



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

16th July 2026

The Methodist Church and Football

Did you know... The Methodist Church played a foundational role in English football. Many major clubs were established by Methodist congregations seeking to provide physical exercise and community for working-class youth. Aston Villa and Everton both share direct Methodist origins

The Methodist Church engages with the World Cup by balancing community outreach and social responsibility. Local congregations host viewing parties and "World Cup All Age" services to connect with local fans, while the Church also warns of increased risks of domestic abuse during tournaments and offers safety resources.

Historically, the Methodist Church shares a famous connection with the tournament. In March 1966, months before England's World Cup victory, the Jules Rimet Trophy was famously stolen while on display at the Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, London.

The bizarre heist prompted a massive investigation, and the trophy was fortunately recovered by a dog named Pickles just in time for the games.

The relationship between faith and football continues to evolve. While organizations like the Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council focus on ecumenical dialogue, individual congregations frequently utilize global sporting events to emphasize "loving where you live"—even going as far as hosting community events inside local hospitality venues to meet people where they are already gathered.



Pickles saved the day

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!



A poem by Steve Thomas which blends the heartbreak of England's World Cup defeat with a search for solace, contrasting the heavy disappointment on the pitch with the quiet, grounding presence at our churches.

The final whistle echoes harsh and deep,
A nation's summer dreams are laid to sleep.
The pundits sigh, the flags are folded slow,
Another tournament where we must go
From soaring hopes to silence in the street,
Accepting bitter, unforgiving defeat.

We search for meaning when the football breaks,
When VAR stumbles and the penalty shakes.
Far from the shouting and the velvet green,
We find a refuge from the tragic score,
Behind the heavy, welcoming chapel door.

Within the walls where hymns and prayers are said,
We lift the heavy burdens in our head.
The organ plays, the tea and biscuits wait,
A gentler remedy for cruel fate.
For faith endures when sporting idols fall,
And grace remains the greatest prize of all.



**Circuit Service on 6th September 2026
at Wellington Methodist Church
At 10.15am**

To celebrate the launch of our new way of being a Circuit.

On Sunday 6th September 2026 we shall be holding a Circuit Service at Wellington Methodist Church, commencing at 10.15am. This is to launch our new way of being a Circuit, to induct new staff and acknowledge the continued ministries of those who have been working amongst us for some time.

There will be a parallel provision for children and young people which will be organised by our Circuit Youth Children and Families worker.

As this is a Circuit service we are hoping that everyone across the Circuit will be there, so please note there will be no other planned services that day.

We look forward to seeing you there!



This month's story of hope

Sileby Methodist Church has seen significant growth through creative community engagement with the help of their hard-working Local Lay Pastor. The congregation of six long-retired people used to open their building for just one hour a fortnight. Rob noticed that a coffee lounge cluttered with junk could be the hub of the building. With the help of his wife, Liz, he cleared out the lost property and old coat racks and started 'the worship lounge', an informal service where people sit in a circle taking turns to say readings and prayers over coffee and biscuits. At first just seven people attended, but the weekly coffee morning brought growth, with unaffiliated people receiving invitations to Sunday worship. Slowly people got to know that the church was there; baptisms and funerals allowed the church to welcome people warmly, with the coffee Lounge open to provide a relaxed opportunity for conversation. Open mic nights with fizzy drinks and hot pasties on offer attract an equal mix of churchgoers and unaffiliated people: some play, some just listen, everyone has a good time. The church has grown to around 20 members now, including some younger people. A man who came in for coffee had his son baptised in the church and is now Church Treasurer, with a Sunday School created for his boy.



A big 'shop window' at the front of the church was decorated with LED lighting and creative displays devised by Liz. The church asked the local primary school to make butterflies to add to the spring flower display: three days later, the school handed over a bag of 200 butterflies. These were put up all around the church building and the children were invited to come and find their butterfly at 'Butterfly Saturday'. Rob started doing school assemblies off the back of this, going in with his electric guitar to wind up the children. He's now known by the parents as 'Pastor Rob.'

