



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

29th January 2026

Holocaust Memorial Day January 27th

6 million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. The Nazis gave them numbers, but each person had a name.

Emanuel Benisch and Olga Benischova were two of those murdered. They were my grandparents. We were brought up knowing nothing about them. We always wondered why our mother had been allowed to marry our father when she was only 17 and they had no common language. We learnt decades later that it had been a way of getting her out of Prague on a British passport. Dad was a journalist covering the rise of Hitler. As children we weren't allowed to know we were Jewish, but we knew we weren't allowed to go to Church Parade with Cubs or Brownies. We knew our grandparents had died of starvation, but our questions about why were always brushed aside.

When our mother died, we did a bit of investigating and discovered that we could have memorials in Prague for our grandparents called Stolpersteine (Stumblestones), two cobbles with their names, year of birth and year and place of deportation and murder inscribed and set into the pavement outside their house. A house nearby had 8 stones outside, all the same family, including children.

We learnt that it is our generation, Holocaust descendants, that is making sure that grandparents are not forgotten and that the horrors of the Holocaust are neither forgotten nor repeated. The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is Bridging Generations. The generation in between often cannot articulate what they know.



Rev Fiona Brown

Dear Friends,

The Telford Circuit Justice and Inclusion Growth Team will meet **Wednesday 11th Feb, 7:30 - 8:30pm on zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/97494851565>

Meeting ID: 974 9485 1565

We meet three times a year for one hour. If you would like to see the agenda and the minutes of the last meeting, please let Sharon know. Please let me know if you have requests for our discussions and think about who might represent your church at this gathering.

Feel free to pass on the details!

I look forward to seeing you and imagining a more, just church and world with you!

Jo (Kudlacik)

A PRAYER FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 is 'bridging generations'. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust describes the theme in this way: 'Bridging Generations' highlights the crucial role of the next generation in preserving the memory of the Holocaust and carrying it forward. It highlights the power of intergenerational dialogue – of listening to those who came before us and of sharing those stories with those who come after. In doing so, we don't just preserve memory – we connect it to the present.

Bridging Generations: A Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day 2026

Eternal God, we come before You to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of all genocides.

As we remember and lament all those whose lives have been lost, help us to work for a better future today.

We pray for a day when all shall be free to live in peace, unity and love.

Amen.



Cosy Cafe



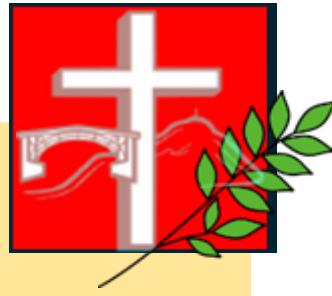
Free Tea/coffee & Cakes Every Monday

10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

We are an all age friendship group, meeting for chat, quizzes or join in with group games that are available. Refreshments are provided. It is a registered warm space and we welcome all who enjoy meeting others in a relaxed group of people.

Admaston Methodist Church, Bratton Road, Admaston. TF5 0AH

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8

Did you know...

Aviation is responsible for around 3.5% of global carbon emissions (and less than 20% of the world's population has ever been on a plane)

Only 10% flights from the UK are business flights. The vast majority (63%) are for holidays and 25% to see friends and family.

Cutting one flight would save more CO2 than becoming vegan for a year.

Carbon offset schemes are not always effective, and they are unlikely to absorb all of the carbon from your flight – especially as there's no guarantee that the trees we plant today will still be here in 30 years' time.

Could you pledge to go ‘flight free’ for a year? (Or longer!)

At a time of dark, cold days and bad weather, many of us are thinking ahead to sunnier places to go on holiday... but could you pledge to do this without flying?

To sign a pledge online or simply to get tips on flight free travel and holiday destinations, visit [Flight Free UK](#) This is absolutely not about guilt-tripping you into not flying! Instead the website inspires and equips us with all the information and motivation we need to simply want to stay grounded.

Just one thing... (it's not too late).

If you haven't yet found half an hour to watch the video of the National Emergency Briefing, it is not too late and definitely worth the time and effort to inform yourself and pass it on. You can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sa7uh192r0>

An invitation to join us

The Telford Circuit Inclusion and Justice Growth Team will meet at 7:30, Wednesday 11th February on zoom. Please join us, we would love to see someone from every church! A link will be published next week.

Pray with us today.

Dear Lord, we come to you in prayer, seeking your guidance to help us to continue to make our churches places of welcome and acceptance. We know so many people of all ages are lonely and long to belong. We want to build church families of all ages, who worship together with joy. We need always to put prayer at the heart of all our planning and action.

Help us to sing a new song that tells of your love, by always listening and learning to become receptive to new ideas that translate into loving action in our neighbourhoods. Amen.

Eileen Simmons, Anna Chaplain and local preacher, Leigh on Sea

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



Dear friends,

As someone who has either previously attended a meeting of this group or as a steward of a church who has not yet been represented, I wanted to send you advance notice of a couple of dates that might be of interest to you or to others in your church... **please do pass them on to anyone who might be interested.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this and God bless you and your churches,
Jo (Kudlacik)

Wednesday 11th Feb, 7:30 - 8:30pm on zoom: Justice Growth Team

The Telford Circuit Justice Growth Team meet three times a year and our next meeting will be online for one hour (we are good at sticking to this time limit!). I will send out a link and an agenda nearer the time, but do let me know if you have requests for our discussion and think about who might represent your church at this gathering.

