



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

26th February 2026

Raffle tickets for Dawley Food Bank

Dawley has been given an amazing Giant Easter egg from Magna Specialist Confectioners to be used as a raffle prize.

It's huge!

There will also be many Easter eggs bundles too. Each egg has been generously donated by Coffee Bar customers.

It's well worth giving it a go for a £1.

All the proceeds go to Dawley Food Bank.

Thank you so much for all your support both past and present!



Reason to Stay - Suicide Prevention website

Reasons to Stay is a suicide prevention project reaching people at difficult moments through anonymous letters written by volunteers.

Each letter on this site was written by a real person and delivered at random when someone visits the website. [Home](#) | [Reasons To Stay](#)

This space exists as a reminder that we are not alone, even when it feels that way. There is someone, somewhere who wrote a letter because they care.

If you'd like to, you can write your own letter to a stranger, offering warmth, hope and connection to someone when they need it most.

This project was designed in memory of Sam West, who took his own life in 2018.

If you're struggling right now, reaching out to a support service or someone you trust could really help

Created by Ben West

Press and media inquiries:

info@benwest.org.uk

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

Lawley Project 2026 - Next Meeting – 12th March 2026, Horsehay Chapel, 19:30

We have some exciting plans for the Lawley project for the coming year:

- May Half-Term – Scavenger Hunt and Well-dressing
- Summer Holidays – Pop-up Play and Chat
- Late Summer/Autumn – Chaplaincy Everywhere training
- December – Lantern Parade

There us a meeting on 12th March to continue planning this programme. The focus for this meeting will be the Scavenger Hunt and Well-dressing.

Please come along if you would like to be involved or just want to find out more.

John Parkin



Our church in Rodington is a Methodist/Church of England ecumenical partnership. Their weekly coffee morning, an excellent work of outreach to the village, has been designated a Place of Welcome. Congratulations to all those who work hard in Rodington.

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



"For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that." *1 Timothy 6:7-8*

Contentment isn't about denying ourselves joy – it's about finding joy in what we already have. When we pause the cycle of buying, we discover that enough truly is enough.

Lent Week 2

Contentment is a practice. Yet with the world of a catalogue at the click of a button, it's become too easy to shop for what we don't need. This week the challenge is to fast from excessive and unnecessary buying, and be satisfied with what we already have.

Did you know: overconsumption is costing the earth.

The fashion industry generates 8-10% of global carbon emissions – more than aviation and shipping combined. (*European Environment Agency, 2025*)

670,000 tonnes of furniture are discarded in the UK each year, yet making new furniture produces up to 1,000 times more CO₂ than refurbishing old pieces. (*WRAP, UK Furniture Waste Statistics, 2025; Coast Consignment, The Hidden Environmental Cost of Fast Furniture, 2025*)

The UK is the 2nd-largest producer of e-waste per capita in the world at 23.9kg per person, yet only 30% is recycled. (*UN Global E-Waste Monitor, 2024*)

Every new item we buy carries a carbon footprint from resource extraction, manufacturing, transportation, and eventual disposal. When we fast from excessive buying, we reduce carbon emissions.

This week's green lent challenges:

START SIMPLE: Spring clean your wardrobe - donate unwanted clothes and household items to charity shops.

GO DEEPER: Learn and carry out basic repairs – sew on a button, fix a hem, tighten furniture joints. Buy only second hand this week where possible.

BIG LEAP: Host or volunteer at a repair café in your community. (*Find a repair café here: <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/>*)

Our Lent reflections and challenges are taken from *Climate Stewards Carbon Fast*. For more detail click [here](#)

A justice seeking church



Our Circuit Team for Justice and Inclusion met in February to discuss:

- What a justice seeking church looks like (with examples from across our circuit)
- Part 2 of the Telford Circuit International Project (see poster in this newsletter and sent out to churches)
- Caring for God's creation as part of the Eco Church scheme.

For more information or to get involved, please speak to Jo, Sharon, Val, Mark or Effie

Some important dates in **March** as we seek the flourishing of our communities and wider world. Could you include these in your worship and/or prayers?

March

1 Zero Discrimination Day aims to end all forms of inequality and discrimination. For facts and ideas on marking the day click [here](#).

6 World Day of Prayer prepared this year by the women of Nigeria, resources for worship can be found [here](#).

22 World Water Day. This year's theme 'Where water flows, equality grows'. Facts and free downloadable materials can be found [here](#).

