



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

9th April 2026

Good Friday Service in the Dawley Bandstand

Good morning... here's a lovely photo of our minister Rev Nik Wooller standing with the wonderful team who made our Good Friday Service in the bandstand possible. From the left we have Rosemary and John Addison, John plays the guitar for us which of course helps with our singing. We also have Rev. Nik and her son Joe who took the service together this year. It was a very thought provoking service, as always, and even though it was cold sitting outside, it did make us think of how Jesus suffered for us, to free us from our sins, and He did this because He loves us. He didn't have anything to prove. He did it because it was the only way we would understand, it had to be through His sacrifice. So if ever you're having a bad day, perhaps feeling unloved and lonely, remember Jesus loves you so much. Jesus suffered unimaginable pain and torture before He went to the cross, this was how mankind treated Him, It must have hurt God the Father so much to have to watch, but it had to be done. We should never forget the sacrifice made and how much God still love us today! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, it was good to see so many faces from across the Circuit . And also, we mustn't forget Rob Yapp who is on the far right of the photo who looked after the sound system and works so incredibly hard for Dawley Christian Centre.



Beautiful sunshine and great companionship for our pilgrim walkers on the **District Easter Pilgrimage**. We started our walk on Monday morning with a blessing at Hereford Cathedral and we are walking, talking, cooking and eating together along the Goden Valley to Hay-on-Wye where we shall seek buses and trains home in time for the big wedding. Photos by Roger attached with our greetings! Jo x



Cartway Methodist Church (Bridgnorth)

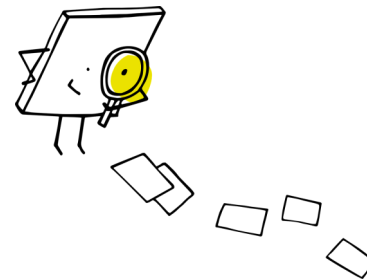
Friday 10th April at 12 noon

We are serving soup as our effort for the Circuit's international project for Ajumako Osedzi Primary School in Ghana,



All are welcome.

Wednesday 15th April - Lawley Scavenger Hunt and Well-dressing Planning.



Open to anyone who would like to help plan and deliver the event(s) planned for the May half-term.

The meeting is at 19:30pm at Wellington.

A big thank you Rose Mason for arranging Dawley Christian Centre's Easter Raffle this year. This year Rose raised an impressive £503 to support the Dawley Food Bank. Rose asked customers to donate Easter eggs and then asked the same people to buy raffle tickets with the hope of winning Easter egg bundles. Genius really. We were very blessed to receive a giant chocolate egg from Magna Specialist Confectioners Limited. The lucky winner of the Giant egg was Chrissy Houghton who was thoroughly delighted, as she's never won anything in her life. Well done Rose!



Greetings my fellow lovers of the earth

It's not long now until our next Community of Practice, and the Eco Community team is very much looking forward to welcoming you all. This month we are looking at the colour of money - where can you get some to pay for all the changes you need to make to the fabric of your building? We all know how important it is, and how much of a change it will make, but finding the money in the first instance can be pretty tricky. We hope you can join us on **22 April 7pm**.

If you haven't already signed up, please do take the time to visit the eventbrite page and nab yourself a ticket. It is the nature of the beast that you need to sign up for each event separately. Yes, we know it's a bit of a pain, but what can you do eh? Here's the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/methodist-church-eco-community-network-tickets-1318851994819?aff=oddtcreator>

Please note we will send the zoomlink to you on the day, via email. We find that not everyone can navigate the labyrinth that is eventbrite, and some folks' inboxes just don't like eventbrite anyway. Don't forget to check your spam/junk files on the day just in case your account decides to squirrel the zoomlink somewhere where you won't find it.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Every blessing

Siggy and the Eco Community team

Parratt-Halbert

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Eco News from the Telford Circuit



"Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you." *Genesis 1:29*

Let's get growing!

This is the perfect time of year to celebrate the new life of Easter and have a go at growing something edible! Whether you have a large church garden, space for a few planters or window boxes or perhaps even just an inside window ledge (which you can access for regular watering), growing something will be a visible sign to your neighbours and church building users that you care and might even draw them in...

- Are you lucky enough to have children (or contact with children) in your church? Get them involved! Children and teenagers love the responsibility of planting, caring and watching things grow.
- Could this be a way to bond with your local community? Invite your local unformed youth groups, climate action group, foodbank volunteers or your neighbourhood watch group to join you in your gardening. Make friends as you sow and care for God's gifts then look forward to eating them together!

