



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

28th May 2026

Dear Friends,

I have very sad news for you all.

Keith Bailey from Oakengates United Church, had been in hospital since the weekend and died from sepsis on Tuesday evening. I'm sure you will all join me in sending love and condolences to Sylvia, Tim, Justine, Pat and the family.

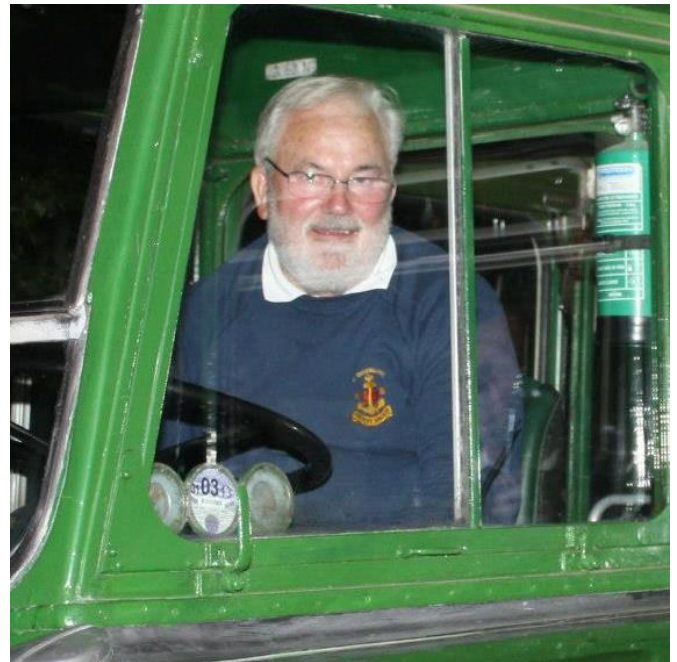
Keith & Sylvia celebrated their Diamond Wedding just a few weeks ago. Keith had battled with Parkinson's Disease with great fortitude for a number of years and Sylvia supported him tirelessly.

He had such an impact on so many lives through Church, Boys Brigade, Elcocks, IBM and more.

Sylvia is keen for the news to reach all those who remember Keith and hold him in regard, so please let those know who might not receive a copy of the Circuit newsletter.

Please keep Sylvia, Tim, Justine, Pat and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you.



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



Work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you...
Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." It only takes a very little yeast to work away and transform a lot of flour into a delicious and nourishing loaf. How can we become the yeast of change within our communities?

30 DAYS WILD

The Wildlife Trusts are inviting us to get out and notice one wild thing a day over the month of June... a challenge which can be done alone or with others. They have a free pack for those who want to take part and extra resources for engaging with small children. They also have a section on their website for engaging with your local community. Click [here](#) for more information.

People's Emergency Briefing – UPDATE!

For those who have not yet been able to attend or host a showing of the People's Emergency Briefing, there are still opportunities to engage with the film and discussion with the wider community.

The film will be shown on **Thursday 9th July** at:

All Saints Church, Wellington (7pm refreshments, film at 7:30pm)

Contact email: alison.burton@climateactionhub.org.uk

St John's Church, Bridgnorth (7pm)

To find out more or to add your church to the map as a venue, click [here](#).

FREE resource for an LA service

For **World Environment Day** (5th June) our friend Steve Allen (Local Preacher from the Black Country Circuit) has produced a beautiful and encouraging act of worship entitled **Living Hope for Creation...Joining God's renewal of the earth** which he has kindly made available to us. Please email Jo if you would like a copy to use in your church during June jokudlacik@gmail.com

Reminder The Telford Circuit Justice and Inclusion Team will meet on Wednesday 3rd June, 7:30pm at Dawley with a focus this month on our Eco Circuit work. Please join us!

A justice seeking church



Some important dates and resources for **June**.
Could you include these in prayers and worship?