A Borough Councillor friend who comes in for coffee has connected the church with the Mental Health Network – a group who get together to talk about what's going on in the village and how they can better connect up provision. Through this, 'The Joy of Music' began, a group funded by the NHS, Parish Council and a large lottery grant. The group aims to improve people's mental health through music: listening, playing, learning and conversation. A satellite hub of Loughborough Wellbeing Centre also meets in the church building: Rob goes along to help so that he can talk to people, and someone has been baptised through this connection. "Connecting with the community is the best way of doing evangelism in the village," says Rob.

"If no one knows you're there, you have no opportunity to talk to people." Future ambitions include setting up a village youth club.



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



“Even though I don’t fear God... because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice!” *Luke 18:4-5*

One strand of the Eco-Church survey asks about engagement with environmental and social justice issues with a local, national or global impact. Justice-seeking is part of our DNA as Methodists, but this doesn’t have to be yet another burden of work for us to bear alone. Here are some ideas...

LOCAL

Climate Action Hub Telford are holding their [Summer Green Festival](#) at Belmont Hall, Wellington on 1st August, 10am-2pm. Free entry, refreshments, crafts, children’s activities, live music, information and lots more!

Leegomery Community Garden (with [Transition Telford](#)) welcome volunteers to meet new people and grow things, 10am on the second Tuesday of the month (the next one is 11th August). No tools or experience needed!

Dawley Community Garden... Sharon would love to hear from you if you have a little time to help care for the garden at Dawley Christian Centre!

NATIONAL

Why not spend 15 minutes in a sunny place taking part in the [Big Butterfly count](#) between 17th July – 9th August? A great bit of citizen science to participate in... and you can do it as many times as you like!



Got 15 minutes but the sun isn’t shining right now? The **Nature’s Rights Bill** seeks to ensure legally that nature is treated fairly alongside humans. You can find out more [here](#) and choose to add your voice in support of the

GLOBAL

Having seen the **People’s Emergency Briefing** at Bridgnorth this week, I passionately believe it is something we all need to engage in. Yes, it was difficult to watch at times, but it ended with hope (and no little urgency) and an opportunity to consider our next actions together with others in the community. **If you missed the briefing** at Wellington or Bridgnorth last week, there is another opportunity to engage with this important and impactful debate at [Much Wenlock](#) on 23rd July, 6:30pm or at [Ketley Community Centre](#) on 20th August at 6pm.

If your community has not had a showing yet, could you be the hosts? By inviting others to watch the film in your church, you will make a huge impact. We can only avoid disaster by working together. More information [here](#).

“You need to be made of steely stuff to be a Port Chaplain.” Ahead of Sea Sunday tomorrow, we joined Crystal for a day in the life of a Port Chaplain at the Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest. Crystal Callow is only one month into her new position at the Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest (QVSR) at Tilbury docks in London. It can be a challenging role and she's finding, "You need to be made of steely stuff." Read more at <http://methodist.org.uk/.../a-day-in-the-life-of-a-port-.../>



Pray with us today.

Story-telling God, as you gathered the crowds in Galilee, and stretched the imaginations of the affluent and defeated, enter our world today. Where the lonely stare at screens, and deception comes via glamorous lies, when we cultivate the ethos of insiders and outsiders – speak into our hearts the depths of your love story. A story of grace, hope and beautiful mercy. A story of joy-filled expectation. A story of new beginnings. A story of hope. Enable us to make love real. May your story be our story. Our end, our beginning and our whole life's journey. Amen. Helen Hollands, District Chair, East Anglia District

Find more ways to pray at methodist.org.uk/prayer.



President visits Action for Children

The new President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Mark Slaney, made the first visit of his term to an Action for Children centre to learn about the important work it carries out.

The Revd Mark was at the West Lothian Therapeutic Activities Clubs and Outreach Services in Livingston on Monday 6 July, where he met staff and visitors, as well as the children and young people who use the service.

Action for Children Sunday, which highlights the work of the Church's partner charity, takes place on 12 July this year.

