



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

19th March 2026

Exciting News!!! Rev Nik is Getting Married!

Rev Nik Wooller and Mark Rogers are delighted to announce that they will be getting married, on 11th April 2026 at Dawley Christian Centre at 2:30pm, followed by afternoon tea in the Coffee Bar.

Mark and Nik would be delighted if you could join them to celebrate their big day, so please accept this as your official invitation.

As we have no idea how many people will be coming, if you are able, please bring cake, that way they'll be plenty to share.

Please hold Nik and Mark in your prayers.

Lord, we pray that as Nik and Mark get ready for their wedding day, not only would their love for each other grow stronger, but they would become more and more aware of your great love for them. Amen.

We look forward to seeing you on what is definitely going to be a wonderful day.



Earth Day 22nd April

Are you responsible for leading a **Local Arrangement Service in April**? I am developing a service and resources which could be used (as it is or adapted to suit your congregation) as a celebration of God's creation and a recognition of our role as its stewards. It should be ready to send out by 22nd March. Please let me know if you would like me to send you a copy!

Jo

jokudlacik@gmail.com

Week 5:

Let go of **despair**,
embrace **respair**

Ever heard the word **respair**? It means “fresh hope after despair”. It’s a word we need. Life can feel heavy, broken and stuck. We wonder if things will ever change.



But this week, Lent invites us to believe that **restoration is possible**, even when hope feels lost.

Ezekiel saw dry bones come to life. Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb. God breathes life into what feels dead.

Where do you need that breath of hope today?

What would it look like to trust that God is at work, even in the places that seem beyond repair?

Some forms of despair are shaped not only by personal experience but by prejudice, displacement or exclusion. Where might God be breathing life into communities whose hope has long been denied?

Try this spiritual practice

Choose one broken or neglected thing – a torn item, a cluttered drawer, a squeaky hinge – and mend it. As you do, pray:

God, restore what feels broken in me. Breathe hope into my soul.

Bible readings for the week

[Ezekiel 37:1–14](#)

[John 11:1–45](#)

Watch the reflection below:

Join Rev Eric Bediako as he guides us through this weeks bible study.

<https://youtu.be/vYSnCwZUSIY?si=iml6kfe9unc43MIX>

Please join us on **21st March from 11am-1pm**

At the **Methodist Church Hall** for

Soup for Gaza

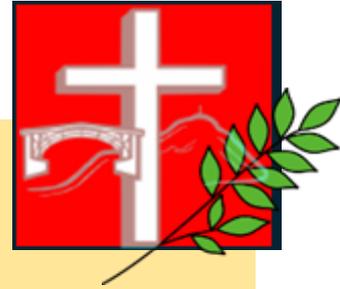


A selection of soups and a roll will be available, as well as tea, coffee and cakes

Donations please for **Medical Aid for Palestinians** - a charity that's been working on the ground in Gaza for many years

Organised by Broseley Churches Together

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



"In him we live and move and have our being."
Acts 17:28

In the UK, transport is the largest emitting sector at 29% of all emissions, and private cars and taxis account for over half (54%) of transport emissions. By choosing alternative modes of transport, we can reduce our carbon footprint and also improve our own physical and mental health. Walking, cycling, or catching a bus or train may be slower at times but will often provide opportunities to appreciate God's creation and to enjoy interactions with others.

Lent Week 5

I know that public transport isn't great in all parts of our circuit and that most of us cannot simply replace the car with walking or cycling... but this is an opportunity to think creatively about the journeys we make this week.

This week's green lent challenges:

START SIMPLE: If you are able, get out and enjoy a walk... you could invite someone else to join you. Plan ahead so you can achieve two things with one trip e.g. get your shopping on the way back from a trip to the dentist's. Are any journeys not essential?

GO DEEPER: Arrange a shopping trip with a neighbour so that you can travel together in one car. Can your church car share and avoid anyone travelling alone on a Sunday? It is important to meet face to face, but are there any meetings (especially in winter months) which could be moved online?

BIG LEAP: Encourage a friend or family member to ditch the car for a regular short journey. Find out more about the public transport available in our area: where can we go by public transport and when? Use the bus or train if possible; we don't want to lose it!

Useful links this week

Read more about the climate benefits of reducing your car journeys [here](#)

Find out about great walking, wheeling and cycling routes [here](#)

A charity dedicated to making cycling possible for all people: [Wheels for wellbeing](#)

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

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!

God promises to be our God
and we His people



Dear friends,

Signs of Spring are all around us. As warmer weather returns and new things blossom, what signs of hope are you seeing where you are?