Various days and dates 7-9pm online: Equipping for Equality

The Methodist Learning Network is running a whole series of individual webinars designed to open conversations around equality in our churches, including neurodiversity, masculinity, intercultural church and many more! Browse, choose and sign up here: Equipping for Equality by Methodist Learning Network | Eventbrite



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



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





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**

Table Top



at

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

**On Friday 20th February 2026
9.00am - 12 noon**

Come along and pick up a bargain.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

11am at Wombridge Church,
Wombridge Road, TF2 6HT.

Refreshments to follow



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242



*You can help
families and
individuals in need
by donating the
following food:*

Baked beans

Hot dogs

Biscuits

Cereal & porridge

Sugar

Tinned fish

Instant coffee

Tinned fruit

Tea bags

Tinned spaghetti

Jam

Tinned vegetables

Pasta sauces

Tinned tomatoes

Pasta

Tinned potatoes

Rice

Custard

Curry sauces

UHT whole milk

Thank you for making a difference.

Dawley Food Bank, Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley,

Telford TF4 2EX Tel: 01952 505108

Email: sharon@dawleychristiancentre@gmail.co.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>

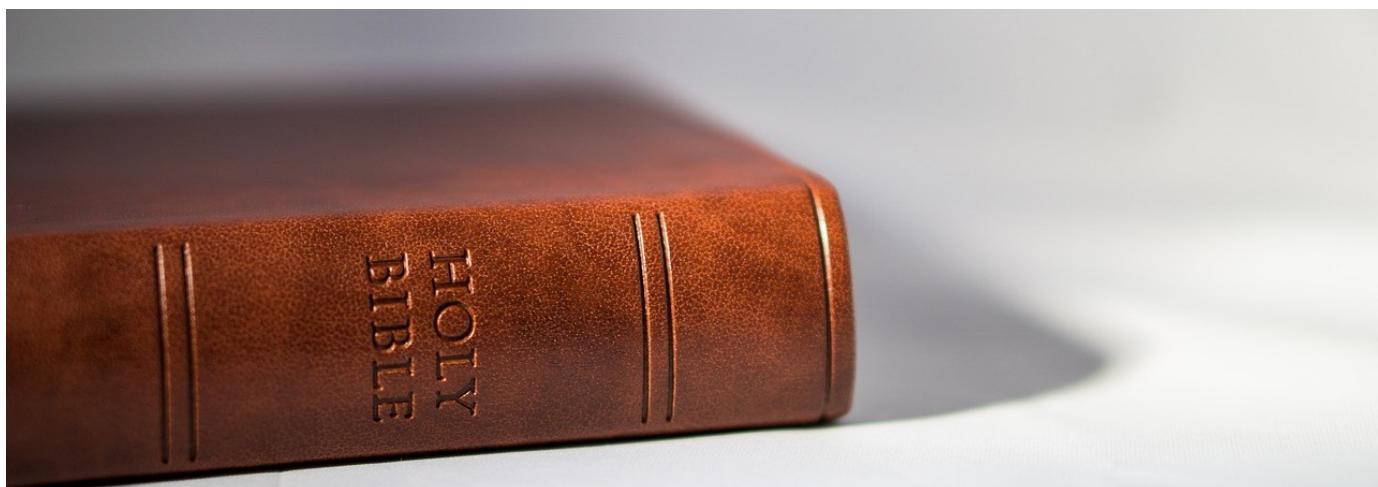
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Dawley - Bible study group meets for two 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One during Lent the other during Advent.

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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adrian.burdon@btinternet.com | www.telfordmeth.org.uk

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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.

SUWMA EASTER CLOTHING/DRY FOOD COLLECTION

The newly inaugurated Sussanah Wesley Mission Auxiliary (SUWMA) within the Dunwell Church Ketley congregation of the Telford Circuit of Methodist Church Britain made a generous donation to the Neonatal Ward of the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford in October 2025.

For the groups Easter project, SUWMA at Dunwell Ketley, will be collecting items of used clothing, footwear and food items for a mental health institution in Ghana (Pantang Psychiatric Hospital). If you can help, please drop your donation at Dunwell or leave them at Dawley Christian Centre. (Items would need to be passed on to Sharon in the Circuit Office). If you are happy for us to collect, we can make further arrangement (Groups secretary: Sis Dorcas Doku on 07490640687 or 07988005348 Sis Effie Appiah). When items are left at Dawley with Sharon, kindly indicate it is for the SUWMA Easter project. Matthew 25:40 is our purpose. Many thanks





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.



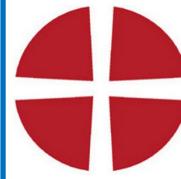
Don't sit at home feeling cold and hungry.

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



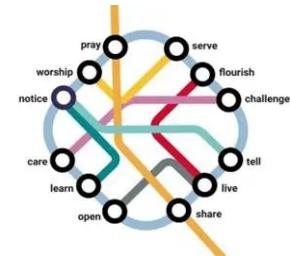
Broseley Bible Study (Friday afternoon group)

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
13th February - Learn
13th March - Serve
17th April - Tell

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



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

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!



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

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 Craft and Chat Group meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month from 10am-11:45am.

There is a small charge but this does include a drink

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



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 -

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

Thank you.

Steph



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.



Lauren Baxendale

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley, Telford, TF4 2EX
07904 814741
Safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk | www.telfordmeth.org.uk

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

June 30th 10am & 7pm

Any questions please ask.

Thanks

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**