Action for Children is the children's charity of the Methodist Church. It was founded in 1869 by Methodist minister the Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson, in response to the poverty and danger faced by vulnerable and destitute children and young people living on the streets of London.

Today, Action for Children – formerly the National Children's Home (NCH) – has grown to become a leading children's charity, running over 500 projects and working with more children and young people affected by poverty, disability and abuse than any other UK charity.

The Revd Mark heard an overview of the West Lothian Therapeutic Activities Clubs and Outreach Services vision, values and objectives as well as the activities and programmes provided to help support children and young people.

He was given a guided tour and had lunch with staff as well as children and young people.

The Revd Mark said: "It feels like a really calming place, the atmosphere that is nurtured here is very calming and I appreciate how that must be very helpful for the children and their families that come.

"It struck me that the staff here really know their stuff. They know the resources in their toolbox that can help a child develop and they have a bespoke knowledge of each child.

"There is a sense that they believe in the children and it was lovely to speak to members of staff here.

"Of course, Action for Children is rooted in Methodism. They are part of the Methodist family.

"The support and resources for children and young people's work is diminishing in the world, there are fewer children's centres, there are fewer youth centres, there are fewer children's workers.

"That makes this work all the more important."



[To donate to Action for Children, please visit their website](#)

TABLE TOP SALE

at Dawley Christian Centre

on Friday 17th July 2026

from 9-12 noon



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
UK registered charity no. 1130091

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.

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

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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.

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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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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!



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**



Exploring the Parables: Craft & Bake Sessions

Creative, Bible –based activities for
children in the summer holidays

at Dawley Christian Centre & Methodist Church

1.30pm – 3pm on Thursday's
23rd & 30th July & 6th & 13th August

The Lost Sheep

The Sower

The Prodigal Son

The Good Samaritan

Sessions are aimed at 5–11 year olds,
and all children need to be
accompanied by a responsible adult.

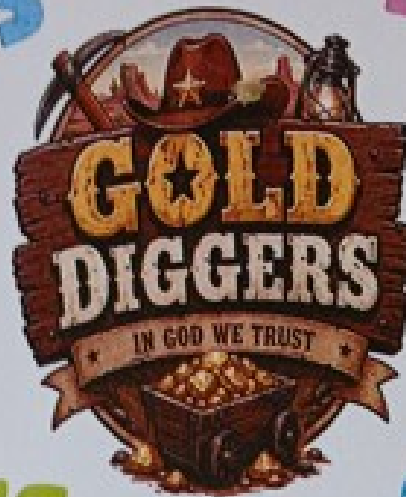
Free to attend, but donations are welcome towards
covering costs of ingredients etc.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

4-11 YEAR OLDS

CRAFTS

SONGS



STORIES

GAMES

10AM-12PM

Family Lunch - 12pm on 24th July

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT
TF10 7HD

20TH-24TH JULY 2026

for more details and to register your child(ren)

contact Mona Malt: 07890511904

£3 per day or £13 for the full week



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

PIZZA CHURCH

Join us for a fun-filled
evening of making & eating
pizza, great company, games,
worship and plenty of
laughter!

Friday, July 24th & 31st &
August 7th & 14th 5-7pm @
Wellington Methodist Church
Open to all, but children must
be accompanied by a
responsible adult.

All you keen or would be bakers please

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

**On Saturday 25th July between
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)**

**On Wednesday 29th July
between 1-3pm**



**Everything will be ready for you to make your
own bread and it's FREE!**

Please come along and give it a go.

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

 **Shropshire
Telford & Wrekin**
ageUK
Let's change how we age

★ **Light refreshments**

★ **Themed mocktails**

★ **Raffle**

Supported by Local Councillor Julie Kaur



THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond
& Wrekin

27 July 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, Pastor Otega reflects on the Word of God working through our everyday lives.