Several things struck me from this month's story of hope (see below). It's wonderful to read about dozens of folks eating together, exploring faith and discussing tough questions, with baptisms and new church members expected soon. This

kind of numerical growth is deeply encouraging when it happens. It's clear that this growth was partly driven by a clear, well-advertised discipleship pathway, however, with fun and engaging events to pique people's interest – it didn't just happen. Rather than one church working alone, instead two Methodist churches in the same area – both medium-sized rather than large – partnered with an Anglican colleague to make their Alpha Course such a significant event. And while minister, Rob, admitted to us that it's hard work, he also spoke of people's joy and laughter in serving together.

My prayer is that you'll find an idea, event or resource in this month's newsletter to help you and your people find more joy as you do God's work together. For example, The Methodist Church will shortly be launching its own enquirers' course, [On The Way](#) – details below. And do [join us for Wholehearted Monthly on 14th April](#), when we'll be joined by Charissa Suli, youngest ever President of the Uniting Church in Australia, and first President of Pacifica heritage.

– Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth

This month's story of hope

When Supernumerary minister, Rob Cotton, told the leadership team that he had a vision for an Alpha Course for 50 people, they were worried he was headed for disappointment. A carefully-thought-through campaign of invitation, hospitality and evangelism has exceeded even these high expectations, however. A launch event with celebrity guest was advertised at Christmas services at Market Drayton and Ashley Methodist Churches, and over 140 people turned up to listen to Strictly Come Dancing contestant, J.B. Gill, share about his Christian faith. The following week, nearly 70 people turned up to eat, hear about Jesus and engage in deep discussion together. Young adults came to explore faith for the first time. One person had a dream and felt they needed to come to church to find a Bible. Some were returning to church and others were church members. The local vicar brought folks too. "Having people in your front room asking the deepest questions, about suffering...some of the most challenging situations are part of our conversation," says Rob. "The openness of people perhaps shouldn't surprise me after years of ministry. There's a desire for something more."

It's hard work. Rob and his wife Carol, who lead the church together, have recruited a team of over a dozen people to manage the catering and logistics. And much thought is being given to following up well, with plans for several new small groups for people newly exploring faith and a family fun day in the summer to which it's hoped that Alpha guests will bring their families. People are already asking when the next Alpha Course will happen, and have offered to babysit their friends' kids so that they can come. Church members are finding joy in the work, however, with much laughter in the kitchen and a sense of community. A baptismal service and opportunity to renew baptismal vows is being planned for Easter Sunday, with around 30 new members expected to be welcomed at Pentecost across the two churches. "With the world in its present state, people are looking for some hope," says Rob, "and the church is too."



Admaston Renovations

As you can see, renovations to Admaston Methodist Church are well under way. The pews were sold to various individuals and companies, then painting throughout. A new audiovisual system is due to be installed soon. Look out for more photos and news coming soon!

