



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

15th January 2026

Safeguarding Training – Now Available Online

The Safeguarding Foundation Course is now available online via [MCBX](#), making it easier than ever for church members to complete their safeguarding training.

This flexible option is ideal for those who find it difficult to attend face-to-face sessions, as the course can be completed at your own pace. MCBX (mcb.theologyx.com) is the Methodist Church's online learning platform, providing access to safeguarding training, supporting materials, and a downloadable certificate on completion.

This online course complements, rather than replaces, face-to-face and participatory training, which continue to be an important part of safeguarding learning.

If you need to complete the Safeguarding Foundation Course, please speak to your Church Safeguarding Officer for further guidance.



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Circuit 3/18 | Registered Charity 1134372

Please note that I work part-time—my regular working hours are Tuesday to Thursday during office hours. This email and any attachments are confidential. If you are not the intended recipient, please inform me and delete the message.

Pray with us today.

Come, Holy Spirit. Come near to us and bless our prayer. Refresh, renew and fill us that we might receive our calling anew. Teach us patience that we might reflect your patient love as we seek to sing a new song so that in all things we might give glory to God, through Christ and in the power of the Spirit. Encourage us and fill us with hope for the future that with warmed hearts, fresh harmonies and renewed hands and voices we might pour ourselves out in love for others as you have poured out your love for us in Christ. Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, come.

Richard Andrew, Chair,
Darlington District
Find more ways to pray at
methodist.org.uk/prayer.



**God of Peace,
We hold the people of Iran
in this time of deep distress.
Where there is fear -
grant Your peace.
Where there is violence -
bring Your protection.
Where hearts are hurting -
pour out Your comfort...**

Responding to homelessness

Folkestone Methodist Church and the Folkestone Rainbow Centre have announced a transformational £5 million partnership project that will demolish the existing Methodist Church on Sandgate Road and construct a purpose-built facility integrating year-round homeless services, community programmes and worship space. The new building will provide a permanent home for the Rainbow Centre's expanding work while maintaining the Methodist congregation's spiritual and community mission. To find out more please click on the link below:

[Responding to homelessness - The Methodist Church](#)





West Midland District Pilgrimage

Easter Week 5th -10th April 2026

Five days walking in the beautiful Golden Valley
staying in Methodist and Anglican churches.

Suggested donation to kitty: £140pp

For further information and to book email
Roger Dunlop: roger@telfordmeth.org.uk

People linked to the West Midlands District are invited to join a “pilgrim community” of up to 12 people this Easter week on a route in the beautiful Golden Valley in Herefordshire, gathering in Hereford on the evening of Easter Sunday and finishing in Hereford the following Friday. Hereford is accessible by train. During this six-day experience, we will walk, pray and eat together and share sleeping space in a number of Methodist and Anglican Churches. Luggage (including your airbed / camp-bed and bedding) will be transferred each day. Mileage will be around 7 to 11 miles, taken at a gentle pace on rural routes that may include stiles.

We share cooking within the group.

This is now a “tried and tested” formula which has been greatly appreciated by previous pilgrims. Being willing to be part of a short-term community is far more important than being super-fit, providing you can manage a modest amount of walking over a number of consecutive days, followed by nights on a church floor! The pilgrimage will be led by a small team of previous pilgrims.

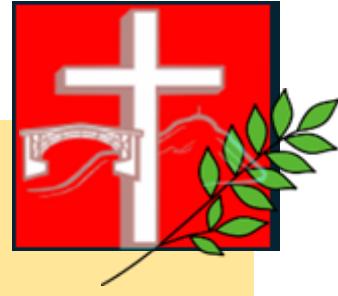
If means allow, we suggest a contribution of £140 to the kitty to cover food, accommodation and luggage transfer. Unfortunately, the living arrangements mean we cannot include children and young people, though they will be welcome to join us as accompanied day walkers (details later).