25 UN International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery. History, videos and facts can be found [here](#).

28 Earth Hour (8:30-9:30pm) Worldwide community action, switching off all electrical appliances for the sake of the planet. Information [here](#).

Did you know...

The Methodist Learning Network are hosting a range of free, interesting webinars entitled 'Equipping for Equality'. To find out more and book a place click [here](#).

The next meeting of the Circuit Team for Justice and Inclusion will be on **Wednesday 3rd June at Dawley at 7:30pm** All are very welcome!



Church growth and transformational leadership

Listen!

The first, crucial step in mission is to listen to God speaking in all kinds of ways. God speaks through our communities. God speaks through our church members. God speaks through circumstances, to individuals in silent prayer and to communities gathered to listen for God's voice. God speaks to and through all kinds of people. The Young Adult Think Tank is a creative, collaborative space where the voices of 18- to 30-year-olds matter. If you're interested, [apply here](#). If you're not in that age bracket but you'd like resources to help your church listen well, check out methodist.org.uk/grow



Discipleship: A Methodist Way of Life

Worship's beautiful mystery

Worship: something we do on a Sunday morning, or something that's expressed through our whole lives? It's both, isn't it? If you're looking for resources for your small group, a new Sunshine and Showers course has landed, exploring six paradoxes of worship's beautiful mystery. Download all the resources [here](#).



Laugh

In 2024, Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fell on the same day, so a church in Iowa offered chocolate-covered strawberries along with ashing. We love it! Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day will coincide again in 2029, so maybe get planning a creative mash-up for your church or new Christian community?



Slow Lent: Soup, Silence, and Space

This Lent, you are warmly invited to a simple Tuesday lunchtime gathering built around soup, scripture, poetry, music, and silence.

Rather than another Lent course to keep up with, Slow Lent offers a gentle pause in the middle of the day — a chance to slow down, breathe, and be attentive to God without pressure or expectation.

Each week follows the same unhurried rhythm:

- a shared soup lunch
- a short Bible reading, heard slowly
- a poem or brief reflection
- music and space for silence
- a small, optional take-home token to carry with you through the week

There will be no discussion groups, no preparation required, and no pressure to contribute. Silence is welcome. Tiredness is welcome. Simply being present is enough.

This gathering may be especially helpful for those who have journeyed through Lent many times before and are looking not for more words, but for space, stillness, and honesty.

Dates (Tuesdays in Lent) Starting from 1pm at Dawley Christian Centre.

- 24 February
- 3 March
- 10 March
- 17 March
- 24 March
- 31 March

You are welcome to come to all the sessions or simply drop in when you are able.

Come for lunch.

Come for company.

Come exactly as you are.

Lent

is a spiritual reboot.

A journey of pausing, breathing and
making **s p a c e** for God.



Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday March 5th

Thursday April 2nd

Thursday May 14th

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 688637



All you keen or would be bakers please

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

On Wednesday 25th February

between 1-3pm

On Saturday 28th February 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 28th February

10.00am - 12noon

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



We use Fairtrade Products

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

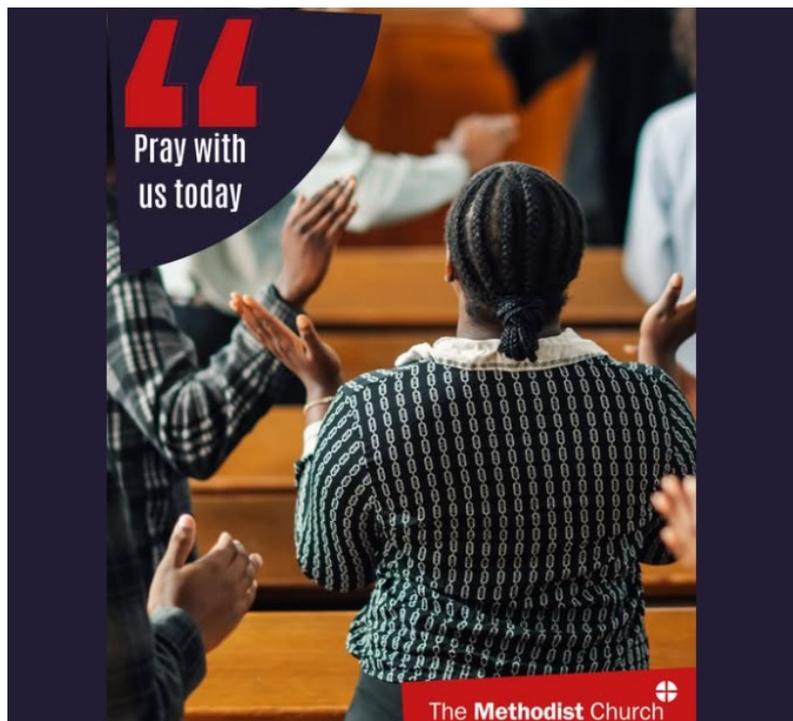
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Pray with us today.

