

## Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

14th August 2025

## August update on the Telford Circuit International Project with Ajumako Osadzi Clinic.

We are pleased to announce that all the equipment needed has now been delivered and installed, including the plumbing in of a sink, except a specialised maternity bed for the delivery suite... the provision and delivery of which would cost an estimated additional £700 (depending on the exchange rate). Thank you to Effie and Sharon for all their support with so far in liaising with the banks and medical suppliers in Ghana.







£700 seems such a small amount in the great scheme of things. Do you think it's possible for the Circuit to have one last push to see if together we can raise this amount?

We are helping to save lives of our brothers and sisters in Ghana.



#### Eco News from the Telford Circuit

## Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. *Psalm 127:3*



By now, well into the school holidays, you might be casting around for inspiration to entertain and engage with the children (and grandchildren and nieces and nephews) in your life. Or perhaps you are considering how you might engage the young people at your church in your eco-activities... after all, they are the ones to whom we will be passing on the planet – in whatever state we manage to leave it! The good news is that there are lots of resources around... so whether for a holiday club at church, ongoing Sunday School projects or simply a day with family members, there are plenty of opportunities to engage children and young people in a topic which matters to you and is probably just as important to them.

A Rocha (Eco Church) have produced sessions which can be used with children of various ages in your church. Click <u>here</u> for more details.

The RSPB have suggestions for engaging teens/young adults in climate action. See <a href="here">here</a>.

They also have a wide range of 'Wild Challenges' including ideas and resources for families here.

The Wildlife Trusts have loads of ideas for supporting wildlife at home, many of which would make great intergenerational activities <a href="here">here</a> as well as links to nature reserves you can visit near where you live <a href="here">here</a>.

Green Christian have links to lots more resources and ideas which you can access here.

Lot's to choose from then... but whatever you do, have fun and enjoy some quality time exploring and celebrating God's beautiful creation together!

#### Prayer by Emily, All Hallows CE Primary School

Thank you for the lovely insects and bugs in the world. But please can you stop people from squashing them. Amen.



Following in the footsteps of *Godspell, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,* and *Children of Eden,* a

brand-new community musical is coming to Wellington in

2026 – and you're invited to help bring it to life!

#### The Prince of Egypt

A spectacular stage musical by *Stephen Schwartz* (composer of *Wicked*), based on the beloved Disney film, and packed with powerful storytelling, unforgettable songs, and vibrant drama.

Performance dates: Saturday 6th June 2026 (2 shows)

2 Venue: All Saints Church, Wellington

Now Casting & Recruiting:

We're looking for actors, soloists, choir singers, dancers, prop makers, costume designers, technicians, creatives of all kinds — and anyone simply curious to learn more.

#### Come to the Launch Night:

#### Monday 8th September, 7pm

All Saints Parish Centre (next to the church)
Lychgate Walk, Wellington

Whether you're a seasoned performer or completely new to community theatre, we'd love to welcome you.

This production won't happen without the support of our local churches and community — so please spread the word, consider how you could get involved, and pray for the journey ahead.

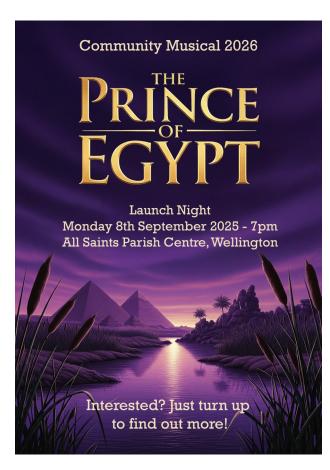
If you have questions or just want to say hello, please contact: **Sue Pointon**—<u>suepointon@gmail.com</u>

Let's bring this powerful story to the stage — together!

With thanks.

**Sue Pointon** 







Prayer

for Revival Telford

(Prayer stations for individual reflective prayer, special slots for corporate prayer and worship)
St Christopher's room, Admaston House, TF5 0BN

You can sign up for a slot here: <a href="https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/cedb52">https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/cedb52</a> How to book a slot: <a href="https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer-room-help/">https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer-room-help/</a>

More than one person can book at a time

Night slots are virtual and prayer stations can be viewed at the link below

<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563276720427">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563276720427</a>

contact Helen King 07801536925 for more info







#### **Central Hall**

Ablewell Street Walsall WS1 2EO

Welcome to the Launch Service and Welcome for the new Chair of District!