What to grow

Start with salad leaves, radishes or herbs which will grow quickly and reduce your reliance on plastic supermarket salad bags. For an indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open). For outdoors, beet-root, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine. Think about who you might invite to enjoy your produce with you.

Reminder: Can you hold a service celebrating creation over the next few weeks to mark Earth Day (22nd April)? Email jokudlacik@gmail.com for a service to use/adapt in your church.



Opportunity to engage with your local community: Could your church host a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing? Help to inform, start conversations and build connections with your neighbours over our common future. Find out more [here](#).

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

Pray with us today.

Come as a dove flying over still waters of hope, putting peace into the hearts of people who would wage war.

Come to the captives and the refugees. Comfort all people who wait for freedom and all people who wait for them to be free.

Come as the sound of silence to hear the cries of people whose lives are limited by gender-based violence and domination. Stir up the hearts of all who abuse their power and privilege.

Come as flames of justice to a world where children are hungry; a world ripped apart by untruths and greed.

Come as water cascading down a mountain washing away the inequities of wealth and poverty. Come change the story. Come Holy Spirit, come now.

Amen.

Penny McCulloch, worship leader, Balsall Common Methodist Church, West Midlands

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



Table Top

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.**

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.



THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

27 April 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, Mark Woolley, a familiar face in this Filling Station reflects on the Word of God working in our lives.

Future dates

- 25th May 2026
- 22 June 2026

Main Speaker

Mark Woolley

Mark Woolley is a committed Christian, born in Birmingham and has worked as a Mental Health nurse. He was baptised at 15 and his ministry is as an encourager.



Mark is married to Charmaine who has a prayer ministry and they have two children, Faith and Joseph and a grandson, Samuel. Mark does not describe himself as a preacher, but he has a wonderful way of speaking God's truth into our lives.

More info at...

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





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

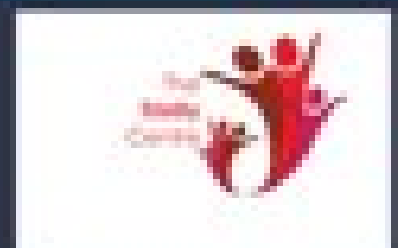
Offering support, understanding & empathy

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 688677



Dear Churches Together members

I am writing to invite you and your congregations in all the Churches and meeting houses in Broseley and surrounding area to attend a free local screening of the **People's Emergency Briefing** film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate.

Location: The Birchmeadow Centre, Broseley TF12 5LP

Date: Friday 8th May 2026

Time: 7pm

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-peoples-emergency-briefing-tickets-1984925347146?aff=oddtcreator>

The film features footage from last November's **National Emergency Briefing**, bringing together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature.

It presents a calm, evidence-based overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain - and what the science says about risks and responses.

The initiative is explicitly non-partisan and supported by a wide range of organisations, including the Church of England, National Trust, WWF, the Royal Meteorological Society and many others.

Faith communities have long traditions of stewardship, care for the vulnerable, and intergenerational responsibility. We believe this is an important moment for thoughtful, compassionate local dialogue.

Following the 45-minute film, we will host a structured discussion about what this means for our community.

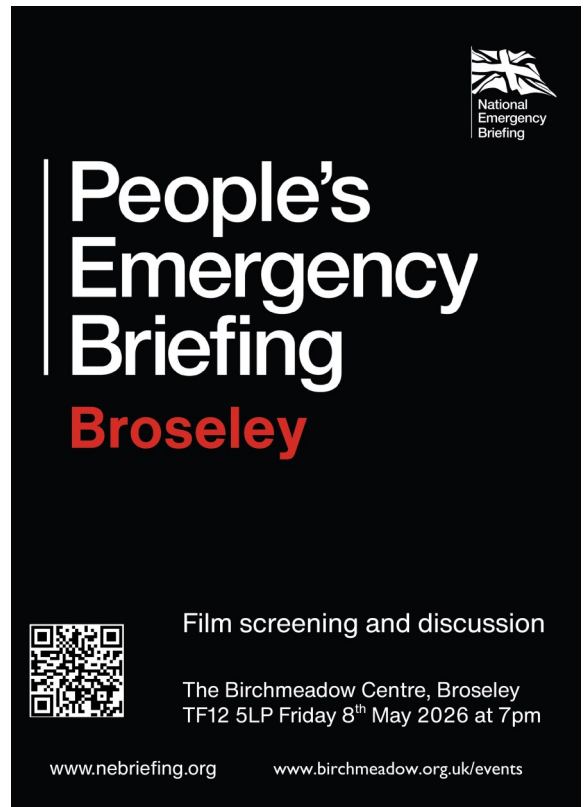
We would greatly value your presence.

I attach an event poster for your use to print and advertise as you think appropriate.