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We thank you, loving God, that you have put us in a place where we can reach out and support all those who are active in bringing your word to your people. Let us be open to your Holy Spirit so that what we do brings blessings to others. May we hear the song you have placed in our hearts and be open to sharing it so that the beautiful music of your Resurrection will be heard throughout the land.

Jane Lloyd, Chair, Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust
Find more ways to pray at methodist.org.uk/prayer.



The Power of Prayer

Quiet Day

Saturday 18th April

9:30am - 2:30pm

Light lunch provided

Limited places

To Book please contact Evelyn and Jess on

07865 243183

Email revjessharper@gmail.com



The Obituary: The Revd David Howes 13 February 2026

'David had a deep love of learning, which he pursued throughout his life with determination and delight'

Professor Nigel Tubbs writes:

THE Revd David Howes will be remembered as a man who carried the love of God as a profound sense of shared humanity, embracing the difficulty of care and kindness to friend and stranger alike. This love found its expression in his life-affirming spirit, his generous humour, his gift for storytelling, and his inspiring preaching.

David was born in 1930 in London's East End. As a child, he was evacuated to south Wales when war seemed likely, only to be brought back to London at the start of the Blitz. This early experience shaped his view of war as well as his intellectual curiosity about the world. Wartime exigencies meant that his formal education was curtailed, and he was among the last children in England to leave school at 14 before the Butler Act.

David had a deep love of learning, which he pursued throughout his life with determination and delight. During his time in the Royal Air Force, he studied for, and passed, the Civil Service Entrance Examination and the RAF Education Certificate. He was posted to an intelligence section at Hendon Aerodrome, but later joked that he did little for the RAF except study.



He completed a degree in divinity through the archbishop's special ordination examination, and later gained an Open University degree, also. At theological college, he included New Testament Greek in his studies, and he was still learning Greek at the age of 92 before his eyesight failed him.

David was ordained in the C of E in 1962, having been brought up as a Methodist. Over the years, he held several parish appointments and gained a reputation for taking on difficult or neglected parishes. In 1980, he was responsible for building the first ecumenical church in Great Britain at Roundshaw, just outside Croydon. Built on the site of the former Croydon aerodrome, St Paul's supported all five main denominations and became known as the Propeller Church, because its cross was made from an aircraft propeller.

In 1982, David was invited by the Bishop of Southwark, Mervyn Stockwood, to take on the inner-city parish of St George the Martyr, near London Bridge. This was a particularly special period in his life for the bringing together of his faith and politics. It was here that he collaborated closely with Sister Nannette French to help her to establish the Manna Centre project for the homeless.

He took part in numerous marches against the increasing presence of the far Right in south London, worked tirelessly to get parishioners out of the still prevalent slum dwellings of Southwark, and continued to help to improve the lives of those experiencing poverty, racism, and powerlessness.

In the early 1980s, he became involved in cultural life beyond the Church, when the actor Sam Wanamaker contacted him regarding his project to rebuild Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. David worked with Wanamaker, the MP Simon Hughes, and the Provost of Southwark, David Edwards, to support and represent the benefits of the project to the local community. He took immense pride and pleasure in being the priest to dedicate the site in 1984 alongside the actor Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

After many years in the inner city, David took up his last parish position in 1990 at All Saints', Risley, in Derby, where he was also diocesan industrial adviser. David was regarded as both a gifted preacher and a gifted singer, helping to carry congregations through services with his loudly resonating bass line.

In his London parish, a non-churchgoing area, the congregation increased from 15 to more than 100. With his wife, Valerie, who was also ordained, he founded a Gilbert and Sullivan Society in what many thought the most unlikely of places; the venture proved to be a roaring success. He also founded the Clyst Valley Choral Society in his early ministry, which eventually became the largest choral society in Devon. Music, culture, and faith were never separate strands in his life.

