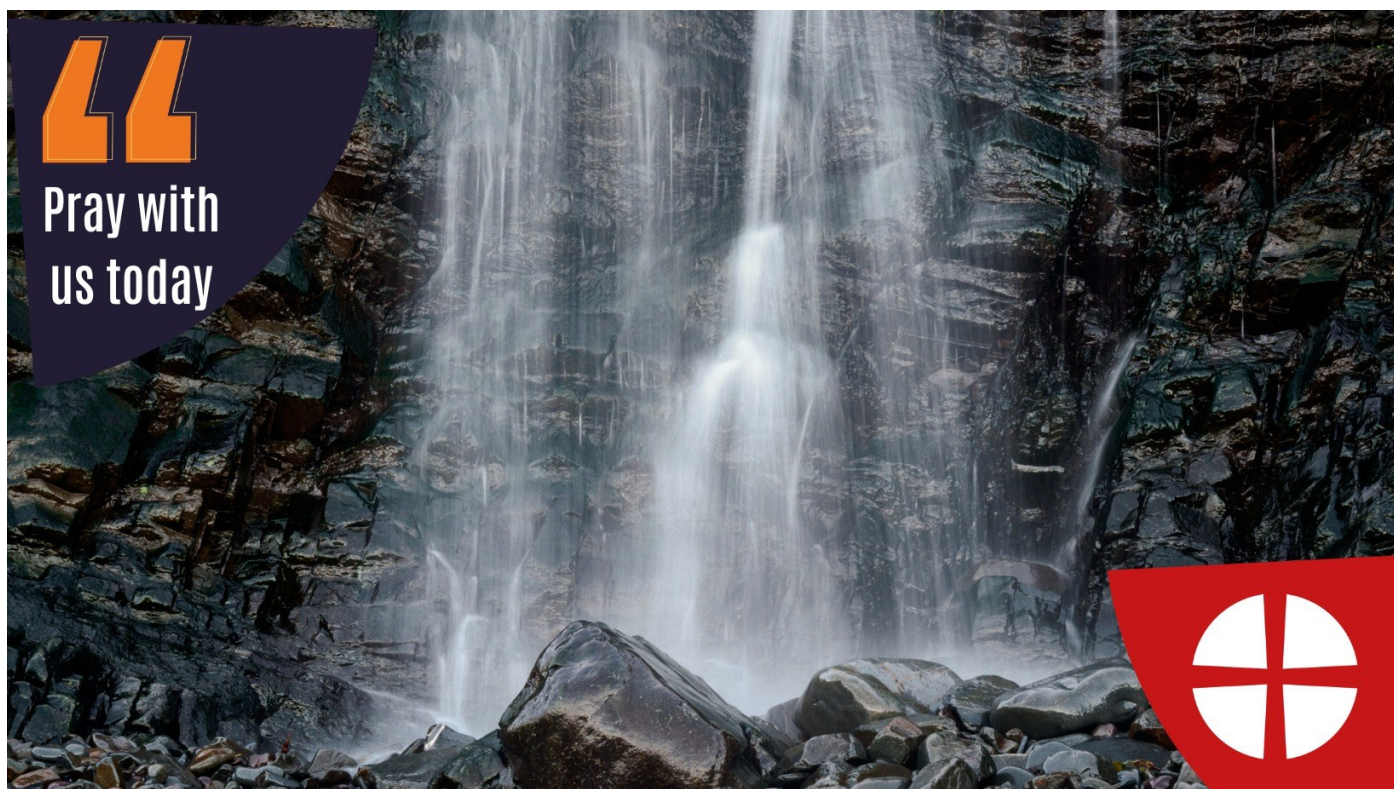
Sylvia Bailey



Pray with us today....

Almighty God, Author and perfecter of our lives,
you are God of all creation; the moon and the stars sing your praises,
the rich and the poor revere you equally, the joyous and the grief-stricken seek you equally,
the peace-lover and the warmonger look to you for strength for you are God!
You saved the world even before we knew we needed saving.
You provided for our needs even before we were aware of our nakedness.
Your grace amazes us, your love fulfils us, your forgiving presence instils hope and our suffering is eased.
Thank you for filling us with your vision. Thank you for imbuing your wisdom upon us, Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Receive our worship, hear our prayer; for you are God. Amen!

