



# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

14th May 2026

## Farewell service for Rev Roger Dunlop

As you may have heard, Rev Roger Dunlop will be retiring this summer. Roger joined our Circuit five years ago after a virtual tour (during a COVID stationing) and has been a faithful friend and minister to six churches during that time as well as preaching in other churches across the Circuit and several times on Faith Space and leading the recent District Pilgrimage. We hope that you will all join us to say 'goodbye' to Roger on 26th July at 4pm at Wellington Methodist Church, where the preacher will be Rev Frances Biseker.

The service will be followed by refreshments. Contributions of cake (preferably on a plate and cut into slices) would be much appreciated.

We look forward to see you there!



## Your voice matters!

The Telford Circuit Justice and Inclusion Team are meeting  
in person at Dawley Christian Centre  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7:30pm

**Please join us if you can**

We meet three times a year, rarely for more than an hour, to consider how we can work together to promote justice for all God's creation (people, creatures and habitats) through our Eco Commitments, our Circuit International Project and our work on Inclusion and Equality. Is there something happening in your church you would like us to celebrate? Do you have ideas about things we could do better or support we could offer you and your congregation? It would be great to have your church represented.

As June 5th will be World Environment Day, this meeting will have a particular focus on our Christian responsibility to be stewards of God's creation. We will be hearing good news about the support and grants which may be available to us and celebrating the work already done in our churches across the circuit.



### Have you got 5 minutes to spare?

To help us in our conversation, could you spend 5 minutes answering 9 short questions? Your answers will prove invaluable as we discern the way forwards together and the support we can offer to churches. You can find the questions [here](#). Thank you!

In the meantime, please do get in touch with me with thoughts, comments, questions and things to celebrate or share... [jokudlacik@gmail.com](mailto:jokudlacik@gmail.com)

# Eco News from the Telford Circuit



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

## Two things that have made me smile this week...

Yesterday I watched from my window as a twelve-year-old boy made his way slowly home from school. On reaching a neighbour's garden he stopped by a flowering bush and pulled his phone out of his pocket. 'Oh, typical teenager,' I thought. But no, he proceeded to use his phone to take a photo of the beautiful blossom.

There are a group of six boys who race out into the school nature garden with me a couple of times a week in their lunchtimes. They will usually pause long enough to water some seedlings and have even planted a few seeds and beans, but what they like most of all is playing hide and seek. They are about fourteen years old. This week we pulled out some round, pink radishes and picked some fresh green spinach leaves which we rinsed and ate within minutes. The boys pronounced them delicious... five of the six boys had never tasted radishes or fresh spinach before.

Last week I listed some of our top reasons for looking after creation: for God, for ourselves, for our global neighbours, for the creatures and habitats we love... but let us not forget our children and grandchildren, who despite their attachment to screens still have the ability to wonder, to be curious and to rejoice in the natural environment.



## David Liddle and his partner Carol Wilde from Ironbridge Lions kindly donates £500 of Food to Dawley Food Bank.

A huge thank you to Ironbridge Lions for donating £500 of groceries to Dawley Food Bank yesterday. David Liddle and his partner Carol Wilde enjoyed going shopping for all the food and said they just love doing it! David explained that the money they received came from a National Lottery grant to help people in our local community and the Ironbridge Lions Committee wanted to support the work we do. Thank you again... it really is very much appreciated.





# UPDATE!



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?***

**Thank you for the £1650 already  
donated!**

**West Midlands District  
Festival at Codsall on  
Saturday 4th July.**

Just in case you haven't heard, the West Midlands District are putting on a district festival with music, food stands, worship, workshops, outdoor communion, hope exhibition... much more. It will not be far away, **at Codsall on Saturday 4th July.**

For more information and to book... [click here](#)



## PRIORSLEE VILLAGE

For more details contact Sylvia on 01952 299504

The plant stall has been temporarily relocated to the other side of the gate.

Still by the wall that goes round the garden.

Still visible from the top of the cul-de-sac.

This is in preparation for the slabs being put down to make the hard standing in the permanent position.

It is full of great perennials. The garden tools will be in the same place. When it isn't raining or has been forecast to rain.

Happy gardening.