With best wishes,

Clare Cooper
Broseley Resident and
Broseley Climate Action Group member

Paul and Clare Cooper
cooperspc@fastmail.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!



A justice seeking church



Eco News and sources of funding!

The West Midlands Methodist District (to which we belong) recently held an Eco Forum to listen to the work we are doing in circuits and to consider the support they can offer. They will soon be offering funding to circuits to cover the cost of providing energy audits for our churches (giving advice on energy efficiency and how to cut costs and energy use in our church buildings). More information to follow over the coming months!

Meanwhile, the Learning Network host an Eco Community Network with good news stories from churches around the connexion and advice from experts. The community meet online four times a year (though you can just join when you are interested) and the next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm with a focus this time on funding and grants. To reserve a place click [here](#).

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

April

2 World Autism Awareness Day

An opportunity to find out more about Autism as a church and to consider and pray about how we might become more welcoming spaces for Neurodivergent people. Click [here](#) for a video about autism. The [National Autistic Society](#) also offer information, guidance and support.

22 World Earth Day

Jo has developed resources to use for a LA service during April or May... please get in touch with her if you would like her to send them to you!

25 World Malaria Day

Malaria is curable and preventable and yet there were still an estimated 610,000 deaths from malaria in 2024 (95% in Africa and 75% in children under the age of 5). Can we pray for sustained investment in the control and eventual elimination of the disease?

Did you know...?

The Methodist Learning Network host a range of free 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!
Contact Jo if you would like more information jokudlacik@gmail.com

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

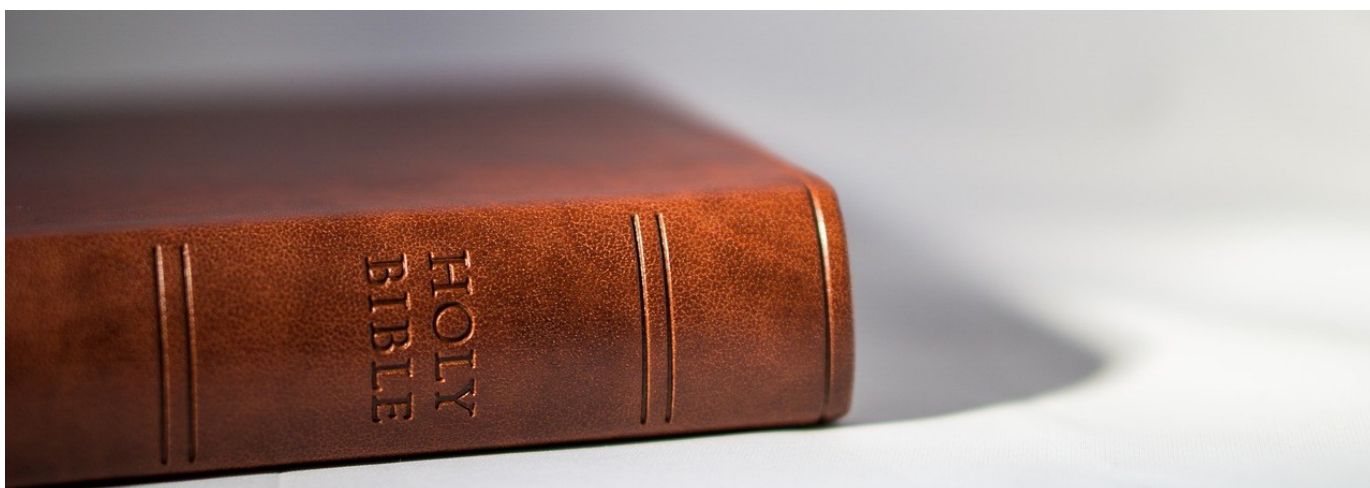
Orchard House Group meet on 3rd Monday in the month at 10:30am

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](#) webpage for further details.

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

Please get in touch if you have something to share.

Email:

circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108

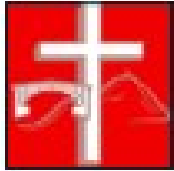


**Sunday 26th July 2026
at 4pm**

**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.



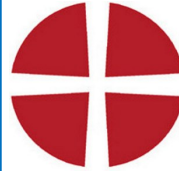
Open Door

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.

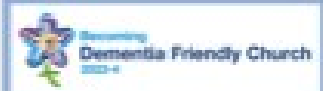
Come and join us at the **Dawley Christian Centre**.
Our Coffee Bar is open between 9-12:30pm from Monday - Thursday as a Warm Space. (We are open Friday mornings as usual for cooked breakfasts.)

