



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

27th August 2026

Faith, Friendship and Pilgrimage by Rail

Ten young adults from across Britain returned last month from an unforgettable rail pilgrimage to Italy. Travelling from London into Paris and then on to Milan, Bologna and Rome, the group explored stunning art, architecture and ate plenty of gelato! But at the heart of the journey was sharing in the mission and experiencing the ministry of OPCEMI, the Methodist Church in Britain's partner church in Italy.

"The pilgrims' relationship with God, and with each other, was deepened and we pray it will reach fresh depths as they continue to reflect on their encounters in Italy."
- Revd Rachel Parkinson (one of the pilgrimage leaders).

Read the full blog by Revd Rachel Parkinson at <http://method-ist.org.uk/.../faith-friendship-and.../>

Find out more about our Encounter Together programme at <http://method-ist.org.uk/.../opportuni.../encounter-together/>



Circuit Service at Wellington on 6th September at 10:15am

In order to ensure the service is accessible to all, we kindly ask that the church carpark is reserved for those with blue badges and that other drivers use the main car park.

Thank you!

Ketley Coffee Club :

We run the second and fourth Thursday of each month @ Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road, Ketley – 1 pm to 3 pm. The Club was started a few years ago to negate social isolation in the over 50's.

We have speakers, do bingo, go out from time to time, etc. It is a time for friendship – getting together and “putting the world to right”. Subs are £1.50 pp and we do a raffle @ £1 per ticket.

Bernie Jones is coming to give an illustrated talk on Wappenshall Wharf (more info on this on their web site).

September – we are out for both dates:

Thursday, 10th September we are going to Madebrook for a 1 course carvery (sweets may be purchased on the day) @ £8.99 per person @ 1 pm. This is a self-drive event.

Thursday, 24th September we are going to Frankley Farm, Broseley which has lots of animals. Light refreshments are available. Admission is £8 pp. This is a self-drive event.

Would need to receive bookings for these dates as I must make prior arrangements.

Kind regards.

Barbara Evans

Oakengates United Church

(If you are interested in attending please let Sharon know and she will put in touch with Barbara - Thank you.



PRIORSLEE VILLAGE

For more details

contact Sylvia on 01952 299504

Good morning everyone. I am profiling the tools again this week as we have added even more to the refurbished stock. The rain was very welcome and one water butt is even half full. 😊 still a good selection of plants available which must be hardy as they have survived all the hot weather. Take care and happy gardening. Regards Sylvia



Date for the Diary.

Wednesday 2nd Sept 7pm WLLP
Explore session 3.3 on zoom
(details from me)

Sunday 6th Sept 10:15am Circuit
Service at Wellington

Monday 7th Sept 7:30pm Local
Preachers and Worship leaders
meeting at Shifnal, Trinity

Saturday 12th Sept all day
Synod for Synod reps

Wednesday 16th Sept 7:30pm
Circuit Meeting at Wellington

Wednesday 7th October 7pm
WLLP Explore session 4.1 on
zoom

**Wednesday 14th October
7:30pm**

Circuit Justice
Team meeting
on zoom


**The
Methodist
Church**
Telford Circuit



Broseley afternoon Bible Study Group

Read, ponder, share and grow.

Discover the **Methodist Way of Life**
through conversation and sharing.

How does the Bible guide and encourage
us as we grow in faith together?

All are welcome, no previous knowledge
or experience needed!

Meeting at 2.30-4pm on
Tuesdays as follows:

- 8th September - Pray
- 6th October - Open
- 10th November - Challenge
- 1st December - Share



For more information contact Jo on
jo@telfordmeth.org.uk or 07415 784971

**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!



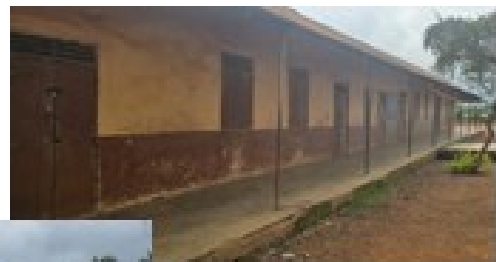


**August Update: £2203
donated, we are 1/3 there!**



**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 a total of
£6500 by the end of 2026?***

Like when Jesus fed 5,000 on the banks of the Sea of Galilee with limited resources, a Methodist circuit on the Fylde coast unexpectedly found itself dealing with thousands of people arriving after having only prepared for a fraction of their number. (19 August 2026)

A multitude of 2,000 spectators descended on one Methodist Church organised eclipse party last week, with attendees sharing just 200 pairs of special glasses – drawing comparisons to the famous loaves and fishes miracle.

But what looked like scarcity turned into abundance on the evening of Wednesday 12 August, at Fairhaven Lake, as the specialist glasses allowing people to look at the rare phenomenon were shared widely, sparking conversations and community among the attendees.

Huge crowds gathered at Methodist Church eclipse watching parties across the UK and Ireland as churches opened their arms to communities as part of a Day of Outreach.