Alongside parish ministry, David had a notable presence in broadcasting. He made two full-length films about his life in the Church, one for BBC 2 and one for independent television, and took part in some 300 live television broadcasts for the *Epilogue* programmes that once closed the day's television schedule. He also broadcast regularly on local radio in Derby in the 1990s.

At home, humour and enjoyment of life were taken seriously. David was known for his remarkable memory, his ability to tell a great story, his generous sense of humour, and his belief in laughter as a healer in difficult times. He was also a man of letters with beautiful handwriting. Friends and family have countless treasured epistles.

His faith remained undiminished throughout his life, even through profound personal loss, including the death of his eldest son, Julian. In later years, after Valerie's death, David continued to live fully, finding pleasure in gardening, painting, music, and writing, and in the life of the Methodist church in Bridgnorth, where he loved both preaching and friendship.

David never tired in his praise of the NHS and its care for him in his last years, when he was supported by the devoted love and attention of his eldest daughter, Sarah. Above all, David was immensely proud of his six children and his 13 grandchildren. He enjoyed a glass of wine or two and liked to attribute his long life to that simple pleasure.

David's sense of what was owed to others in their humanity defined and determined his faith and gentle activism. He was remarkable in being able to embody for others something of where God happens undramatically but in the astonishing and extraordinary nature of the ordinary.

The Revd David Howes died on 18 January, aged 95.

This a copy of what was published in the church times.

**PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE COMING
TO KIDDERMINSTER SOON!**

At the LPWL District forum this week they said the
**President of Conference is coming to Trinity
Kidderminster on Sat 9th May.**

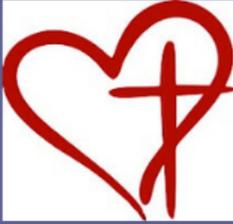
There will be a 'worship' themed day put on, with the president as Key Note speaker and then lots of workshops, relevant to anyone who contributes to worship (Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, preparing and leading Local Arrangements, musician etc. Expecting more details to come from District soon!

**Sunday 26th July '26
at 4pm**

**At Wellington
Methodist Church**

Farewell service for Rev Roger Dunlop





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

sale

**Friday March 20th 2026
at Dawley Christian Centre
9:00am - 12:00 noon**



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

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.

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.



Notification of Research Project involving the Telford Methodist Circuit

Dear Friends,

Most of you will know me as a Local Preacher and Local Lay Pastor. Some of you will be aware I have been undertaking some study at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. The last component of my current programme of study is a research paper. With the agreement of the Circuit Superintendent, I have decided to put our Circuit at the core of my research. The purpose of this letter is to:

- alert you to the area of Circuit life that I will be exploring,
- set out how I will be doing my research,
- explain how you can get more directly engaged in the research,
- advise you what will happen with the research.

What I am researching

My research considers the phenomenon of Ghanaian Methodists in the Telford Circuit. Building unity is at the heart of my research. The writer of Ephesians encouraged groups from diverse backgrounds to be "built together in the spirit into a dwelling place for God." (Ephesians 2v22) I hope my research will help us to work together to develop a unifying response to our new context. In the Telford Methodist Circuit, the proportion of the community who have a Ghanaian heritage has increased rapidly over a short period of time. I hope this has the potential to be a sign of unity across ethnic identities. In this research I want to explore the robustness of that unity and start a conversation about how we might strengthen it further.

How I will be doing my research

I have been part of the community of the Telford Circuit for over twenty years and so I am what is called an "embedded researcher", and this leads to my choice of method. The data I will use for my research will be my daily journal. Between 1st March and 31st May 2026, I will maintain a dedicated section of my journal, paying special attention to observations, conversations, and behaviours which relate specifically to the phenomenon of Ghanaian Methodists in Telford. I will be particularly alert to points of divergence where I sense differences in "unspoken rules, habits and styles." I will also be interested to note aspects of the community life where there seems to be greater convergence between Ghanaian and non-Ghanaian members.

The only data that will be collected during this research are the notes in my journal and this will be available only to me, my markers and my supervisor. No observations will be attributed unless someone specifically requests it.