Numbers are strictly limited so if you are interested in joining the group this year, please don't delay - contact Roger Dunlop: roger@telfordmeth.org.uk

Eco News from the Telford Circuit

*Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant,
then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.
Although the whole earth is mine.*

Exodus 19:5



Covenants and Resolutions for 2026 – Part II

As we walk together into 2026 and renew our covenants with God, let us remember that we witness to His love, and to our love for Him, not just through our words but also through the way we live our lives.

Last week we asked what resolution we might make as a church family as a sign of our commitment to living God's way. Here are some more suggestions:

5) Look after church land so as to encourage and to foster its use by church members and the local community.

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Land-How-to-Look-After-Your-Land-in-Wildlife-Friendly-Ways.pdf>

6) Choose the most ethical banks for your day-to-day banking and savings with due consideration of the environmental implications.

<https://makemymoneymatter.co.uk/> <https://www.tinyecohomelife.com/most-ethical-savings-accounts>

7) Communicate with other churches in the local community (e.g. through Churches Together groups) to share information and activities relating to climate change and the environment.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/>

8) Work with others in the community who are involved in climate action and environmental initiatives e.g. councils, schools, low carbon and transition town groups, plastic-free and tree planting initiatives.

<https://transitionnetwork.org/>

9) Support international environmental and climate justice programmes e.g. Christian Aid, Tear Fund and Toilet Twinning.

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

<https://www.tearfund.org/>

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Remember to share the good news of what you are doing at our next Circuit Meeting or via this newsletter so that we can all celebrate with you!

All you keen or would be bakers please

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

On Wednesday 28th January

between 1-3pm

On Saturday 31st January between

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



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

Please come along and give it a go.

Oakengates United Church

Coffee Morning



Saturday 31st January

10.00am - 12noon

**Bacon Butties, Toast,
Tea & Coffee**



We use Fairtrade Products



Thursday
5th February



3:30pm - 5:30pm

St Andrew's Church

Come and join in all the messy fun of singing, worship, craft, and a delicious shared tea. Our theme will be "Dare to be Different" with the **story of Daniel and the Lions.**

We ask that children are accompanied at all times by their parent or carer.



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



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S LEADERS PRAYER GATHERING

Thursday 12th February 2026

6:00pm-8:00pm

TELFORD MINSTER, MEETING POINT HOUSE

Use the QR code
to book in!



Join together for a powerful night of prayer and worship, as leaders unite to seek God's guidance and wisdom.

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the Youth & Children's Leaders Prayer Gathering! Join us at Telford Minster for a powerful evening of **prayer, worship, and fellowship**. We'll be sharing a meal together from **6pm**, so come hungry and enjoy some food before we begin.

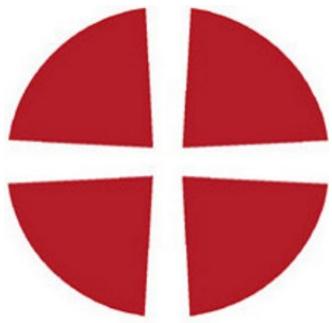
This event is designed for **leaders** who are passionate about making a difference in their communities. It's a chance to connect with like-minded people, seek **God's guidance and wisdom**, and unite in prayer for **young people, schools, and churches** across the region.

Tickets are free, but we'd love to know you're coming so we can plan well for food.

Don't miss this opportunity to be **encouraged, inspired, and equipped**. **See you there!**

From

Nicole Walkley & Pam Spellen, on behalf of Telford Minster & John Prockter, on behalf of Catalyst Youth Trust



Broseley Bible Study

(Friday afternoon group)

Read, ponder, share and grow together at
Broseley Methodist Church.

In 2026 we will base our conversations on
the **Methodist Way of Life**.

How can the Bible inspire and encourage us
in our discipleship?

All are welcome, no previous knowledge or
experience needed!