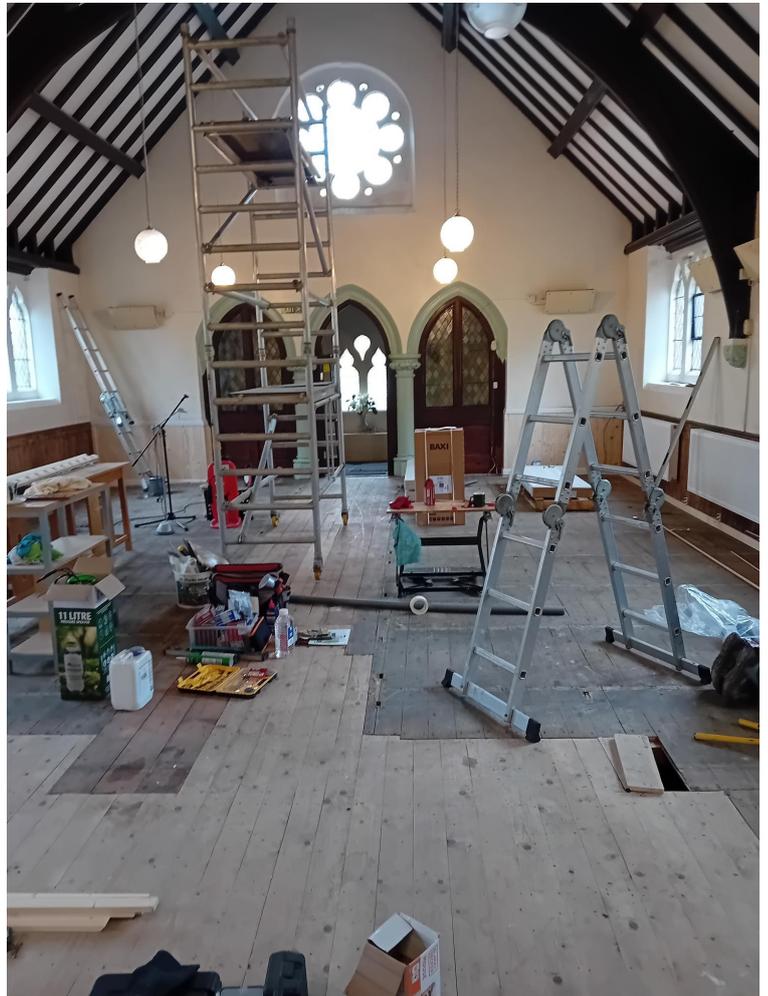


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sale

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



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

Telford Circuit

Young People & Leader's

Get Together

Sunday 22nd March 3-5pm

Join us for worship, prayer, and a opportunity to help shape the future of our young people's work in the circuit, plus Free Pizza!

Contact: cyf@telfordmeth.org.uk for any other information required & for any dietary requirements





THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

23 March 2026

7pm for 7.30pm start



Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station,
Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury,
SY4 4QS. 7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

Our Filling Station meetings are held on the 4th Monday, every month, except December. This month, John Prockter reflects on the Word of God working through his ministry and those around him.

Future dates

- 27th April
- 25th May

Main Speaker

John Prockter

John Prockter is a Christian speaker, youth leader and author with a heart for Jesus, the local church and the next generation.



John serves through Catalyst Youth Trust, supporting young people and equipping churches and schools across the region. John speaks with warmth, honesty and encouragement, and loves helping people see how the truth of Jesus speaks into everyday life.

More info at...

www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin



All you keen or would be bakers please

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

**On Wednesday 25th March
between 1-3pm**

**On Saturday 28th March 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

Saturday 28th March

Spring Fayre

9.30am – 12.00noon

Raffle, Cakes, Plants, Books, Easter Egg Tombola, Games,
New and Nearly New, Aladdin's Cave, Bacon
Sandwiches, Toast, Tea & Coffee

The Church in the Heart of Oakengates
Caring for the Community



IONA WORSHIP

for
Palm Sunday

using words and music from the
Iona Community

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 29th March 2026

5pm

ALL WELCOME

www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk

www.iona.org.uk

BSL Workshop in Telford

BSL Training at Wellington Methodist Church, 25th April

This is a great opportunity to learn BSL in a Christian context in Telford. This all-day workshop will be provided by Signs of God. Signs of God write:

"Whether you are Deaf or hearing, have no BSL or you are fluent - we have something for everyone.

Teaching will be delivered by both Deaf and hearing tutors and an interpreter will provide support with communication."

For more details and booking please see the Signs of God website at this address:

<https://www.signsofgod.org.uk/events/124>

The opportunity is open to people from across the region and for them there is a course fee of £25. If you are part of the Church family at Wellington Methodist Church and/or the wider Telford Methodist Circuit this training will be funded as part of our commitment to being an inclusive Church. Please contact Barbara Murray, Sharon Hanson or John Parkin to access the relevant booking code.

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



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SALE

**DAWLEY CHRISTIAN
CENTRE**

on Friday 17th April 2026

from 9 am – 12 noon

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

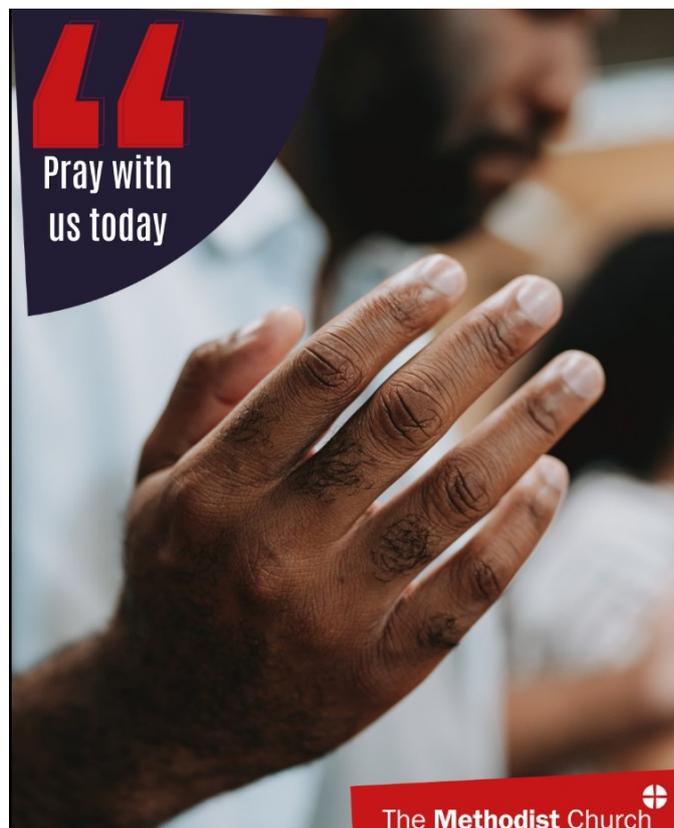
**To book a table please call
01952 505108.**