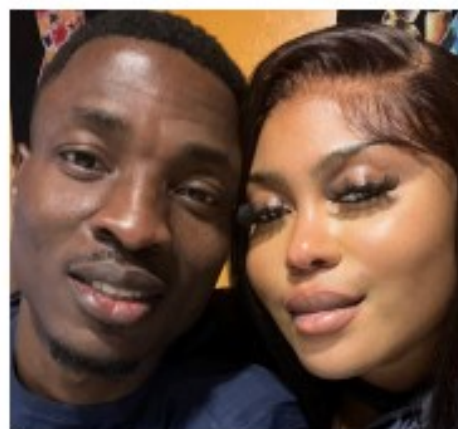
Future dates

- 24th August
- 28th September

Main Speaker

Otega Ariawhe

Otega alongside his wife Adebimpe co-lead at Hope Community Church Admaston where the congregation is both thriving and growing. He has a real heart for the Gospels and how these translate into today's world.



Otega is Charismatic and Evangelical in his mission serving both church and community in Admaston. He speaks with warmth, honesty and encouragement, and loves to encourage people to see how the truth of Jesus speaks into their everyday lives.

More info at...

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





Climate Action Hub Telford's Summer Green Festival!

Saturday August 1st

Free Entry!

Belmont Hall, Wellington TFI 1LT

10:00am – 2:00 pm

Many attractions including:

Shropshire Wildlife

Local Community Garden groups

Local Eco businesses

Energy saving advice

Cycling & walking groups and advice

Traditional Crafts & Children's Activities

Live music

Plant-based Refreshments

Smoothie Bike



climateactionhub.org.uk

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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09](https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09)

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 on Mondays 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.

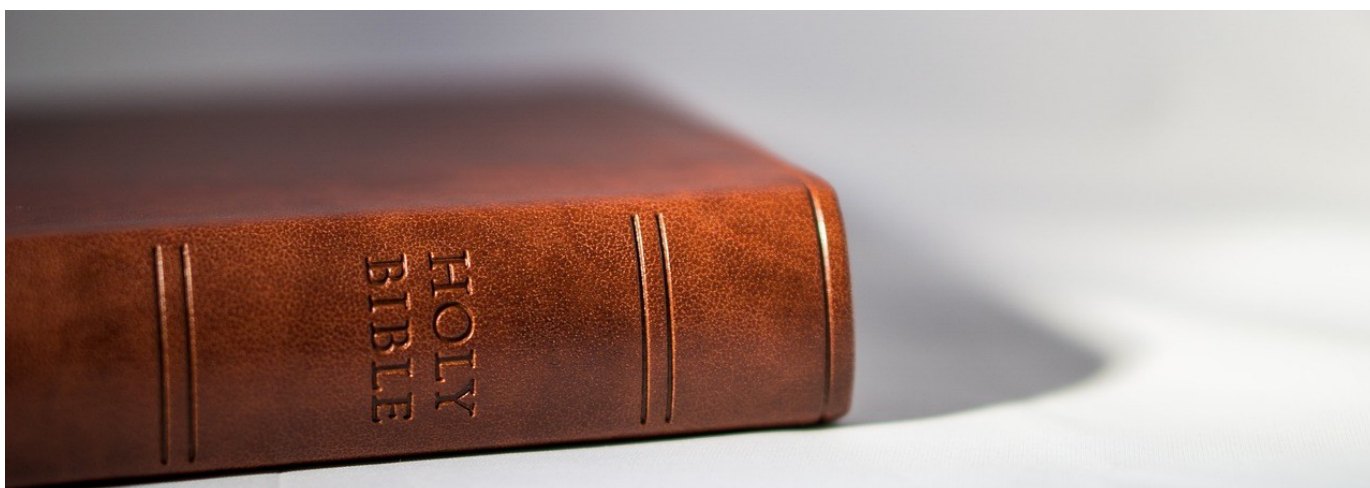
Shambles Group meet on 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30am

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)



A 4 week series aimed at exploring Local Arrangements, creative worship and intergenerational worship.