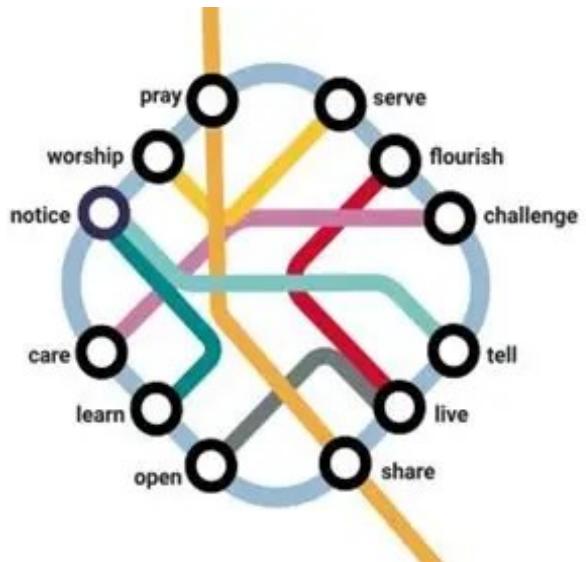
Meeting at 2.30-4pm on

16th January - Notice

13th February - Learn

13th March - Serve

17th April - Tell



For more information contact Jo on
jokudlacik@gmail.com or 07840 596074

Table Top Sale

**Friday January 16th 2026
at Dawley Christian Centre
9:00am - 12:00 noon
Call 01952 505108
to book a table**

£5 per table *Grab a bargain!*





HeartSpace

worship for today

HeartSpace on Sundays

10:30am

Trinity Centre

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 18th January

Sunday 15th February

Sunday 15th March



Contact:
heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk



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



**A Prayer Meeting is held at
Horsehay Methodist Church on the
first Thursday of each month**

**For the Autumn/Winter months, the
meetings will start at the earlier
time of 2.30pm**



Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday December 4th

Thursday January 8th

Thursday February 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: 07955 699627



IONA WORSHIP

to mark the end of

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

using words and music from the Iona Community and others

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 25th January 2026

5pm

ALL WELCOME

www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk

www.iona.org.uk

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

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

God bless you all and see you soon!



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.

Circuit Online Bible Study

The new link for the Bible study on Mondays at 1:30pm will be (the same as Faith Space):

<https://zoom.us/j/95651019665?pwd=bGgyVEdvQ0cvNDRpWm5HTVB0UDRmdz09>

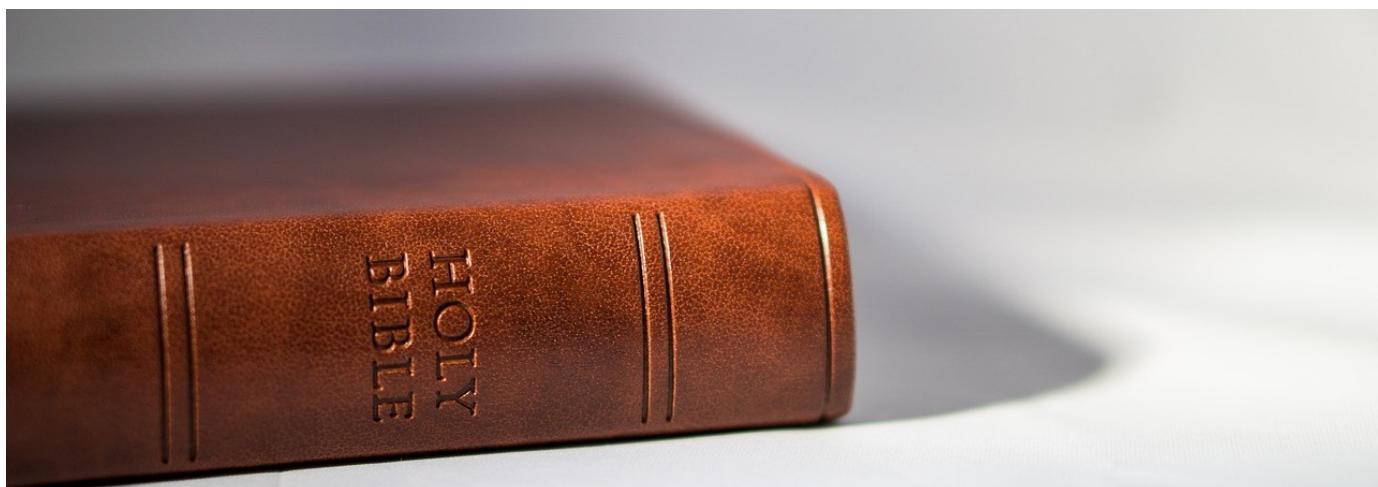
Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

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 (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.



