



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

28th July 2026

Thank you to everyone who came to Wellington Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon to say farewell to Rev. Roger Dunlop, as his time with the Telford Circuit has come to an end and he starts his retirement.

The service taken by Rev Frances Biseker, who has been a close friend of Roger and Catherine for many years, was full of joyful praise and spiritual truth.

Roger even did a little bit of magic for us!

We pray that God will take care of both Roger and his wife Catherine as they embark in their new adventure in life.

We give thanks for their daily efforts, their patience through challenges, and the kindness they showed to others.

We ask for your peace to fill their heart and mind as they close this long and faithful chapter of their career.

We pray for joy and good health in the days ahead, guiding them into a beautiful balance of rest and new pursuits.

Open new doors for them to share their wisdom, enjoy their loved ones, and feel your close presence in every new morning. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.



Dear friends

We are having a Circuit Service at 10.15am on Sunday 6th September 2026 at Wellington Methodist Church to launch our new way of working and induct new staff.

Do you play a musical instrument or are you a singer?

If so, would you like to bring your instrument (or your voice) along so that we can put together a scratch music group and scratch choir? If this is something that you fancy doing, then please send me an email to let me know you are coming and what instrument you are bringing.

Email to: adrian.burdon@btinternet.com

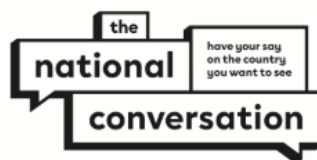
Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon
Superintendent Minister

Across the UK, people are being asked one question: how can we live well together? It's part of the National Conversation — a UK-wide listening initiative, powered by a survey run independently by researchers at Nuffield College, University of Oxford.

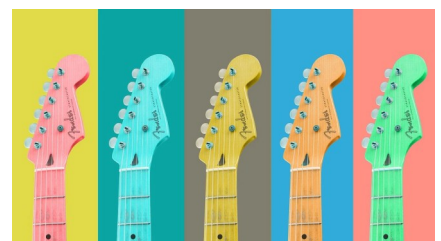
In just weeks it has already passed 10,000 responses — and now we want your voice included. As a church community, you know what belonging, and its absence, means for the people around you. This is your chance to be heard.

Have your say at national-conversation.ox.ac.uk/en/methodistchurch



Thank you for choosing to contribute to The National Conversation.

Your participation will help create one of the few resources where people can see how their area feels, not just how it votes.



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



“See how the flowers of the field grow. I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.” *Matthew 6: 28-29*

Church flowers are a central part of our weekly worship and feature prominently in our special services, for example at Easter and for weddings and funerals. But what impact does flower arranging have on the environment and how can we change our habits to reflect our care for God’s world?

Sourcing our flowers

Supermarket flowers often have a significant carbon footprint, not only having been flown into the UK but also in terms of the water and pesticides used to produce them. By inviting congregation members to bring in blooms and foliage from their gardens or sourcing our flowers from local growers we can significantly reduce their impact on the environment (and the cost to our pockets). It might even be a way of building up positive relationships with your local community. Remember the principal of buying local, seasonal and organic or fairly traded flowers.

Wrappings and floral foam

If buying from a florist, encourage them to wrap the flowers in paper rather than plastic. Floral foam is not biodegradable and is responsible for micro-plastics getting into and polluting our water courses. Use vases of water instead to avoid causing damage. Jam jars full of flowers and foliage also look great on window ledges.

Waste and recycling

Dead flowers can go into the compost and any unavoidable soft plastic wrappings can be recycled at supermarkets. If you still have floral foam which you have been using up, it is essential that no micro-plastics enter the water courses. Strain the water carefully through a tightly woven fabric and use the strained water in your garden rather than pouring it down the drain.

People’s Emergency Briefing – highly recommended!

Engage with this important and impactful debate at **Ketley** Community Centre on 20th August at 6pm or Church and Chetwynd Aston Village Hall, **Newport** on 4th Sept at 7pm. Why not invite a friend to watch the film with you?