Working out Worship is a series to help anyone who is looking to resource worship in their Local Church. For lay people, or ordained. For youth workers, Sunday school leaders, worship leaders, stewards, local preachers, ministers or those who are interested in starting to get involved in leading worship. Registration for one session is only for one session, please register for multiple sessions if you wish to attend more than one.

Working out Worship Autumn 2026

Date: 30 sept • 19:00

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Are you involved with organising, planning, or leading worship?

Join 1 or all of our Zoom training sessions on 'Working out Worship' – each session focuses on each element of worship, key aspects in facilitating worship, and a variety of styles and approaches to leading worship. You can attend as an individual or as a group with other stewards, worship leaders, preachers or contributors to your worship context.

Local Arrangements

Ever found yourself having to arrange a service locally and wondering what to do? You're not alone! Planning for local arrangements doesn't have to be scary – in these training sessions we'll look at the simple steps of planning a service, different aspects and approaches to worship you might want to keep in mind, signpost you to some fantastic resources and think about planning ahead.

Creative Worship

What does it mean to be 'creative' in worship? Is creativity a style of worship or something we should aim to incorporate into every part of worship? Ever found yourself saying "I'm not very creative", or "I wish our services had more creativity?"

Whether you can't get enough of creativity or find yourself intimidated by it, this training session is for you!

Intergenerational Worship

What does it mean to be truly 'intergenerational' in worship? How do we integrate different styles, approaches, and levels to ensure that we are engaging and meeting the needs of all ages?

Whether you have lots of children or young people in your congregation or not, this session is for you! In this session, we will explore what it looks like to be an intergenerational church, what it looks like to worship intergenerationally, signpost to some resources and look at how we can be inclusive and engaging in all that we do.

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:

circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108



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.





Albrighton Methodist Church

Regular church activities

Cafe Central

Every Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Excellent coffee!

Meet with friends, old and new.



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!**



Bringing 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 Battrick
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



Safeguarding Training Opportunities

Foundation Safeguarding Training

Tuesday 29th September – Dawley Christian Centre

Registration: 6:45pm | **Training:** 7:00–9:30pm

Open to anyone who requires Foundation Safeguarding training. Churches are encouraged to share this opportunity with those serving in roles where safeguarding awareness is required.

Booking deadline: 8th September

To book a place, email safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk.

Advanced Safeguarding Training

Saturday 10th October – Wellington Methodist Church

Registration: 9:45am | **Training:** 10:00am–2:00pm

For anyone who requires Advanced Safeguarding training.

Booking deadline: 22nd September

To book a place, email safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk.



Lauren Baxendale

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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VOLUNTEER



Foundation Safeguarding Course at Dawley Christian Centre on Tuesday 29th September from 7:00-9:30pm. (Registration from 6:45pm).

Methodist Safeguarding Training: Which safeguarding training am I required to attend?

The safeguarding training offered by the Methodist Church includes the **Foundation** and **Advanced** Modules. Please see the document below for details of who needs to attend which level of training.

[What level of safeguarding training is needed - May 2026](#)

Safeguarding training must be renewed every four years: this only applies to the highest level of safeguarding training required. Everyone must attend Foundation Module once. However, for roles that then require completion of the Advanced Module, this must be completed within 6 months of starting in the applicable role. Renewing training will then only be at the higher, Advanced Module, level until the individual is no longer in an applicable role, when training requirements will be reviewed.

Further details for participants about each module and the ways training can be accessed are included on the participants webpage for each course below.

Foundation Module Training

[Foundation Module 2024 Edition \(participants\) - The Methodist Church](#)

The Foundation Module can be accessed either in an in-person setting, in a group on Zoom or by online self-study via MCBX. It is recommended anyone who is completing the course for the first time should attend an in-person course, as some items may trigger difficult memories.

[Training - The Methodist Church](#)



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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

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

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

Lauren

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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Advanced Safeguarding Module Training

The District has updated the booking arrangements for Advanced Safeguarding Module training courses.

Anyone who is required to complete the Advanced Module, or renew their training, should use the current District booking link to view available courses and make a reservation. Courses are available both face-to-face and via participatory Zoom sessions.