Come join us at **Central Hall** as we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter.
This event is the perfect



opportunity to meet the new leader and connect with other members of the district. The service will begin at 3pm and join us afterwards for light refreshments and time to chat. Don't miss out on this special occasion to show your support and be a part of the excitement. See you there!

As part of the service we are going to creating a piece of weaving to symbolise our coming together - if you would like to contribute you are invited to bring a strip of coloured fabric – 5 cm width; up to 1 metre length.

<u>District Launch and Chair's Welcome Service Tickets, Sat 30 Aug 2025 at 15:00 | Eventbrite</u>

#### **Advanced Safeguarding Course**

Stephanie Bradley, Assistant District Safeguarding Officer is doing Advanced Safeguarding Training in the Telford Circuit on **Saturday 6th September 2025**, starting at 10am at Wellington Methodist church

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

Please book your tickets through the Eventbrite website by clicking the link below:

http://www.eventbrite.com/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823

If you are unsure if you need to attend you are always most welcome to contact Sharon in the Circuit office and she will check for you.

Thank you.



I am sorry to let you know that Hilary Allcock passed away on the afternoon of 8th August. Hiliary was a much loved member of Horsehay Methodist Church.

The service will be at Horsehay Methodist Church on **Thursday 28 August at 1.30pm**, followed by a burial at Castle Green Cemetery (Castle Green, Lincoln Hill, Ironbridge, Telford TF8 7NY) with a wake afterwards at The Barley Mow (16 Court St, Madeley, Telford TF7 5EB).

Her daughter Yvonne has asked, to help with catering arrangements, if we could possibly give them an idea of how many Church friends might be attending the wake. I'd be grateful if you could let me know so that I can pass numbers on.

Thank you.

Sharon in the Circuit Office 01952 505108 circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk



#### Pray with us today....

Gracious God, we look to you for wisdom, often we look in the wrong places, missing the opportunity to learn of you from others. Your word, as expressed in the Bible, can be difficult to interpret in this divisive world. Show us your way through those we encounter who exude your wisdom in their love for their neighbours, and who emanate your justice from the very depths of their souls. Teach us to engage with the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants, as all are our neighbours and all are precious people to you. In

Jesus' name we pray and for his sake, Amen.

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





## DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

on

Friday 15th August 2025

9.00am - 12 noon

Come along and grab a bargain.

To book a table for only £5 please call Sharon on 01952 505108



## HeartSpace worship for today

Heart*Spαce* on Sundays
10:30am

Trinity Centre
Upcoming Dates

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September



#### Contact:

heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk



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



#### Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday July 3rd
Thursday August 7th
Thursday September 4th

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

The Trinity Centre

For further information contact Claire: 07955 688627





Summer Fun Time

Games

Craft

Songs

Thursday
August 28th

9:30 - 12:00

For ages 5-11

Cost £2 per child
(£5 max per family)
Book your place
using this QR code
Spaces are limited





### Coffee Morning



### Saturday 30th August

10.00am - 12noon

Bacon Butties, Toast,



# SALE Every item!



5th September 2025 from 9 - 12 noon

At Dawley Christian Centre You are invited to a

## Variety Evening

Admaston Methodist Church, Bratton Road

Saturday 13th September 6.30 p.m.

An evening of music, comedy, singing, poetry, magic, drama.

Lots of Acts to make you smile

Please come along and bring a friend

Free entry, donations welcome for refreshments

Car Park will be open opposite

Admaston House off Pemberton Road

#### **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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQT09

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

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

God bless you all and see you soon!



## **Bible Study**

Meet, read, ponder and share together on a Friday afternoon at Broseley Methodist Church.

Our starting theme will be **PLENTY**.

What does the Bible have to say to us today about Social Justice?

All are welcome, no previous knowledge or experience needed!