Pray with us today.

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



Our Story, Our Song: Growing your Calling in Worship

With the President of the Methodist Conference

Do you feel called to lead worship or see it flourish in your church?

Join us for a day designed to encourage, equip and inspire everyone involved in worship across our churches.

Saturday 9 May | 9:30–15:30
Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster, DY10 2JL

Save the date! More information coming soon...

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Mark your
calendar!



Garden Volunteers Wanted

Do you enjoy gardening and have a couple of hours a week spare?

If so, we'd love you to join a small team to help us maintain our sensory garden at the back of Dawley Christian Centre Methodist Church, situated in the middle of the Dawley High Street.

For more details please call Sharon on 01952 505108.

Thank you.



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

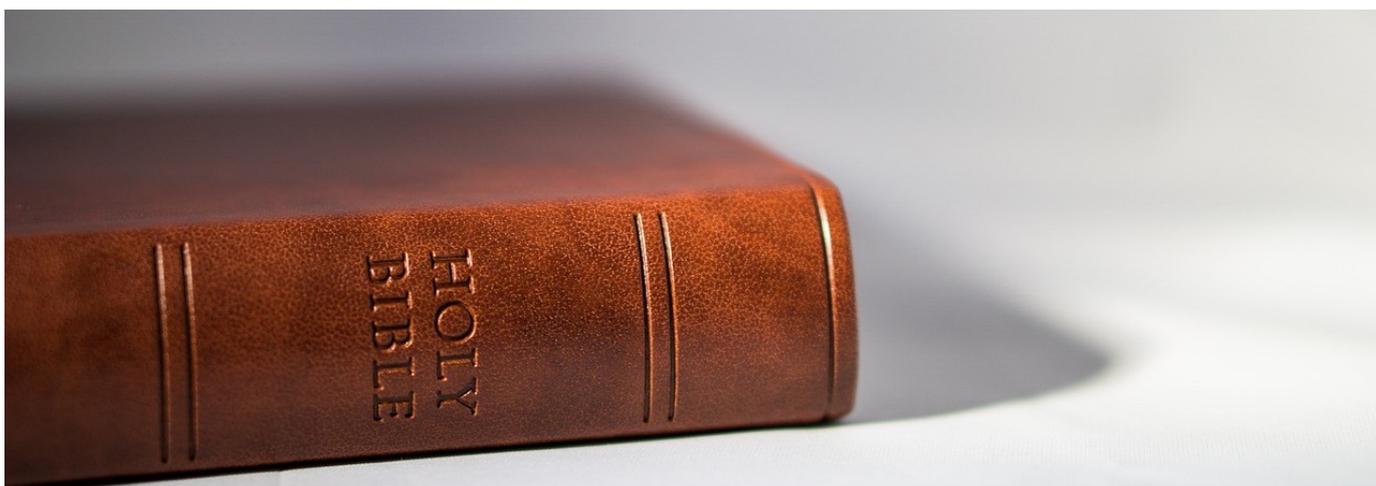
Orchard House Group meet on 3rd Monday in the month at 10:30am

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



John Parkin
Local Lay Pastor, Telford Methodist Circuit



**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**

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](https://imethodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk)

See the [Spiritual Abuse - The Methodist Church](https://www.methodistchurch.org.uk/spiritual-abuse) webpage for further details.

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

Please get in touch if you have something to share.

Email:

circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108



**Sunday 26th July 2026
at 4pm**

**At Wellington
Methodist Church**

**Farewell service for
Rev Roger Dunlop**





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.