For details of current course dates and to make a booking, please use the following link:

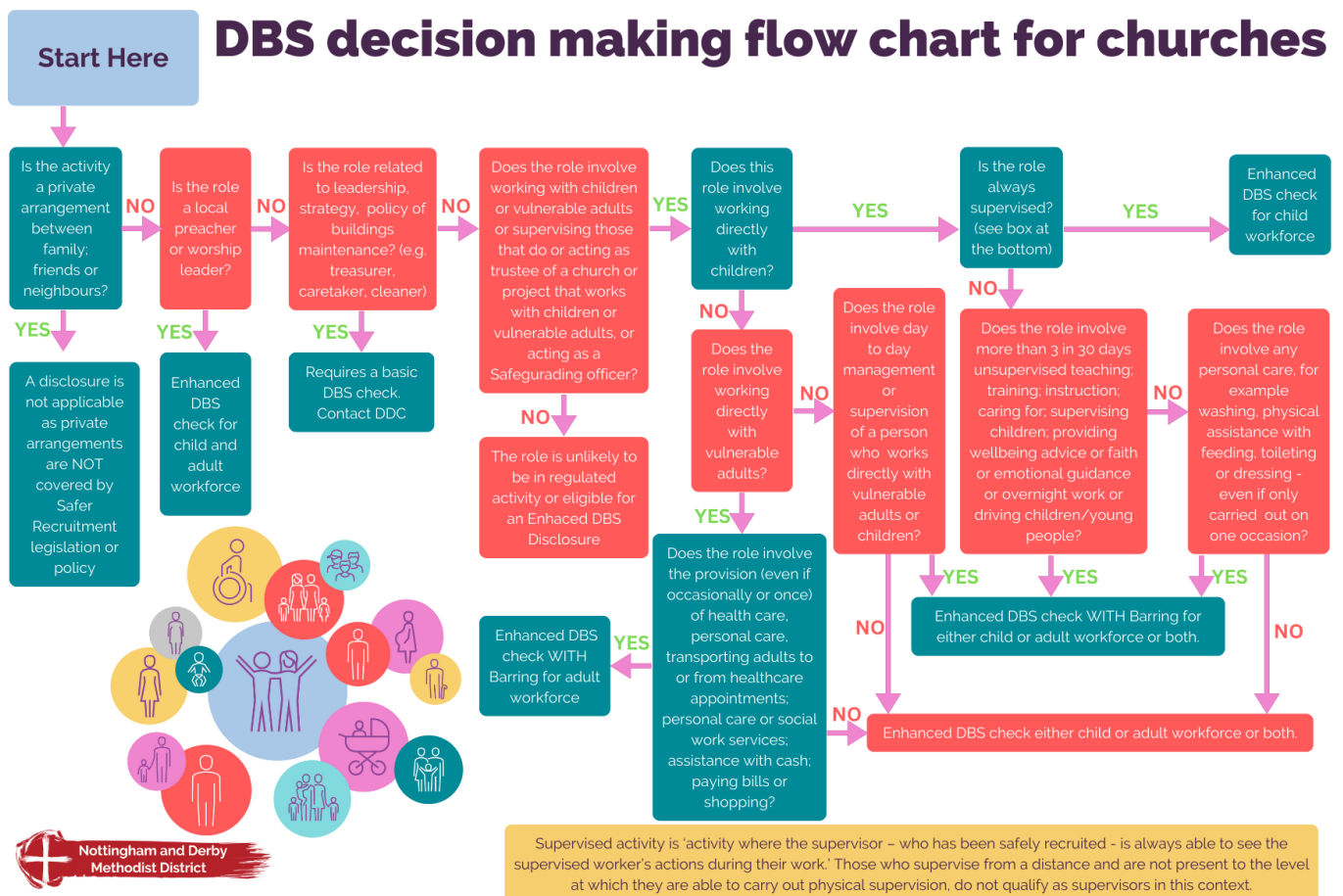
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

Many thanks,

Lauren

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** 