Find more ways to pray at methodist.org.uk/prayer.





SHROPSHIRE

WORSHIP GATHERING

JUNE 7TH 2025 | HALFWAY HOUSE | 9AM - 9PM



WWW.SHROPSHIREHOPE.CO.UK

We are looking forward to hosting a **12 hour worship event** bringing together bands and acoustic sets from across the county on **Saturday 7th June 2025**, the day before Pentecost Sunday, at the **Halfway House Pavilion on the Wrekin**. Transport will be available for those unable to manage the 15 minute walk up the hill.

This year is the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come with a theme of the Lord's Prayer. We would love to hear what you are doing in your area.

We hope that you can join us on Saturday 7th. Please do let others in your churches and networks know. It would help if you are able to share transport on the day, as parking is limited.

For more information click on: Shropshire Hope

**St Mary's Church, Ketley
present a Concert by**

Hadley & District Orpheus Male Choir



Corporate member of the Rotary Club of The Wrekin



**at KETLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
HOLYHEAD ROAD TF1 5AN**



Saturday 7th June 2025 7:00pm

Tickets £10 available from Mary Richards
01952 613653 or email: richmjs@icloud.com

All proceeds going towards Church roof repairs.

Oakengates United Church

Stafford Road, Oakengates, Telford TF2 6JH



Summer Fete

Saturday 14th June

9.30am - 12.30pm

**Cakes, Plants, Raffle, Books,
Bottle Tombola, Aladdin's Cave, Games,
Name the Gnome, New & Nearly New**

**Delicious Bacon Sandwiches, Toast
Tea & Coffee**

JESUS: THE EVIDENCE

Telford Elim and All Saints church would love you to join us for an evening of listening to the evidence for Jesus as the Son of God.

Light refreshments will be provided during the break

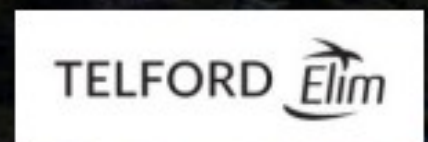
Q&A Session

Free booklet at the end of the event

Free parking available at the station carpark on King Street

Wednesday 18th June 7-9pm
All Saints church
8 Church Street
Wellington
Telford
TF1 1DG

Jesustheevidence.com



This is a Free Event

TABLE TOP SALE

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

**On Friday
20th June 2025**

9.00am – 12 noon

***Come along and pick
up a bargain.***

***To book a table (only £5)
please phone 01952 505108***





Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday May 1st

Thursday June 5th

Thursday July 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





SUMMER FAIR

5TH JULY 11AM – 3PM

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS TOMBOLA RAFFLE

MYSTERY PARCELS CRAFTS BOOKS

BRIC A BRAC CAKES & JAMS

BACON & SAUSAGE BAPS



**DONNINGTON
METHODIST CHURCH
WREKIN DRIVE**



Going Global Who, me?

Wellington Methodist Church
invites you to an **interactive All Age Service**
July 6th 10:15am

With Special Guests from Operation Mobilisation

Wellington Methodist Church and Centre, New Street, Wellington, Telford. TF1 1LU
Parking onsite and nearby, accessible by train and bus

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH ART GROUP

ART EXHIBITION

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



2025

Friday 18th and Saturday 19th July

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

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

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

Why not exhibit YOUR work?

For entry forms and more details contact
Barbara Murray on 07592 881168 or
email Linda Carter on lindap8080@gmail.com
Entry forms to be returned to Barbara Murray
by Friday 27th June latest

The **Methodist Church** 

Wellington Methodist Church New Street, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LU
UK registered charity no. 1130691

I

'm writing to invite you to be part of something really special this summer. **Admaston Fun Week** is back – running from **Monday 21st to Friday 25th July** at **Admaston House**, and we'd love for you to join the team.