Regards Sylvia



### Pray with us today.

Holy and unfathomable God, Blessed Trinity, by your grace you have called your people to be a holy nation, a royal priesthood. Draw us more deeply into the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Great High Priest, that our intercessory prayers for the world and all its people may be obedient to your divine will.

May the worship, fellowship and service of the Church faithfully proclaim the story of your redemptive purposes from the beginning of creation. Through our lives and by our prayers may your kingdom come, and all things be gathered into Christ. Amen.

David Chapman, Chair, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District

Find more ways to pray at [methodist.org.uk/prayer](http://methodist.org.uk/prayer).



The Methodist Church 

# A justice seeking church



As Christians we're called to seek God's justice. Justice that enables everyone, and all creation, to flourish. Justice that removes everything that diminishes people, that oppresses or exploits them. Justice that enables us all to grow in relationship with each other and with God.

*...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

Find out more about the Methodist Church's Justice seeking strategies [here](#).

Some important dates in **May** as we seek to promote justice and inclusion in our churches and wider world. Could you include these in prayers and worship?

## 10–16 May Christian Aid Week

This year, our support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Click [here](#) for more details and resources



## 11–17 May Mental Health Awareness Week

This year the focus is supporting good mental health. Please find more information and resources to support your prayers and actions [here](#).



## 17 May Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia

According to the most recent EU survey, 47% LGBT people had been attacked or threatened in the last year, with few of the most serious incidents being reported to the police. Can we pray for a climate of peace, safety and the valuing of all people? More details [here](#).

## Did you know...?

The Methodist Learning Network host a range of free webinars entitled 'Equipping for Equality'. For example, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 'Becoming an Intercultural Church'. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Dawley at 7:30pm** All are very welcome!  
Contact Jo if you would like more information [jokudlacik@gmail.com](mailto:jokudlacik@gmail.com)

# Stay alert: romance fraud cost UK victims £102M last year.

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Analysis shows people aged 55 to 74 experienced the greatest financial losses, accounting for almost half of the total amount stolen. Although men submitted a higher number of reports overall, women experienced higher individual losses, making up just over 40 per cent of the total value reported.

Romance fraud remains closely linked to online platforms, particularly social media and dating sites, where offenders can create convincing false identities. Investigators are also seeing increased use of AI-generated images and messages to support these profiles. In many cases, it is also linked to fake investment opportunities, including cryptocurrency, increasing the financial risk to victims.

As part of this campaign, we are urging the public to stay cautious when forming relationships online and to recognise the warning signs:

- Be cautious of individuals who develop relationships very quickly or express strong feelings early on
- Be wary of excuses not to meet in person or to avoid live video calls
- Never send money, cryptocurrency or gift cards to someone you have not met face-to-face
- Be alert to requests linked to investments, medical emergencies or travel costs
- Speak to a trusted friend or family member if something feels unusual or pressured

If you think that you have been targeted, please report it to Report Fraud at [www.reportfraud.police.uk](http://www.reportfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

If money has already been transferred, you should contact your bank immediately. In Scotland, victims of fraud and cybercrime should report to Police Scotland on 101.

# TABLE TOP



**Friday May 15th 2026  
at Dawley Christian Centre  
9:00am - 12:00 noon**

**Please call Sharon on 01952  
505108 to book a table  
Only £5!!!**

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

Come along to our

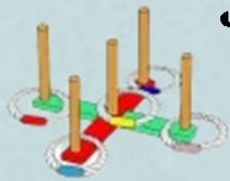


Coffee Morning



Admaston Methodist Church  
On Behalf of Christian Aid

Bratton Road, Admaston  
TF5 0AH



Saturday 16th May  
10.30 until 12.30



Cakes

Preserves

Refreshments

Tombola



Games

Raffle

Jigsaws

Gifts

Car Park Opposite Admaston House off Pemberton Road



# HADLEY & LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

(Hadley Park Road)



On

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

**Services to be held at**

**11 am and 4 pm**



*Special items by the Sunday School Members at both Services*

**Come and support the Young People  
On their Special Day**

***EVERYONE WELCOME***



# THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

## 25 May 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, Reverend Jonathan Fox, one of our own, reflects on the Gospel of John.

### Main Speaker

#### Rev Jonathan Fox

Jonathan was born in Dublin and worked as a pilot with MAF in East Africa. He was ordained many years ago, was a Vicar and served 9 years in prison (as a Prison Chaplain). He is now retired.