5 June World Environment Day [Link](#)

The theme for World Environment Day this year is Climate Change. For a beautiful service 'Living Hope for Creation' to use in your church, please email Jo at jokudlacik@gmail.com



15–21 Refugee Week (21 Sanctuary Sunday)

The theme for Refugee Week 2026 is 'Courage'. For information on events, simple acts and films click [here](#)

Worship resources to mark Refugee Sunday are available from [Faithward](#), [Christian Concern for One World](#), [Church of Sanctuary](#), [The Methodist Church](#).



15-21 Learning Disability Week [Link](#)

Only 26.7%

of adults with a learning disability are employed yet 86% of unemployed people with a learning disability want a paid job.

1 in 3

people with a learning disability spend less than 1 hour outside their home on a typical Saturday.

Over 2,000

people with a learning disability and/ or autistic people are currently locked away in mental health hospitals.

Information taken from our 2024 Mencap Manifesto

Resources to start considering making church more exciting for those with Learning Disabilities are available from [Church of Scotland](#), [Methodist Church](#), [URC Wales](#)



28 Tax Justice Sunday

An opportunity reflect on tax as a way of showing love, caring for creation and bringing about a fairer, more just society. Resources and speakers available from [Justmoney](#)

The Telford 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

SAT 30TH MAY 2026
CASTLE GARDENS, 11AM - 4PM

Bridgnorth GREEN Festival
 FREE ENTRY

ECO CRAFT STALLS, FOOD & DRINK, ECO INFORMATION, ACTIVITIES & LIVE MUSIC

A fun, relaxed day where you can come and meet local volunteer groups and retailers who want to showcase what they are doing in the local community

To be involved please contact us at
 at
 Sustainable Bridgnorth
 bridgnorthgreenfestival@outlook.com

Pray with us today.

God, whose life dances in and beyond all creation, whose song resounds throughout the universe and beyond, you call us to add our voices to your harmony and long all voices to be part of your song of infinite grace. May we have the courage to raise our voices to join your song and the sensitivity to enable all voices to be heard. May we know and rest in the silence that births new melodies.

May all hearts echo with the resonance of your love. May our voices be raised in shouts of protest, in howling cries of grief and in gentle sounds of comfort. May we join the yearning choir in the reality of deep lament that longs for change and brings healing into being. Amen.

Rachel Bending, Chair, Southampton District



WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH ART GROUP

ART EXHIBITION

We are holding an Art Exhibition of local artists' work
Do come along and see the display. Admission is FREE



2026

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th July

10am - 3pm each day

Tea, coffee and home-made cakes throughout each day

All proceeds from the Art Exhibition, after expenses,
will be donated to Wellington Methodist Church

Our art exhibition is
open to all artists,
all abilities; it's a
wonderful opportunity
for art to be enjoyed
in our community

Why not exhibit YOUR work?

For entry forms and more details contact
Barbara Murray on 07592 881108 or
email Linda Carter on lindap8080@gmail.com
Entry forms to be returned to Barbara Murray
by Friday 27th June latest

The Methodist Church 

Wellington Methodist Church New Street, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LU
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Calling YOUNG artists

WE ARE
HOLDING
AN....

ART

& Art competition
for young people

EXHIBITION

The Art Group at Wellington Methodist Church are holding an art competition again for young people (up to age 16). **The theme for your piece of art is**

SUNFLOWERS

Prizes will be awarded for each age category, and will be announced at 2.30pm, Saturday 18th July. All pieces will be displayed in the exhibition.

To enter, please complete and return the tear-off section of this letter.

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th July 2026

For more details contact Barbara Murray on
07592 881108 or email barbaraqsc@gmail.com

To exhibit your work please complete the tear-off section of this entry form with child's name, parent/guardian's contact details and return to the Methodist Church by Friday 26th June.

One piece of art per young person (up to and including age 16), **MAXIMUM SIZE: A3 (297 x 420mm), UNFRAMED, to be delivered to the Church by Tuesday 7th July at the latest, between 11am - 12pm.**

Please write title (or description) of picture, name and age of artist, in capital letters on reverse of picture.