Meeting on monthly at 2.30-4pm on

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



Interested in an evening group? Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:kimfitzwarine@gmail.com">kimfitzwarine@gmail.com</a> or 07816 374414

From 1st August 2025 Stephanie Bradley who looks after Advanced Training Course for the West Midlands District has a new email address: <a href="mailto:Bradleys@methodist.org.uk">Bradleys@methodist.org.uk</a>

Stephanie's phone number remains the same: 07494 734473

There are now 12 advanced courses available – To book please visit:

www.eventbrite.com/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823

September Saturday 6th 10am - Wellington Methodist Church
September Saturday 13th 10am - Lickey End Methodist Church
September Saturday 27th 10am - Upper Gornal Methodist Church
October Saturday 11th 10am - Brierly Hill Methodist Church
October Saturday 18th 10am - Bilston Methodist Church
November Saturday 8th 10am - Trinity Methodist Church
November Saturday 15th 10am - Selly Oak Methodist Church
November Saturday 22nd 10am - Mill Street Methodist Church
January Saturday 10th 10am - St Andrews Methodist Church
January Saturday 24th 10am - Mill Street Methodist Church
January Saturday 31st 10am - Ledbury Methodist Church
April Saturday 18th 10am—Mill Street Methodist Church

Thank you.



#### **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.

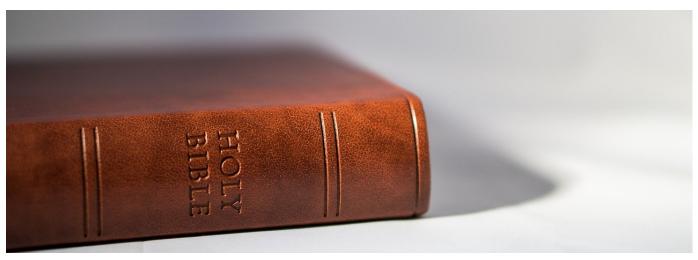
Shambles Group meet on 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30am
Orchard House Group meet on 3rd Monday in the month at 10:30am
Greenfields Group meet 3rd Tuesday in the month at 2pm.

**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.



### Might you feel called to help lead worship? Are you a Worship Leader in need of refreshment?

We will be holding a **Worship Leaders' Introduction and Refresher course** at <u>Cartway</u> on <u>Friday afternoons</u> in the autumn, <u>2-3:30pm</u>. These sessions will use *some* of the WL training resources but we will *not be covering the whole course*.

\* No previous experience or materials needed... just a willingness to think, be open and engage.

- <u>5<sup>th</sup> September</u> Delving into the Bible: What is it? Who wrote it and when? How do we interpret it? How do we best read the Bible aloud in worship? How far do we trust the authority of the Bible?
- <u>19<sup>th</sup> September</u> Exegesis: How do we dive deeper into a Bible passage? What questions do we ask and why is this important?
- <u>3<sup>rd</sup> October</u> God talk: names, metaphors and language for God. A multisensory approach and meeting God in our actions.
- <u>17<sup>th</sup> October</u> Trinitarian God and the creeds: What are the creeds and how can we express the nature of God meaningfully in our worship?
- <u>31<sup>st</sup> October</u> Church: What is church and what is our calling? What does it mean to be Methodist and part of a wider Connexion?
- <u>14<sup>th</sup> November</u> Worship: How has worship developed over time? Different expressions and patterns of worship. Inclusivity.
- **28<sup>th</sup> November Resources**: Getting the most out of our hymn book and the lectionary, ways to present scripture, how music and art might enhance worship, writing prayers and alternatives to a sermon.







For more information, to chat about whether this if for you or to let me know you are coming, contact Jo Kudlacik Tel: 07840 596074 Email: <a href="mailto:jokudlacik@gmail.com">jokudlacik@gmail.com</a>
\*If you would like to commit to full Worship Leader training, please contact Rev Adrian, who will be running the full course.







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## 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

#### 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.

<u>Calling all knitters: blankets wanted for patients with dementia – SaTH</u>

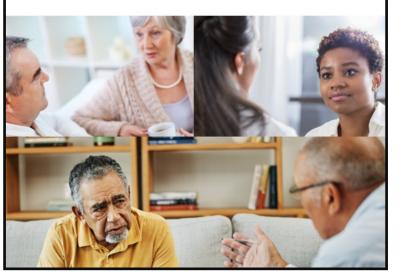


#### Bereavement Cafe

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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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** 