If your community has not had a showing, could you be the hosts? Invite others and start important conversations. Information [here](#). Jamie Russell can help with a showing in your church. Contact jamie@nebriefing.org

A justice seeking church



Some dates and resources for **August**.

Could you include these in prayers and worship?

10th – 16th August: National Allotment Week

Whether you have an allotment or grow fruit and vegetables at home, August is a month of abundance. When so many are experiencing food shortage and poverty, this is your chance to share generously...

- your produce
- your enjoyment of gardening (with children and grandchildren)
- your garden with local wildlife

The [National Allotment Society](#) have articles on growing gardeners, the benefits of bats, foraging in the summer months and much more...

12th August: International Youth Day

This year the theme is 'Different contexts, common aspirations' in recognition of the different challenges which face young people across the globe engaging in tackling global challenges and working towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals together. Can you pray for this initiative and for young people across the world as they seek justice, hope and sustainability for the future? For more information: [International Youth Day 2026 concept](#)

23rd August: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

"It is time to abolish human exploitation once and for all, and to recognise the equal and unconditional dignity of each and every individual."

Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO

For resources including films, facts and reports, click [here](#).

We pray...

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

Come to the captives and the refugees.

Comfort all people who wait for freedom and all people who wait for them to be free.

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

*Come as water cascading down a mountain
washing away the inequities of wealth and poverty.*

Come change the story.

Come Holy Spirit, come now. Amen.

Penny McCulloch, Worship Leader, Balsall Common Methodist Church.

**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!



Evangelism

The Community of Evangelists



Evangelists are people with a particular gift for evangelism, and they are an incredibly diverse bunch. Some have the word 'evangelist' in their job title and are paid for their time; others express their calling at the allotment or down the pub. Evangelists are found across the theological spectrum; in all kinds of churches and Christian



communities; some are quiet and introspective, others are chatty and outgoing. Could this be you? Check out methodist.org.uk/evangelistcommunity to find out more .

Pray with us today.

Lord of all creation, you have written our story with hands of grace. Every chapter filled with mercy. Every verse a melody of love. May our lives sing of your faithfulness. Let our story be a testament of your goodness and our song a sweet offering before your throne. You weave sorrow in strands of gold, turning burdens into blessings unseen. Teach us to sing through every season, to trust when the road is steep, to know that your goodness is the chorus that carries us home.

You, O Lord, are our keeper, our composer, our strength, our song.
To you be all the glory, forever and ever.

Naomi Fetu, Methodist Church in Samoa



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

A Different Way—taken from a Facebook post on 27/7/26. Written by Rev Rachel Parkinson, former Chair of District for Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District,

This weekend marked the one year anniversary of our Living Life in a Different Way. It was exactly twelve months since my leaving service from the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District and I was very glad to mark it by joining my friend and former colleague Novette Headley as she “sat down” (Methodist lingo for retiring) from being co-Chair of the new West Midlands District.

What a year it has been! I’ve made two pilgrimages to Rome....one solo on foot and one with Neil and 10 wonderful young Methodists. I’ve made the Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, tracing the story of Jesus through 30 days of silence. I’ve swum in the sea in December and March (Sicily and Turkey). I now have a tattoo and I’ve learned to knit socks on a circular needle. I’ve cycled to Stornaway and to Ephesus and made a peace pilgrimage to an Arms Fair.



I’ve spent hours digging round the base of young fruit trees in the Turkish sun and volunteered at Greenbelt for the first time. I’ve made my first sourdough bread and slowed down by making porridge on the stove every morning in Northumberland, rather than sticking it in the microwave. I’ve had my second (mild) panic attack. We’ve said goodbye to both Neil’s parents and celebrated their lives. We’ve enjoyed fabulous hospitality and generosity from friends without whom this would not have been possible and who are part of the great treasure of our lives.....

We might have taken a different, and more conventional, path this year and who knows where that would have taken us. It would not necessarily have been better or worse. One thing that is certain is that God would have been with us whichever path we’d taken, as God has been with us on this extraordinary journey.