Prizes and certificates can be collected as they are announced at 2.30pm on Saturday 18th July.

Pictures can be collected when the exhibition closes on Saturday between 3pm - 3.30pm. Please note that while every care will be taken to ensure the safety of all artwork in the exhibition, all works are displayed at the owners own risk.

.....
First name Surname Age


Telephone Email

Title (or description) of picture

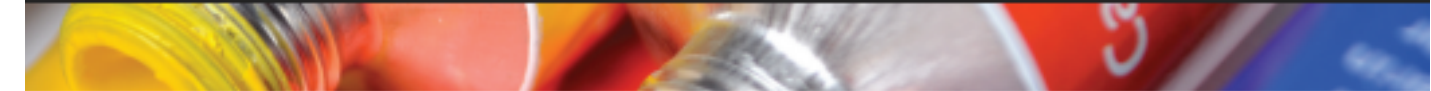
Personal information you give on this form will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be transferred to any digital database, except for your email address which may be used only to contact you personally with any information concerning Wellington Methodist Church Art Group, if you tick the box below giving the Art Group permission to contact you via email in the future. This form will be retained by WMC Art Group until the end of the exhibition 2026 and then destroyed. If you wish to stop receiving emails from WMC Art Group please contact Barbara Murray on 07592 881108 or email barbaraqsc@gmail.com

Please tick box to give Wellington Methodist Church Art Group permission to contact you via email.

I understand that I exhibit my artwork at my own risk.

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Signature of parent/guardian Date



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ART EXHIBITION 2026

Dear Artist

Once again Wellington Methodist Church Art Group is planning to hold an Art Exhibition and this year it will be held at the Church on **Friday 17th and Saturday 18th July 2026 from 10am to 3pm each day**. We hope we can interest you in exhibiting some of your work. Pieces can be 2D or 3D, in any media including photography.

To exhibit your work **please return an Entry Form to the Methodist Church by Friday 26th June** at the latest, so that we can produce the catalogue. No late entries will be accepted. If you would like us to send you an Entry Form please email **Linda Carter on lindap8080@gmail.com**

As with all exhibitions, and especially with all the safety precautions we continue to undertake, we are asking artists for a **minimum entry fee per piece of £5** to exhibit. This will be collected when artwork is handed in. **Please deliver your artwork to the Church on Thursday 16th July, from 10.30am to 12pm and attach a label to the back of each piece of artwork with your name and title of piece.** You can display up to a maximum of three works, none of which should have been displayed before in one of our exhibitions. If you wish to sell your work we ask for prices to be a minimum of £20. If you prefer not to sell your work, only one piece can be exhibited as not for sale. Limited hanging space may restrict the number of artworks exhibited. We therefore reserve the right to display less artworks in the exhibition than submitted. It may be necessary to display some items on tables.

Maximum size (including frame): 24" x 20", 60cm x 50cm, pictures need to be framed and fitted with D rings and cord. Please check that when hung the **cord is not visible above the top of the frame**. Display labels will be produced to go with your work. A commission of 20% will be charged on any works sold to help cover our costs. Please see Terms and Conditions on back of this letter.

Work must be collected when the exhibition closes on the Saturday between 3pm - 3.30pm or only by prior arrangement on Tuesday 21st July. Please note that while every care will be taken to ensure the safety of all work in the exhibition, all work is displayed at the owners' own risk. Artists are strongly advised to insure their own works as the Church only covers public liability insurance.

We appreciate offers of help with stewarding each day of the exhibition, greeting visitors and being available for enquiries and sales. Refreshments will be served on both days and we would be grateful for any donations of biscuits, small cakes or cakes to slice which can be sold. Please indicate on the Entry Form if you are able to help or contact me directly.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. We look forward to hearing from you. This will be our 16th Art Exhibition. Our past exhibitions have been a great success and with your support, this one will be as well.

Barbara Murray
On behalf of Wellington Methodist Church

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10am to 3pm

Terms and Conditions

The exhibition is open to all artists local to Telford.