Opportunity to Serve the Telford Circuit as a Circuit Steward

We are inviting expressions of interest from members of the churches in the Circuit to serve as a Circuit Steward from 1 September 2026. Jo Kudlacik reaches the end of her term of office at that time and has indicated her desire to retire from the work.

Please read the which Job Description for a Circuit Steward which you will find in the following page. Recognise that in being appointed you would become part of a team. You would be working alongside others who are experienced Circuit Stewards and so you do not need to come with vast expertise or great experience for the role. You will be joining a supportive and encouraging team who will enable you to find your way into the role.

A Circuit Steward serves for a maximum of six years.

To express an interest in offering to serve the Circuit in this way, or wish to talk about the opportunity, please contact me through the methods indicated at the foot of this message.

Please pray about this and listen out for the call of God inviting you to serve in this way. Sometime God calls us through an email in our inbox!

With best wishes and kindest regards,



The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon

Superintendent Minister

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I choose to work flexibly and send emails outside normal working hours. Please do not feel under any obligation to respond outside your normal working hours.

Job Description for a Circuit Steward



The circuit stewards are responsible, with the Superintendent and presbyters, deacons and probationers appointed to the Circuit, for the spiritual and material well-being of the Circuit, and for upholding and acting upon the decisions of the Circuit Meeting

What does a Circuit Steward do?

Circuit Stewards work as a team and share collective responsibility for leadership. This means that they should exercise a general pastoral care for the ministers (presbyters and deacons) and their families. They should meet with as a Circuit Leadership Team and keep themselves informed of the activities of each local church. Circuit Stewards will be appointed to attend church councils' meetings of allocated churches in the circuit. They will be members of the Circuit Meeting and shall take a lead in the occasional process of invitation of ministers (presbyters and deacons)

A Circuit Steward will be helped to become aware of District and Connexional policies affecting the circuit and its churches. This will enable them to play their part in developing a vision and plans for mission within the circuit, ensuring appropriate consultation.

What kind of person becomes a Circuit Steward?

A Circuit Steward is a member of a local church who senses a calling and has a commitment to serve the wider Circuit. They will be willing to be supportive and affirming of others. A Circuit Steward will need to have personal credibility, be confident, committed, and willing to work in a voluntary capacity. They will be willing to work in a team and bring a contribution to the collective work. A Circuit Steward needs to be confident in engaging with the needs of the Circuit, being an agent of change where necessary. They do not need to have all the answers, or to be an expert, but they do need to be willing to learn and develop and to have a sense of when and where to ask for further help.

What Support will I be given in becoming a Circuit Steward?

The Methodist Church is committed to supporting all those who give their time in important roles within our churches and circuits. The Connexional Learning Team offers initial training and continuous support for those who serve as Circuit Stewards. A Circuit Stewards' Handbook has been produced which outlines the various tasks and skills required in the role.

You can read more about being a Circuit Steward on the Methodist Church Website at

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/equipping-circuits/offices-and-roles/circuit-stewards/>

How do I indicate my interest in becoming a Circuit Steward?

We are thrilled that you are asking that question and invite you to make contact with the Superintendent Minister at adrian.burdon@btinternet.com or on 07485 035673. There is a requirement for us to follow our Connexional safer recruitment policies and so we shall need some information from you and you will need to have an up-to-date DBS disclosure. Once you have expressed your interest, your name will be taken to the Circuit Meeting for appointment. We are looking for a Circuit Steward to join the Circuit Leadership Team, from 1 September 2026. If appointed ahead of that time, the chosen person can have a transition period, running alongside the outgoing Circuit Steward.

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**

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!**



The Church of
England
is Dementia
Friendly
Church

Dementia Friendly Church

Bringing us 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 if you want to have a
conversation about memory difficulties or
dementia, contact Sarah Thorpe on 07982 248949 or
sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com



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!