Speaking for myself, at the end of this year I have a different relationship with the things that we own and I have a more expansive sense of what “home” means. I am in a better relationship with my physical body (though I’m sometimes barely on speaking terms with my right knee and foot!) When I find myself in situations that are scary, I now have a bigger portfolio to draw from of situations where I’ve been scared before and it’s been OK. I have thoroughly lived out my desire to “go with the flow”..... not in the sense that anything goes but to develop that suppleness which allows you to respond to the promptings of the Spirit. This requires an ability to live with uncertainty and not plan too far ahead. I am in a different and deeper relationship with Neil, as husband and companion. I think I can say that of God too - though it’s harder to tell.

I still have permission to be Without Appointment in the Methodist Church for another year and there’s lots in the pipeline. Obviously questions about what happens after that are becoming more pressing. I’m hoping to go with the flow....!

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.



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.



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

Come & Join Us



St. Christopher's Trust
Admaston



24-7 PRAYER
25 YEARS OF NON-STOP PRAYER

Prayer

for Revival Telford

St Christopher's room, Admaston House, TF5 0BN

13th August 7.30pm – 15th August 10pm

Prayer stations are a guided theme-based experience, and schedules allow you to commit to being ministered to. You can use the prayer room facilities at any time, record your journey and choose a station that inspires you!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563276720427>

More details on the reverse

Contact Helen for more info

07801 536925



24-7 PRAYER
25 YEARS OF NON-STOP PRAYER

24/7 Prayer for Revival in Telford 2026 (13-15th Aug)

Thursday: 7.30-10pm Praise/ Worship and Prayer (Theme: **Repentance**) *"Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love..." Joel 2 v12-13*

Friday: Prayer Room all day: 7am-10pm *"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten"* Joel 2 v25

7.15am-8.45am: Come and have breakfast (coffee and croissant): Those in leadership roles and others welcome: share what God is saying to you and your church on seeing Telford reached for Christ. Pray into what God is saying.

8.45am-12noon: Prayer Stations open all day

12 noon-1pm: All present gather together for informal prayer as the Spirit leads

1-7.30pm: Prayer Stations open all day

7.30-10pm Praise/ Worship and Prayer (**Restoration and Refreshment**)

Saturday: Prayer Room open all day: **7am-10pm** *"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.32 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Joel 2 v28-32

7am-8am: Corporate prayer

8am-12noon: Prayer Stations open all day

12 noon-1pm: All present gather together for informal prayer as the Spirit leads

1-7.30pm: Prayer Stations open all day

7.30-10pm: Praise/ Worship and Prayer (**Reuniting and Revival**)

Table Top

SALE

at

***DAWLEY CHRISTIAN
CENTRE***

on

Friday 15th August 2025

9.00am – 12 noon

**Come along and grab
a bargain.**

**To book a table for only £5 please call
Sharon on 01952 505108**

Circuit Prayer Space

Circuit Prayer Space on a Monday morning at 8:30am.

Val Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Circuit Prayer Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?
pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQT09](https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQT09)

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

God loves you
unconditionally, no strings attached.
That's the good news.

Faith Space - An online service for all

Starts at 6:30pm on the link below.

Weekly zoom services for anyone and everyone wherever in the world you are!

Join Zoom meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/95651019665?
pwd=bGgyVEdvQ0cvNDRpWm5HTVB0UDRmdz09](https://zoom.us/j/95651019665?pwd=bGgyVEdvQ0cvNDRpWm5HTVB0UDRmdz09)

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

God bless you all and see you soon!