To exhibit your work, please return this Entry Form to the Methodist Church by Friday 26th June.

Please deliver your artwork to the Church on Thursday 16th July, from 10.30am to 12pm. We are asking adult artists for a **minimum entry fee per piece of £5** to exhibit, as handed in.

All work must be unwrapped on delivery, with any packaging taken away.

All artwork is displayed at the owners' own risk.

Work must be collected when the exhibition closes on the Saturday between 3pm - 3.30pm or only by prior arrangement on Tuesday 21st July.

A maximum of three works may be submitted, none of which should have been displayed before in one of our exhibitions. If you wish to sell your work we ask for prices to be a minimum of £20. If you prefer not to sell your work, only one piece can be exhibited as not for sale.

Only original artwork can be entered; artwork created from a kit will not be accepted. If the piece is a copy of another artists work this is acceptable but the title must include a reference to the original artist as After Artist's Name.

Maximum size (including frame): 24" x 20", 60cm x 50cm, pictures need to be framed and fitted with D rings and cord. When hung the **cord must not be visible above the top of the frame**. Alternatively, pictures can be supplied mounted, if covered with cellophane.

Limited hanging space may restrict the number of artworks that can be exhibited. We therefore reserve the right to display less artworks than submitted. Please note that Wellington Methodist Church have the option to exclude works from the exhibition which might offend, and please note that photography will be allowed in the exhibition but visitors will be made aware that all images are subject to copyright.

A 20% commission will be taken on all work which is sold to help cover costs. Payment to artists for sold works will be by cheque.

If you would like to donate any of your greetings cards to sell for Church funds, please hand in when delivering your artwork. Unfortunately we are unable to sell cards on behalf of an artist.

Data Protection

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WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH
 Minister: Rev. Roger Dunlop

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Friday 17th and Saturday 18th July
10am to 3pm

First name Surname

Please note, if your work has sold, cheque will be made payable to you, as your name above, and your name will appear in the catalogue as this unless you request otherwise

Telephone Email

Title (or description) of work *Please list in alphabetical order, 25 characters maximum	Media	Approximate size (cm)	Sale price/ Not for sale*

*Please note, only one piece can be exhibited as not for sale

IMPORTANT: Please attach a label to the back of each artwork with title and your name

See exhibition letter for Terms and Conditions, and information regarding Data Protection

Please tick box to give Wellington Methodist Church Art Group permission to contact you via email

I understand that:

- Adult artists are asked for a minimum entry fee per piece of their artwork of £5 to exhibit
- I exhibit my work at my own risk and that a 20% commission will be taken on all work which is sold
- I give permission for a photograph of my work to appear in WMC Art Exhibition publicity and their web site

Artist's signature Date.....

Please place a tick in the boxes below if you are able to help with stewarding or refreshments.

Donation of cakes or biscuits?				
Friday 17th July steward/refreshments	10am - 12pm	12 - 1pm	1 - 3pm	
Saturday 18th July steward/refreshments	10am - 12pm	12 - 1pm	1 - 3pm	

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BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

Activities and events to
celebrate Spring in Lawley

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

SCAVENGER HUNT

11am - 1pm
St John's Parish
Church

Nature Hunt
.....
Refreshments

CRAFTS

2pm - 4pm
St John's Parish
Hall

Help make a
community well-
dressing picture
.....
Other crafts available

SATURDAY 30TH MAY

WELL- DRESSING CEREMONY

11am - 12:30pm
Smallhill Park

Music
.....
Parachute Games &
Songs
.....
Procession to Lawley
Gate for well-dressing

FREE

All activities are for all ages.
Children must be
accompanied by a parent
or guardian.

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](#)



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!



God For All—Tuesday 15th September.

Elaine Heath will be in the UK: she's a United Methodist minister, theologian, writer and academic who now leads a regenerative farming and new monastic community in North Carolina. You can hear her talk, *Bring Everything to the Light: Reading the Gospel of John with the Helpers, Healers, and Mystics* live in London or watch the livestream – get your tickets [here](#). We're committed to keeping learning about faith and exploring how we live it out in the world, and we'd love for you to join in.

– Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth



New Places for New People and Church at the Margins

Beginning a Church at the Margins weekend | 12th – 14th June 2026

Do you long for your food bank to go deeper than meeting immediate needs? Would you like to overturn the power imbalance of being a provider while clients receive your charity? Then maybe your food bank could discover Church at the Margins. The next *Beginning a Church at the Margins* weekend takes place this month – find out more [here](#).

And to discover what economic poverty really looks like in the UK, and which groups of people are far more likely to experience it, [check out this report](#) by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation





THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

25 May 2026

7pm for 7.30pm start



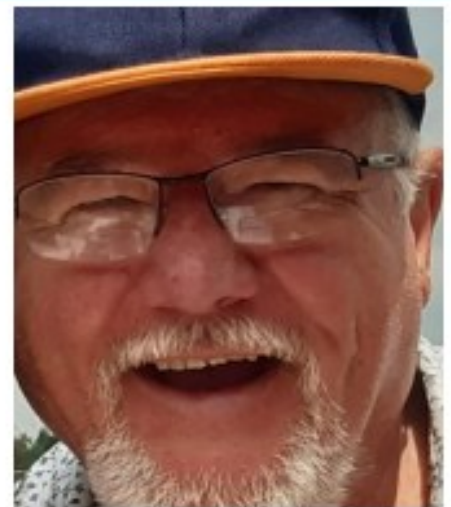
Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station,
Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury,
SY4 4QS. 7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

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



Oakengates United Church

**Christian Aid Coffee
Morning**



Saturday 30th May

10.00am - 12 noon

Delicious Bacon Sandwiches,

Toast, Tea & Coffee

Plants & Refurbished Garden Tools,

Cake Stall & Raffle



We use Fairtrade products



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

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

TABLE TOP SALE

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

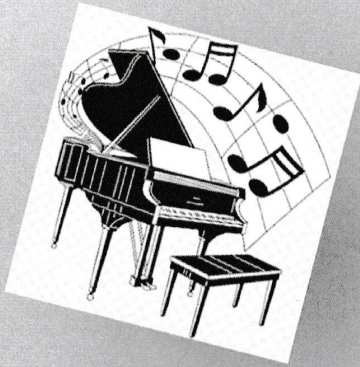
**On Friday
19th June 2026**

9.00am – 12 noon

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

***To book a table (only £5)
please phone 01952 505108***





MUSICAL MEMORIES!



Matthew Richards

Returning by popular demand!



*Plays music from the films
on piano and ukelele.*

**At All Saints Parish Church,
Wellington.TF11DG**

Free Concert!



**SATURDAY
20TH JUNE
3.30 PM.**

**INTERVAL
REFRESHMENTS**

To book a ticket, either click on the QR code below,
call at All Saints Parish Centre,
or phone 07976 100321.

*Donations in aid of All Saints
Organ Restoration Fund.*





HeartSpace

worship for today

HeartSpace on Sundays

10:30am

Trinity Centre

Upcoming Dates

No HeartSpace on Sunday in May

(You are welcome to join us at Upton Magna Village Hall at 11:00am)

Sunday 21st June

Sunday 19th July



Contact:
heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk



Reaching out together to share God's amazing faith, hope and love!

Sports and evangelism - where's the connection?

Sports events offer the Church an opportunity to immerse itself in a community – an inclusive, welcoming and joyous gathering of people with a shared passion. Sport offers spaces where we can be in community with people, build relationships and share the love of God.

Wherever we engage in evangelism, it's important that it's relevant and appropriate to the context - which is why we have created this helpful guide to showing up at your local sporting events.

Find all the support and inspiration at <http://methodist.org.uk/.../resources-to-help-you-attend.../>



SALE

Every item!



26th June 2026

from 9 - 12 noon

At Dawley Christian Centre

The West Midlands District is inviting everyone to Bloom, their brand new District festival, taking place on Saturday 4 July, 10am–4pm at Trinity Methodist Church in Codsall.