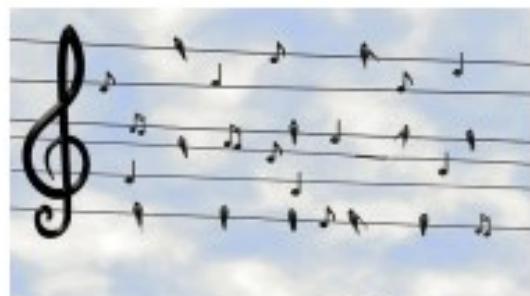
Meet with friends, old and new.



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.

Training Day: Effective in Christ

A day of training to explore how greater revelation of our true identity in Christ unlocks our hearts to flow effectively in the ministry of Jesus.

Teaching and workshop open to all who want to be more effective in seeing the power of God at work through their lives.

Delivered by **Telford Evangelism Hub.**
Saturday 31st January, Admaston House Community Centre TF5 0BN, 10-3:30.

Free of charge. Drinks provided, bring your lunch.

More info contact Helen
telfordehub@gmail.com

Please get in touch if you have something to share.

Email:

circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108



A 4 week series aimed at exploring Local Arrangements, creative worship and intergenerational worship.

Working out Worship is a series to help anyone who is looking to resource worship in their Local Church. For lay people, or ordained. For youth workers, Sunday school leaders, worship leaders, stewards, local preachers, ministers or those who are interested in starting to get involved in leading worship. Registration for one session is only for one session, please register for multiple sessions if you wish to attend more than one.

Working out Worship Spring 2026
- Session 1

Date: 2nd March • 19:00

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-out-worship-spring-2026-session-1-tickets-1976734883248?aff=eivtefrnd&utm_source=listing_android&sg=dbf960d64fc839500ff0714e16d5e40c7d1f68ade8accf2bffd41c858acba3dbf519cf8b90e516546153b9975ec5630824093dd83e88b6d2017a1b880ec388937822fa814a4eac4596a7c49b

From 1st August 2025 Stephanie Bradley who looks after Advanced Training Course for the West Midlands District has a new email address: Bradleys@methodist.org.uk
Stephanie's phone number: 07817808557

Dear Friends,

Please see latest link for advanced courses -

We have courses on -

- 24/1/26 - Cannock Chase Circuit
- 31/1/26 Hereford Circuit
- 7/2/26 - Birmingham West & Oldbury Circuit
- 7/2/26 The Black Country Circuit
- 21/2/26 Birmingham Circuit
- 18/4/26 Cannock Chase Circuit
- 9/5/26 Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit
- 25/7/26 Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823?
msocid=39ddb784e41769a00dcea183e5f8680a](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823?msocid=39ddb784e41769a00dcea183e5f8680a)

Thank you.

Steph



Every person is made in God's image and is of equal value

Everyone is welcome

The Methodist Church is committed to *Justice, Dignity and Solidarity*. We believe that all people are uniquely made in the image of God, and we aim to live this out in the Church and in our communities. This forms our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) work.

[Find out more about the Inclusive Methodist Church](#)

Please click on the following link: [Discrimination - The Methodist Church](#)

Hi all

Please see link for online advanced if you have anyone who prefers online ~

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nd-methodist-district-safeguarding-training-4444573?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Dates available:

Wednesday April 29th 10am & 7pm

Any questions please ask.

Thanks

Steph

Stephanie Bradley

Regional Officer for Safeguarding - North West (West Midlands) |
The Connexional Team
Phone: 020 7467 5296

 The Methodist Church

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

Spiritual Abuse Awareness training dates 2026



We are pleased to announce 4 new dates for the Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training in 2026:

29 January

4 June

24 September and

19 November

All the sessions are on Thursdays, from 10.30 – 15.30

To book, please use the Eventbrite link: [Book on Eventbrite for Spiritual Abuse Awareness training](https://methodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk)

See the [Spiritual Abuse - The Methodist Church](#) webpage for further details.

Download a poster [Spiritual Abuse Awareness training poster](#)

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** 