How you can be more directly involved (if you want to be)

I think my observations will be richer if they informed by informal conversations with you as members of the Circuit community and I would like to hear many voices from across the Circuit. To avoid any risk of people being involved without their consent these conversations must be initiated by you. I am very interested in your experiences and perspectives, but this must be on a voluntary basis. I am happy to talk to both individuals and groups and am equally interested in talking to people with and without Ghanaian heritage.

The conversations will not be recorded or documented but will inform my journal entries for the days on which they occur. To avoid the risk that you think I am speaking on your behalf, I will be explicitly locating my findings as coming from my point of view as a white, middle-class male who kind of “knows the ropes” in UK Methodism.

For these conversations to be considered as part of my research they must take place between 1st March and 31st May 2026. If you or your group would like to participate then please contact me at john@telfordmeth.org.uk. If you are organising a group session, then it is mandatory that members of the group must have seen this letter in advance and must be given the opportunity to exclude themselves. This applies to everyone but is especially true of young people.

After the research period I will be undertaking reflection and analysis and placing my journal findings in conversation with some wider reading. The final part of my paper will be to suggest what my findings might mean for pastoral practice.

I have committed to the Superintendent that I will provide a summarised version of my findings, analysis and recommendations to them. My hope is that this summary will be a useful conversation starter that will help us move into a process of co-creating a unified future together.

The Superintendent and I are aware that any conversations about defining characteristics have the potential to surface strong and difficult feelings. If this applies to you then the pastoral team in the Circuit will be available to provide support and care.

I look forward to hearing from and learning from you.

Love in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Parkin', is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

John Parkin
Local Lay Pastor, Telford Methodist Circuit

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,



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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 Stewards 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 Tea, from 1 September 2026. If appointed ahead of that time, the chosen person can have a transition period, running alongside the outgoing Circuit Steward.

Spiritual Abuse Awareness training dates 2026



Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training

Developed by the Methodist Church Safeguarding Team, Learning Network and Survivors Group in conjunction with Dr Lisa Oakley, Chester University & Thirtyone.eight

Course overview:

- What is spiritual abuse?
- What is the impact of the experience
- How to build healthy cultures

10.30 – 15.30

29th January 2026

4th June 2026

24th September 2026

19th November 2026

on Zoom

To book your place, please follow this link:
<https://imethodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information please contact Christine Kennedy (ckennedy@methodistchurch.org.uk)
Bridget Down (bridget@methodistchurch.org.uk) or David Knight (david@methodistchurch.org.uk)

The **Methodist Church**

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](#)

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

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

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



Telford Methodist Circuit International Project 2026



together with

Ajumako Osedzi Methodist Primary School, Ghana



Our aims:

- 1) the provision of an outside canteen
- 2) the renovation and repainting of the classrooms & offices



Can you help us raise £6500 by the end of 2026?

Can you provide a plain cotton T Shirt (both for men and woman) to someone in a mental health institution (Pantang Psychiatric Hospital) in Ghana?

The newly inaugurated Sussanah Wesley Mission Auxiliary (SUWMA) within the congregation of Dunwell Methodist Church, Ketley are making their Easter project to provide clothes to the people who are living in Pantang Psychiatric Hospital. They would very much welcome your support. Very often, when families take their loved ones to the institution, they are just left there. They don't get any visitors and there's little hope of them ever leaving. Their families don't provide for them, so it's left to a few people to look after them. And they are struggling.

People taken to the institution include those who have had a breakdown, life in Ghana can be very hard and people struggle to cope.

We can help make their lives more comfortable and respect their dignity by providing clothes. It's very hot in Ghana so cotton T shirts are ideal.

If you can help please pass your T shirts on to a Church Steward and we will arrange a way to collect them. Thank you.

Best sizes to buy/donate would be size 14 and above for woman.

Large for men.

Bright beautiful coloured T shirts would certainly brighten their day!

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Feel free to add a note too which could be read to our friends in Ghana.

It's a wonderful way to show love to a stranger.





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.



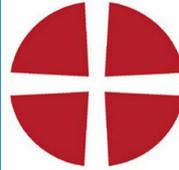
Open Door

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.



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

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



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 248049 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

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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



District Pilgrimage 2026

The West Midlands District have organised a six-day Pilgrimage in Hereford over Easter Week, 5-10 April 2026.

Are you part of the West Midlands Methodist District? Would you like to pause, connect and deepen your faith journey?

Join us from 5-10 April 2026 for a gentle and reflective pilgrimage. You will connect with a “pilgrim community” of up to 12 people, gathering in Hereford (accessible by train) 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 will 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 to book your space: roger@telfordmeth.org.uk



Safeguarding – Dates for Your Diaries!