Jonathan has been married to Faith for over 50 years. He is a loved and essential member of the Filling Station team, as an accomplished musician and worship leader. He loves Jesus, and will speak from the heart of the Gospel.

### Future dates

- 22 June 2026
- 27 July 2026

More info at...

[www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin)



**Oakengates United Church**

**Christian Aid Coffee  
Morning**



**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am - 12 noon

**Delicious Bacon Sandwiches,**

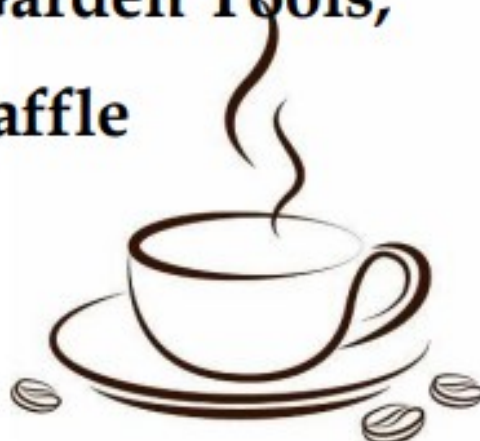
**Toast, Tea & Coffee**

**Plants & Refurbished Garden Tools,**

**Cake Stall & Raffle**



*We use Fairtrade products*





# Retreats

At Ashley Methodist Church

Upcoming retreat

## 'A DAY OF PERSONAL SPIRITUAL RENEWAL'

led by Rev Helen Kirk (Chair of District)

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**10AM – 3PM**

A day of prayer, quiet time  
and guided reflection,  
including lunch and refreshments

Ashley Methodist Church  
Wesleyan Road, Ashley. TF9 4JT

**£20**  
per  
person



We have a small number of funded places available for the day if finances are a barrier, so if you would like to access one of those, please mention on enquiry.



Enquiries / Bookings  
[retreats@ashleymethodist.co.uk](mailto:retreats@ashleymethodist.co.uk)

For more information  
[www.ashleymethodist.co.uk/retreats](http://www.ashleymethodist.co.uk/retreats)

# IONA WORSHIP

for  
***Trinity Sunday***

using words and music from the  
Iona Community

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 31st May 2026

5pm

ALL WELCOME

[www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk)

[www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)

**CARTWAY METHODIST CHURCH  
BRIDGNORTH**

# **PUDDINGS!**

**Friday 5th June**

**2.30 – 4.00**

**COME AND TRY A**

**VARIETY OF**

**DELICIOUS**

**PUDDINGS IN AID OF**

**CHRISTIAN AID**

**NO SET CHARGE –**

**DONATIONS REQUESTED**

# Motown

## Daytime Disco

Also featuring hits from the '50s - '80s



Only  
**£5.00**

Raising funds to  
support  
local older people

**Saturday 25 July**

**1.00 - 4.00pm**

**Hadley Community Centre  
30 High St, Hadley TF1 5NL**

For more info contact:

t: 01743 233 123

e: [fundraising@ageukstw.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ageukstw.org.uk)



★ Light refreshments

★ Themed mocktails

★ Raffle

Supported by Local Councillor Julie Kaur

# AFC TELFORD UNITED KIX

AFC TELFORD UNITED FOUNDATION 

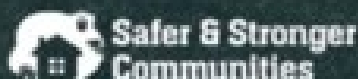
## FREE FOOTBALL YOUTH CLUBS

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	AGES
MONDAY	MADELEY 3G	5M-6PM	11-16
TUESDAY	LAWLEY MUGA	5PM-6PM	11-16
WEDNESDAY	DAWLEY 3G	5PM-6PM	11-16
	AFC TELFORD GOAL ZONE	6.30PM-8PM	11-16
THURSDAY	STIRCHLEY	6PM-7PM	8-14
	STIRCHLEY	7PM-8PM	8-14
	OAKENGATES 3G	5PM-6PM	11-16
FRIDAY	DAWLEY 3G	5PM-6PM	11-16
	LIGHTMOOR MUGA	6PM-7PM	8-13
	LIGHTMOOR MUGA	7PM-8PM	11-16
	AFC TELFORD GOAL ZONE	6PM-7PM	11-16

**NO BOOKING NEEDED  
ALL FREE JUST TURN UP!**

*"CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVE, BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, AND STAY AWAY FROM ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR."*

FIND OUT MORE: [FOUNDATION@AFCTU.CO.UK](mailto:FOUNDATION@AFCTU.CO.UK)



## 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

### Circuit Online Bible Study

Bible study will resume from Monday 18th May at 1:30pm.