It's a day for all ages, bringing people together from across the District for worship, workshops, creative activities and conversation.

The theme is *Rooted & Growing*, exploring our Methodist roots and how we continue to grow together in Christ.

There'll be a wide range of things to get involved in throughout the day, so do take a look at their website/scan the QR code on the screen if you'd like to find out more or book a place.

Visit wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html or scan the QR Code to find out more and to book tickets:



The graphic features a large white tree silhouette on the left against a dark green background with faint leaf patterns. In the top right corner is the logo for 'The Methodist Church West Midlands District', which includes a red cross symbol. The main text reads 'We're going to BLOOM' in white and red, followed by 'West Midlands District Festival | Sat 4 Jul 2026' in white. At the bottom, it says 'and we can't wait!' in red and 'Find out more at wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html' in white.

You can access the full communications pack here: [Bloom Comms Pack](#)

You can find out more about Bloom here: <https://canva.link/bloomfestival>

You can book tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wmmethodists/2125950>



THE
BOYS'
BRIGADE



> the adventure begins here

CRAFT

FAYRE

&

TABLETOP SALE



BOOKS, DVDS AND JIGSAWS

..... ♥
AT

WELLINGTON
METHODIST CHURCH

TF1 1LU



4TH JULY 2026

10AM - 12 NOON

TABLE COST £10

♥ phone Rosemary on 07496 556606 to book ♥

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



★ Light refreshments

★ Themed mocktails

★ Raffle

Supported by Local Councillor Julie Kaur

AFC TELFORD UNITED KIX



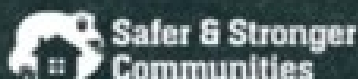
FREE FOOTBALL YOUTH CLUBS

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



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)

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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

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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. 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 (davidknight@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:

circuitsupport@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.

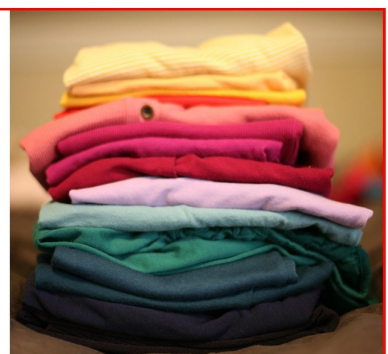
Large for men.

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

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.



UPDATE!



Telford Methodist Circuit
International Project 2026

together with

Ajumako Osedzi Methodist Primary School,
Ghana

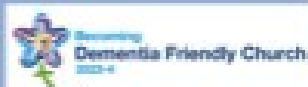


Our aims:

- 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!**



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

You're invited to join us ...

1st Wellington Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Where: Wellington Methodist Church, TF1 1LU

When: Wednesday evening 5:30 to 7pm

Who: Boys & girls, ages 5 to 11

Why: **Join the Adventure!**

What: Lots of things ...

Play Games – Craft activities
Learn new Things - Meet new friends
Learn about the Christian Faith
Table Tennis – Having fun
Music – Competitions – Badgework
Baking – Football – Dodgeball

**THE BOYS' BRIGADE
& GIRLS' ASSOCIATION**
the adventure begins here

Call or Whatsapp
Company Leader
Alastair Batrick
07977 508723

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
Mobile: +44 (0) 7384 810901

Steph Bradley
Email: 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

Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley, Telford, TF4 2EX
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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.

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

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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

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

Thank you.

Steph

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

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:

June 30th 10am & 7pm

Any questions please ask.