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



What is a visit? An online session for pastoral carers



The **Methodist** Church 

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 Reminder: Contact Your Church Safeguarding Officer First

Keeping everyone safe in our church community depends on clear communication and following the right channels.

If you have a safeguarding concern, no matter how small or uncertain, your first point of contact should always be your Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO). They are trained to provide guidance, support, and ensure the right steps are taken in line with Circuit safeguarding policy.

If your church does not have a CSO, or if an issue cannot wait, 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

Reporting concerns promptly to your CSO helps ensure that any issues are monitored, addressed, and escalated as needed.

Thank you for your vigilance and for helping keep our churches safe, welcoming, and supportive for everyone.

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.

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.



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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

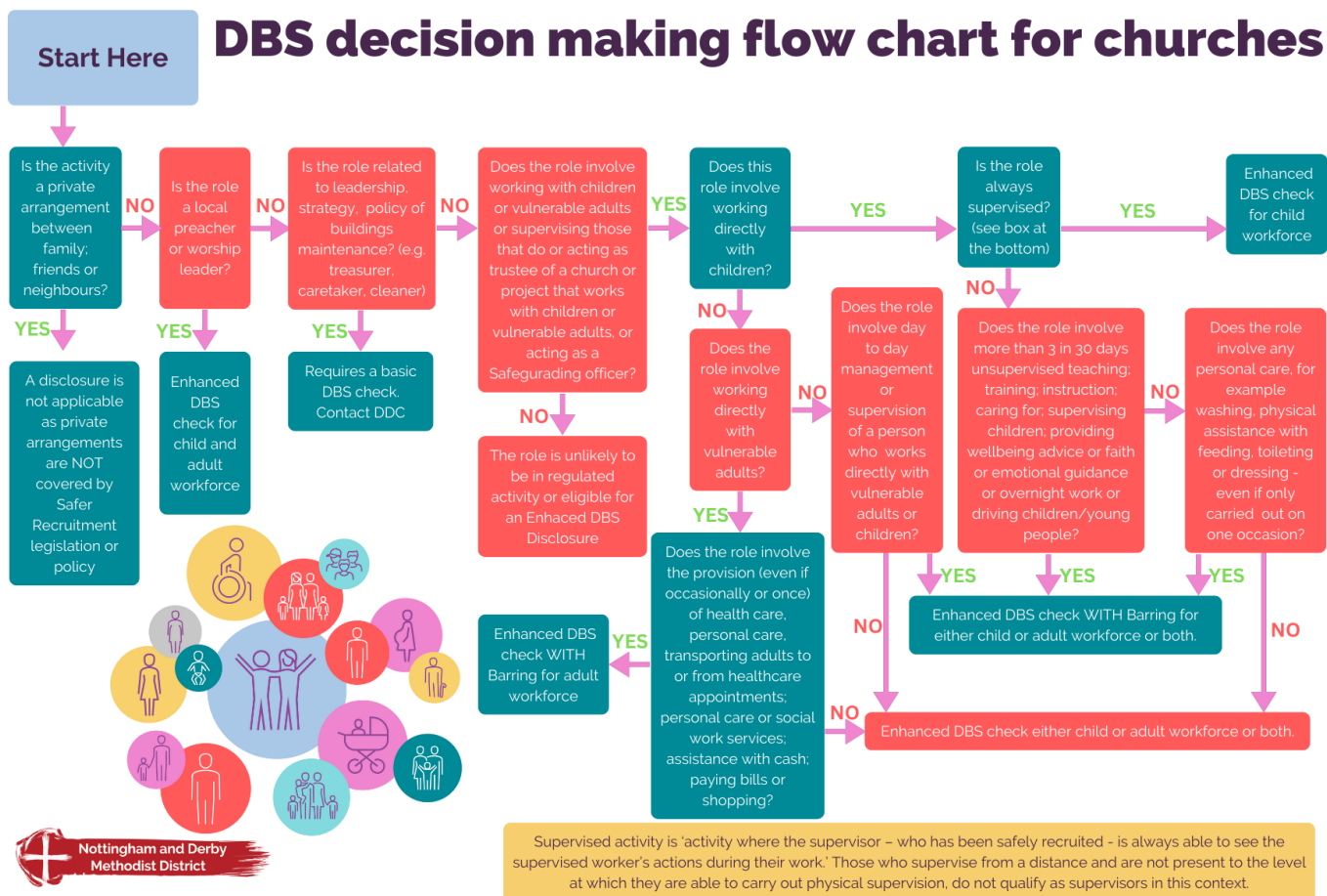
Regional Officer for Safeguarding - North West (West Midlands) |

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.

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in **Christ** and to live
out its discipleship in
worship and mission

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