For over **20 years**, Admaston Fun Week has been all about **sharing the Good News of Jesus** with children – and sometimes with their families too. Each year we welcome around **100 children** for a fun-packed programme of games, stories, crafts, and more. It's a brilliant opportunity to make a lasting difference in young lives, and it's only possible with the help of a big team of volunteers.

Whether you're 12 or 82, there's a role for you!

Some of the ways you might be able to help include:

- 🎨 Craft activities
- ⚽ Games
- ☕ Refreshments
- 🎭 Drama
- 💬 Leading or supporting small group discussions

The main event runs each day from **10am to 12:15pm**, but there will be a little more time needed for team members to set up and plan together. Whether you can help for the whole week or just a couple of mornings, your time and gifts would be so appreciated.

To get a feel for what it's all about, please do watch our short [video](#).

If you're interested or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at helenking71@btinternet.com – I'd love to hear from you!

With thanks and hope,

Helen King

On behalf of the Admaston Fun Week Team
St Christopher's Trust

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](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.

Faith Space - An online service for all

Starts at 6:30pm on the link below.

Weekly zoom services for anyone and everyone wherever in the world you are!

Join Zoom meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/95651019665?
pwd=bGgyVEdvQ0cvNDRpWm5HTVB0UDRmdz09](https://zoom.us/j/95651019665?pwd=bGgyVEdvQ0cvNDRpWm5HTVB0UDRmdz09)

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

God bless you all and see you soon!



Circuit Children and Young People Get Together

The Children and Young People Growth Group met on 8th May. We agreed we would like to put on a **Circuit Children and Young People Get Together**. The plan is to hold it at **Leegomery Methodist Church on Saturday 12th July between 14:00 and 16:00**. We hope to include games, crafts, food and a short time of interactive worship. In order to run it we need to ensure we will have enough helpers. If you are prepared to help in any way please would you e-mail John at john@telfordmeth.org.uk, indicating how you would like to be involved. Please send your expression of interest by 1st June 2025.



3Generate 2025

At the Circuit Children and Young People's Growth Group on 8th May we agreed we would like to send a Circuit Group to this year's 3Generate.

3Generate 2025 runs from 3rd October to 5th October and is at the NEC, Birmingham. There are several ways of attending. For C&YP between the ages of 8 to 17 they can attend for the whole weekend, with indoor camping for two nights. For C&YP between 4 and 7 there is the opportunity to attend with a significant adult on the Saturday only.

At this stage we are looking for people who can offer to be part of the group leadership team. There are four opportunities:

- i) we need a Weekend Main Group Leader who will have overall responsibility for the camping group. The person with this role will be responsible for the whole group and will need to attend the leaders' training calls, do the risk assessment, and be responsible for managing the other Group Leaders
- ii) Weekend Group Leader - this role works as part of the team under the direction of the Main Group Leader. They will camp for two nights in the Circuit zone and be responsible for the welfare and safety of the C&YP.
- iii) Saturday Main Group Leader - this role will organise the group of younger C&YP who will attend on the Saturday.
- iv) Saturday Volunteer - this role will help with the transport and care of the C&YP who attend on the Saturday.

All of the above roles will require Advanced Safeguarding and a DBS that is valid for working with C&YP to be in place no later than one month before the 3Generate event.

If you are interested in any of these roles please send an expression of interest to john@telfordmeth.org.uk no later than **15th June**. This timing is critical for us to establish the viability of sending groups to 3Generate. Thank you. John