Calling all those in the Circuit who require Safeguarding training, whether it's a refresher or your first time attending the course (it's the same course for both). There are three upcoming courses in the next few months, so book your place early by emailing me, Lauren Baxendale, Circuit Safeguarding Officer, at safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk.

Upcoming Courses:

Safeguarding Foundation Module

Thursday 26th March at Admaston Methodist Church (10:15 registration for a 10:30 am start, finishing at 1:00 pm)

Safeguarding Advanced Module (facilitated by Stephanie Bradley, our Regional Officer for Safeguarding)

- Saturday 11th April at Dunwell, Ketley (09:45 registration for a 10:00am start, finishing at 2:00 pm)

Thursday 16th April - [Online Advanced](#) (7-9pm) Please note, for awareness: all course participants must be enrolled on [MCBX](#) and complete the pre-course work before attending.

Important Information:

- The refresher interval for safeguarding training is **four years**. This ensures that everyone in key roles receives good quality, up-to-date training.
- If you last attended a course in **2022**, it's time to get yourself booked on another!
- If your role requires the **Advanced Module**, you must **first complete** the **Foundation Module** before progressing.

Options for completing the Foundation Module now include an **online module** that can be done at your own pace. Please see the information in the article below for more details on accessing the course.

Which Safeguarding Training Do I Need to Attend?

Please see the following documents on the [Methodist Church website](#) for details on who needs to attend each module:

[Safeguarding Foundation Module Training: Who needs to attend?](#)

[Safeguarding Advanced Module Training: Who needs to attend?](#)

Many thanks,
Lauren



Lauren Baxendale

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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07904 814741
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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.

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

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www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823?msckid=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

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Hi all

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

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Dates available:

Wednesday April 29th 10am & 7pm

June 30th 10am & 7pm

Any questions please ask.

Thanks

Stephanie Bradley

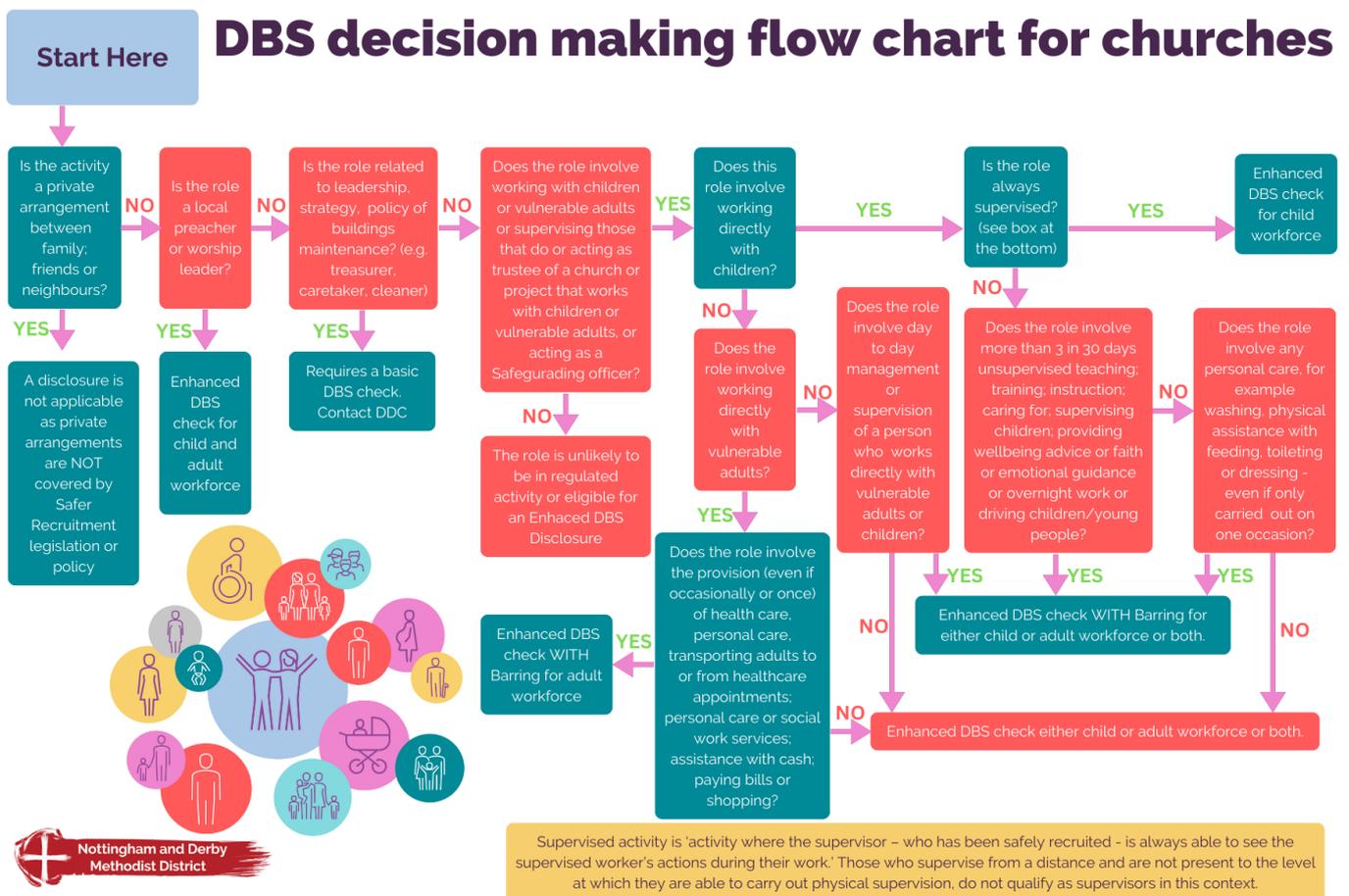
Regional Officer for Safeguarding - North West (West Midlands) |