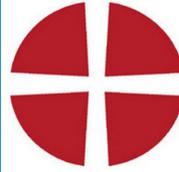
Open Door

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

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



The **Methodist** Church 

What is a visit?
An online session
for pastoral carers



Are you a Pastoral Visitor?

Did you know that the Methodist Church puts on free online sessions to equip and encourage those involved in pastoral visiting?

The next opportunity is either Thursday 16th April 7pm or Tuesday 21st April 10am. To find out more and reserve a place, click [here](#).

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

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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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 -

- 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?msocid=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 ~

<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

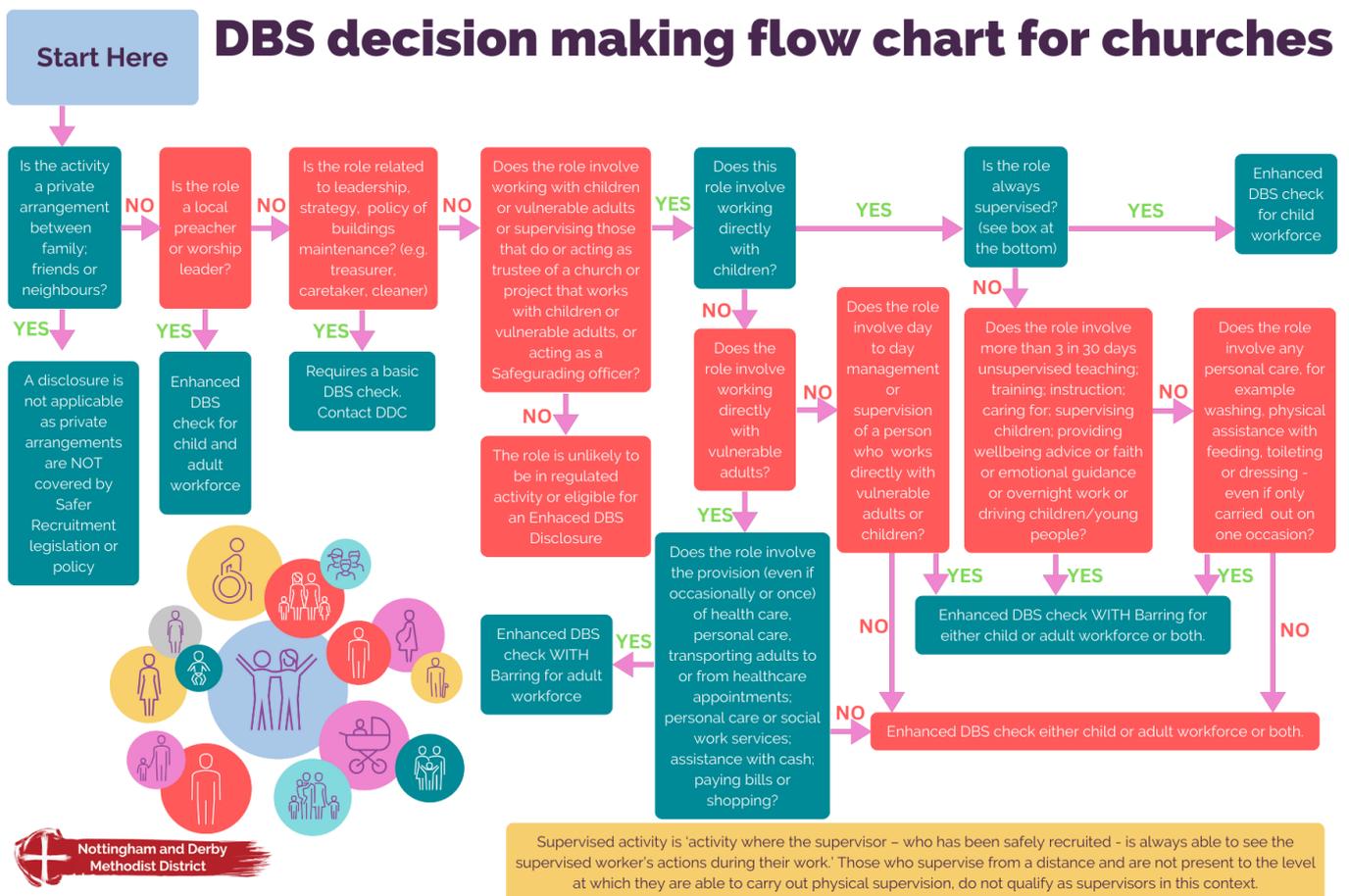
Regional Officer for Safeguarding - North West (West Midlands) |

The Connexional Team

Phone: 020 7467 5296

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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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