Bible Studies in the Circuit

Admaston meet on the 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

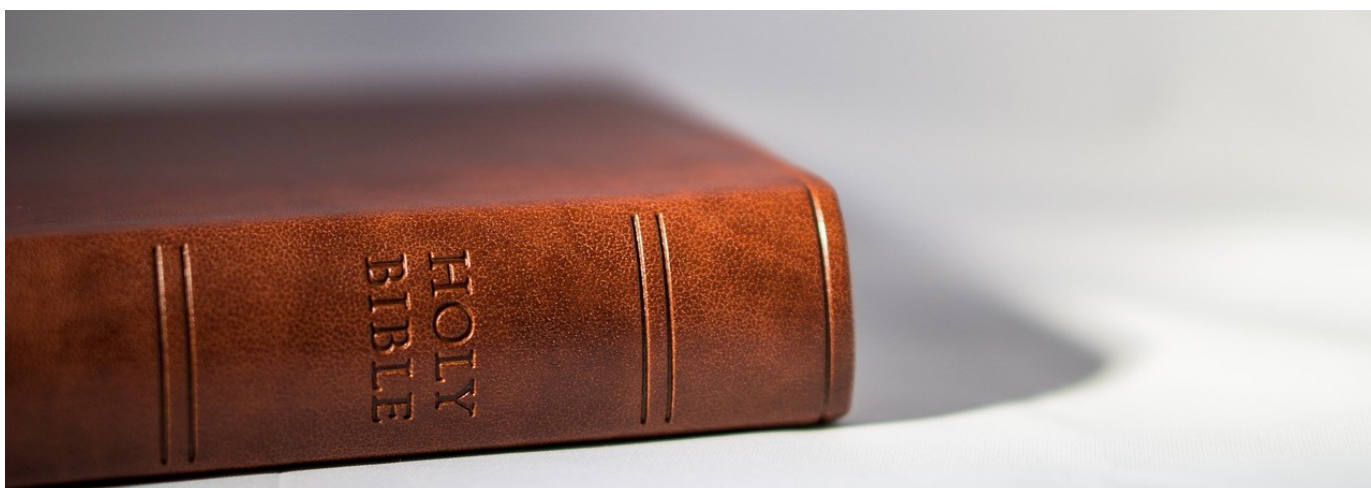
Greenfields Group meet 3rd Tuesday in the month at 2pm.

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

Online Courses: Monday afternoon at 1:30pm, 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
2020-21

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

All you keen or would be bakers please
Join us for Bread Church at
Dawley Christian Centre

On the last Wednesday
of every month between 1-3pm
And the last Saturday of every
month between
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)

ALL ARE WELCOME

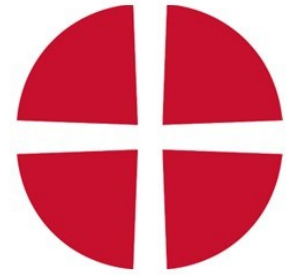
Please note there's no bread church during May



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

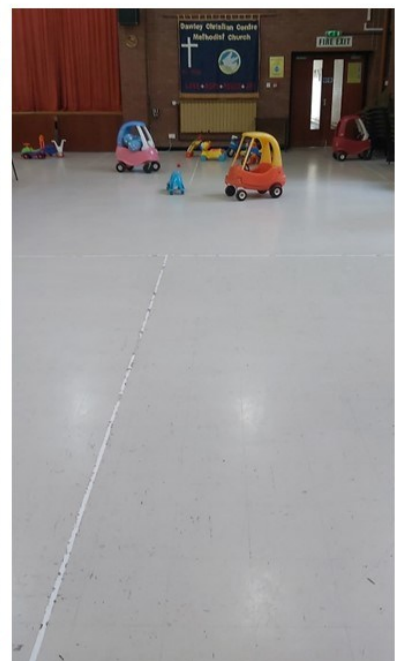
Please come along and give it a go.

**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.

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](#)



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





Albrighton Methodist Church

Regular church activities

Cafe Central

Every Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Excellent coffee!

Meet with friends, old and new.



Sing a Long

2nd and 4th Fridays in the month.
2.00 to 3.30

Join in with "Old Time" songs
and songs from the musicals.
£2 per head.



Monthly Cafe

First Saturday in the month 10.00 to 12.00
With high quality bric-a-brac and
book stalls.



Open Door

First Tuesday in the month
7.30 to 9.00

Wide variety of speakers
ranging from singing, wildlife,
travel logs, health related.....



£2 per head. Speaker usually puts fees to a charity.

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** 