The Connexional Team

Phone: 020 7467 5296

The **Methodist Church**

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults



New Safeguarding Reporting Form

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility, and clear communication is key to keeping our community in the Telford Methodist Circuit safe and supported.

A new **Safeguarding Reporting Form** is now in use across the Circuit. Copies have already been shared with your **Church Safeguarding Officers (CSOs)** and should shortly be **appearing on the Circuit website and your church safeguarding noticeboards**.

If you don’t see a copy, or if you have a safeguarding concern, please notify your **designated CSO** as soon as possible. If your church does not have a CSO appointed, you can contact:

Lauren Baxendale, Circuit Safeguarding Officer safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk | 07904 814741

Stephanie Bradley, Regional Officer for Safeguarding bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk | 07817 808557

By reporting concerns promptly using the new safeguarding reporting form, you help ensure that issues are recorded appropriately, responded to quickly, and escalated where necessary.

Thank you for helping us maintain safe and welcoming places for all.



CHURCH SAFEGUARDING CONCERN FORM

(Any person can complete this form)

PLEASE NOTE: If you are worried about contacting us and giving your details, please be assured that we will do what we can to support you. Please telephone your District Safeguarding Officer and they can talk with you about this. Your District Safeguarding Officer can also help you to complete this form or take details over the telephone.

We can arrange pastoral care for you if you would find this helpful. If you would like this, please tick here or contact your District Safeguarding Officer.

Your details

Name:			
Role/Position:			
Tel:			
E-mail:			
Circuit/District:			
Date:		Time:	

Details of the person you are worried about

Name:			
Address:			
	Postcode:		
Tel:			
E-mail:			
Child or Adult:	Approximate age or date of birth if known:		
Role (if applicable):			
Church/Circuit:			

If the person you are worried about is a child or vulnerable adult, it would be helpful if you could give some details about their carer.

Parent/Guardian/Carer

Name:			
Address:			
	Postcode:		
Tel:			
E-mail:			

Please tell us what you are worried about, when this happened and where:

Could you tell us what action has already been taken (if any)?

Please let us know of any other information you think would be helpful for us to know:

PLEASE NOTE:

We may need to share the information you have provided with other agencies to help ensure the person you are referring and others are safe. If the information is passed on to the statutory authorities your name may be disclosed to the person you are referring.

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Thank you for completing this form.



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

Baked beans

Biscuits

Sugar

Instant coffee

Tea bags

Jam

Pasta sauces

Pasta

Rice

Curry sauces

Hot dogs

Cereal & porridge

Tinned fish

Tinned fruit

Tinned spaghetti

Tinned vegetables

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned potatoes

Custard

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

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is to respond to the
gospel of **God's love**
in **Christ** and to live
out its discipleship in
worship and mission

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