Thanks

Stephanie Bradley

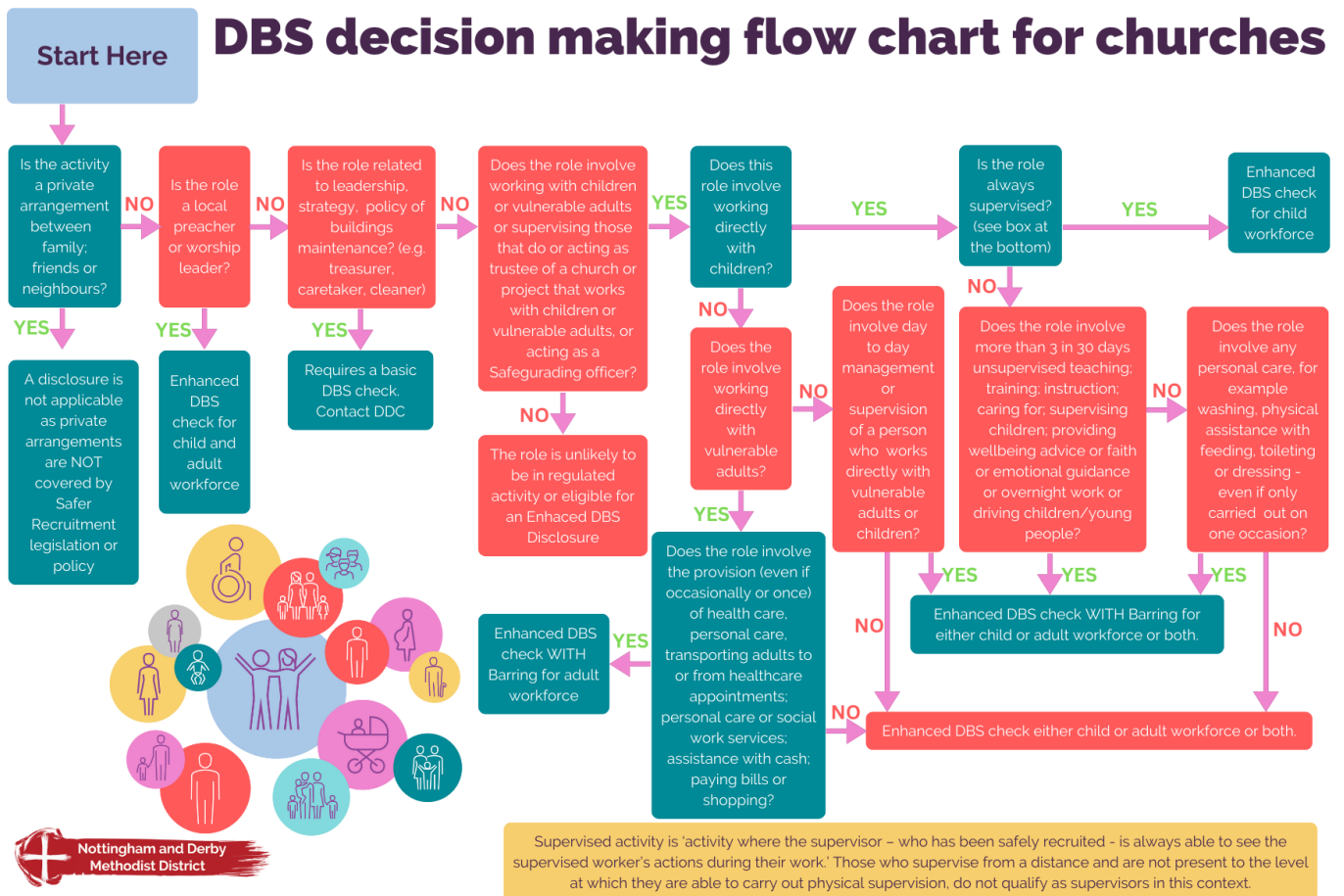
Regional Officer for Safeguarding - North West (West Midlands) |

The Connexional Team

Phone: 020 7467 5296

The **Methodist** Church 

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults



New Safeguarding Reporting Form

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

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


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

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

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

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

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



CHURCH SAFEGUARDING CONCERN FORM
(Any person can complete this form)

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

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

Your details

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

Details of the person you are worried about

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

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

Parent/Guardian/Carer

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

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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Thank you for completing this form.

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

Our Calling

The **Methodist Church** 