Please click on the link below.

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

Please join us as we work our way through Matthew. Matthew was very good at keeping records and his account of spending time with Jesus and growing as a Christian himself, is very inspiring. All are welcome.

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

**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)



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:ckennedy@methodistchurch.org.uk))  
Bridget Down ([bridget@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bridget@methodistchurch.org.uk)) or David Knight ([davidk@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:davidk@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:**

**[circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk)**

**or phone 01952 505108**



**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.

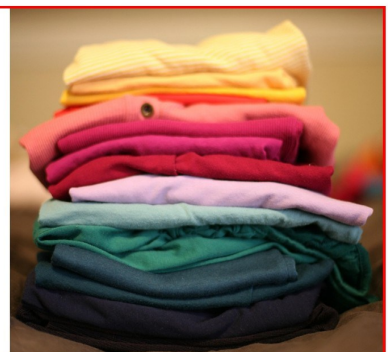
Large for men.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Blankets for Dementia Patients at Princess Royal Hospital

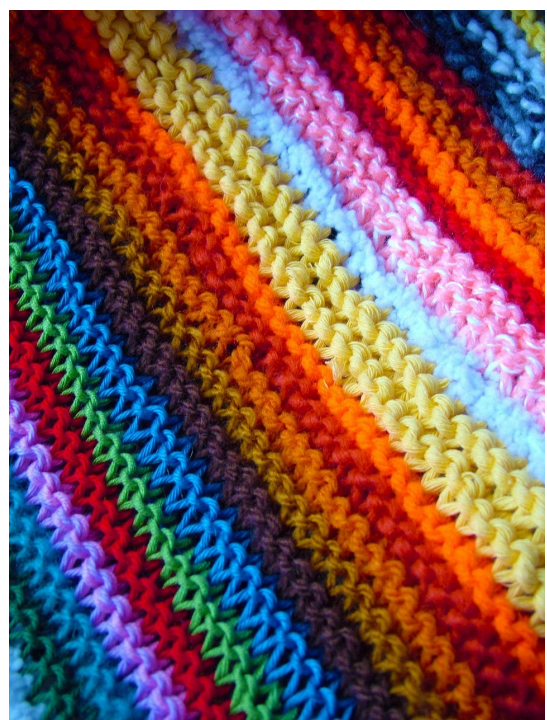
A huge thank you to everyone  
who has knitted or crocheted  
beautiful blankets to be passed  
on to dementia patients at  
Princess Royal Hospital.

So far we have passed on 233  
beautiful blankets which is  
wonderful.

Keep up the good work ... they  
really do make a difference.

The blankets are given to the  
patients on arrival and they get  
to keep them and take them  
home. It also helps patients find  
their own bed whilst on the ward.

If you have any unwanted wool  
please pass them on to Dawley  
Christian Centre. We share it,  
so we can make even more!



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 248949 or  
sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com

## **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



Morning everyone,

I hope you're all well.

I wanted to share a quick update regarding our safeguarding contacts within the Connexional Team. As some of you may already be aware, Sue Holder has now retired after 12 years in her role, and Neil Hutchinson has taken over from her.

Neil will be working 21 hours, generally Monday to Wednesday. Steph Bradley remains our main Regional Officer for Safeguarding, working 33 hours across the week. However, both can be contacted out of office hours for any urgent safeguarding matters.

Please update your records with their contact details below:

Neil Hutchinson  
Email: [hutchinsonn@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:hutchinsonn@methodistchurch.org.uk)  
Mobile: +44 (0) 7384 810901

Steph Bradley  
Email: [bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk)  
Mobile: 07817 808557

If there are any further changes, I will let you know.

Many thanks,

Lauren



## **Lauren Baxendale**

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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## 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](mailto:safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk) | 07904 814741

**Stephanie Bradley, Regional Officer for Safeguarding**

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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](mailto: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,  
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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](mailto:Bradleys@methodist.org.uk)

Stephanie's phone number: 07817808557

Dear Friends,

Please see latest link for advanced courses -

We have courses on -

- 25/7/26 Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit

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

Thank you.