Bible Studies in the Circuit

Circuit Online Bible Study

Bible study 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

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-out-worship-autumn-2026-tickets-1976739102869?aff=eivtefrnd&utm_source=listing_android&sg=dbf960d64fc839500ff0714e16d5e40c7d1f68ade8accf2bffd41c858acba3dbf519cf8b90e516546153b9975ec5630824093dd83e88b6d2017a1b880ec388937822fa814a4eac4596a7c49b

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





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**

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

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Safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk | www.telfordmeth.org.uk

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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:

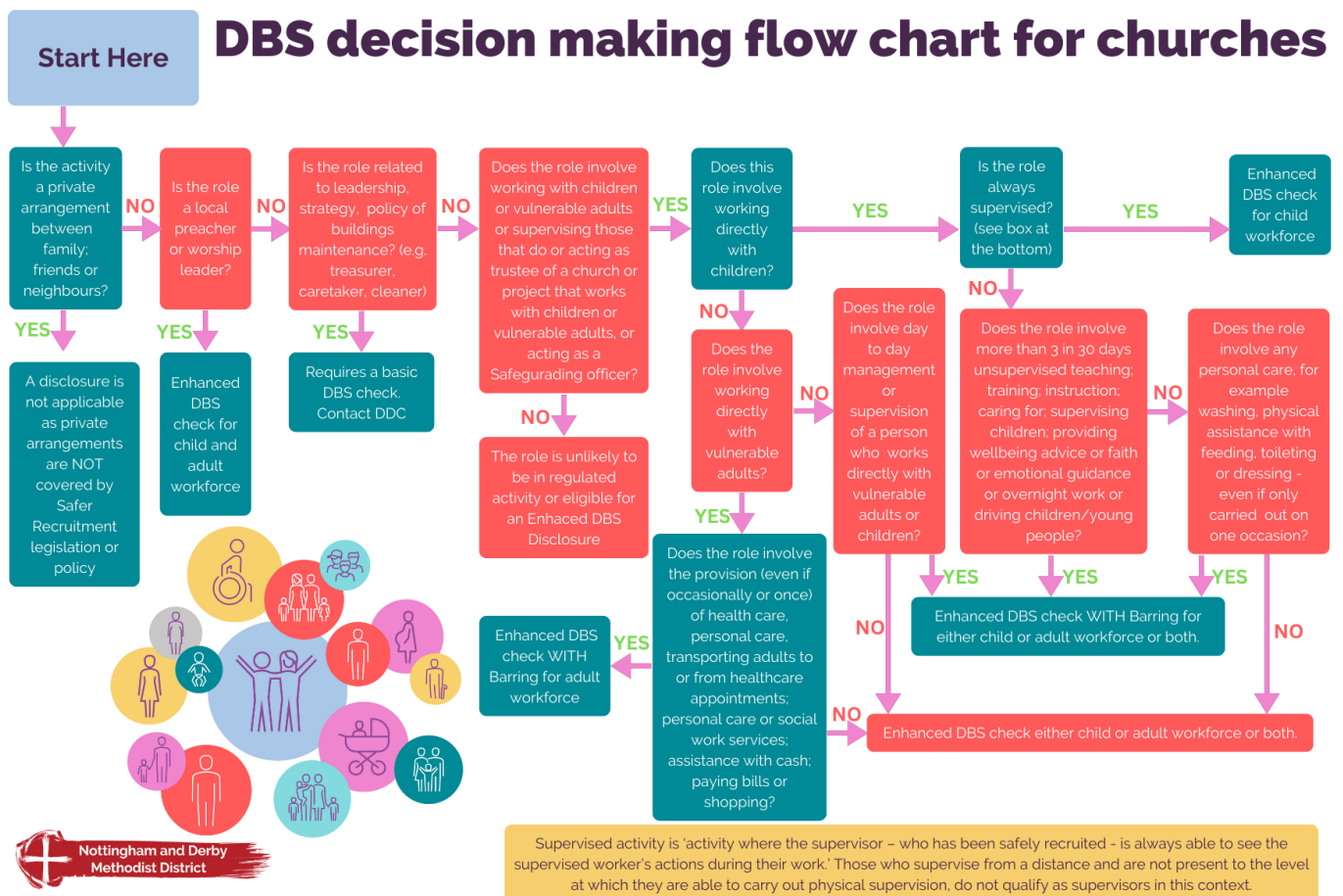
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

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.

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

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