Steph

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## 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](http://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:

June 30th 10am & 7pm

Any questions please ask.

Thanks

**Stephanie Bradley**

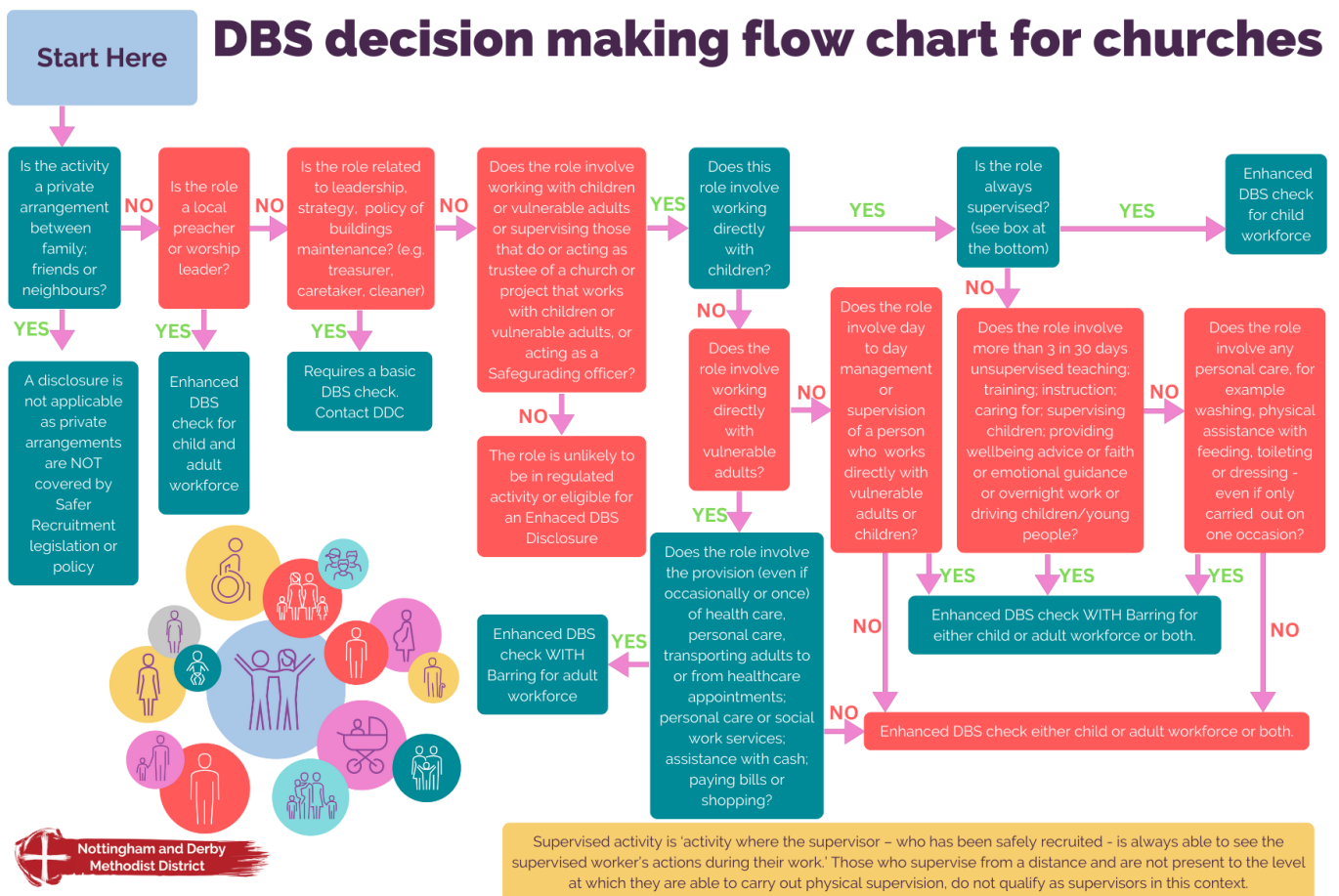
Regional Officer for Safeguarding - North West (West Midlands) |

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:

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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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