Western Europe's skies darkened for the most significant solar eclipse since 1999, and the last until 2090, as the Moon passed between the Earth and the Sun, blocking sunlight for over two minutes.

But for many churches it was a celebration that lasted hours, as people from across the community – from Church members to those of different faiths or none – were drawn together to watch and celebrate, with amazement, the spectacle.

Many organisers were shocked at the massive response from local communities, with many flocking to the parties which were often organised alongside different partners.

Superintendent Minister Stuart Wild, of the Blackpool and South Fylde Methodist Circuit, said: "We came prepared to welcome a few hundred people, but God had other plans. What began with a worry about whether we would have enough became a beautiful demonstration of what happens when people share what they have. "Like the loaves and fishes, God can take what seems insufficient and use it to bless a multitude. For us, this was a powerful reminder that the Church is called to make space for everyone and to be a community where generosity, welcome and wonder can flourish."

"The eclipse lasted only two hours, but the witness of generosity and community may last much longer."



Thousands turned up to the party

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

John 7:37

The Season of Creation 2026: Living Water

The church Season of Creation runs from 1st September to 4th October every year and during this month we are all encouraged to consider how we fulfill God's instructions to be good stewards of creation, to celebrate the beauty of the gift of creation God has placed us into, to lament the damage and hurt we have caused and to renew our pledge to work for climate justice for all.



The theme this year is Living Water. Church Stewards and Worship Leaders have an ecumenically inspired act of worship to share with you during this month based on Ezekiel 47: ***'where the river flows, everything will live'***.

'Living Water Challenge' Bingo

I invite you all to join this circuit-wide game developed especially for the Telford Circuit. You can find the Bingo card on the next page. It comprises twelve simple challenges, easily accessible by a wide age range and linked to the twelve practices of the Methodist Way of Life. Please feel free to print out the bingo card or keep it on your phone, share it and use it to play along during September. And do write in and share your experiences along the way!

People's Emergency Briefing – it's not too late!

Engage with this important and impactful debate at:

- Church and Chetwynd Aston Village Hall, **Newport** on 4th Sept at 7pm.
- **Beckbury** Village Hall, TF11 9DG on 15th Oct 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

‘Living Water Challenge’ Bingo card

How many of these Living Water Challenges can you complete during the Season of Creation (1st Sept to 4th Oct)?

 Notice Sit for 10 minutes by a local pond or stream. What wildlife do you notice?	 Pray Pray for the 1 in 4 people worldwide who still lack access to clean water.	 Worship Every time you turn on a tap today, thank God for the gift of water.
 Learn Find out about a local or national project campaigning for clean water*	 Care Offer a drink to someone who is thirsty or tired.	 Open Provide water, food or shelter for wildlife outside your home or church.
 Serve Support a charity who provide clean water to a community who need it. *	 Challenge Support the Friends of the Earth 2026 ‘Clean up’ campaign for cleaner water **	 Flourish Use grey water to care for a plant for a month and watch it grow.
 Tell Tell someone how God has provided for you this week.	 Share Which Bible verse gives you hope for creation? Who can you share it with?	 Live Commit to re-usable drinks bottles and cups rather than single-use plastic.

*Campaigns and Charities for clean water include:

[WaterAid](#) [Unicef Access to Clean Water](#) [Oxfam Clean Water campaign](#) [Tearfund Toilet Twinning](#) <https://riveractionuk.com/> <https://severncarp.org.uk/>

** To add your name to the Friends of the Earth 2026 campaign ‘Make 2026 the year polluters clean up their act’ click [here](#).

A justice seeking church



There are a lot of justice-related dates in **September**.

Could you include these in your prayers and worship?
How might these feed into your wider church life?

1 Sept–4 Oct Season of Creation

For more information see the [Eco News](#) page

6 National Food Bank Day

One in seven people in the UK are facing hunger according to the [Trussel Trust](#)

10 World Suicide Prevention Day

facts and stories from the Samaritans [click here](#)

13 Education Sunday

for worship ideas based on the lectionary [click here](#)

20 Peace Sunday and 21 UN International Day of Peace

prayers and other materials for worship are available from [here](#)

21 Sept–4 Oct Fairtrade Fortnight

[Christian Concern for One World](#) have prayers and resources for worship

26 International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

You can find lots of information about this [here](#)

27 Disability Awareness Sunday (20-27 Disability Awareness Week)

2026 theme 'One body, many parts'. Register [here](#) for resources.

28 Sept–4 Oct Good Money Week

Towards sustainable and ethical options. For more information [click here](#)



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!



Pray with us today.

Dear Lord, we come to you in prayer, seeking your guidance to help us to continue to make our churches places of welcome and acceptance. We know so many people of all ages are lonely and long to belong. We want to build church families of all ages, who worship together with joy. We need always to put prayer at the heart of all our planning and action.

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



All you keen or would be bakers please

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

**On Wednesday 26th August
between 1-3pm**

**On Saturday 29th August between
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)**



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

Please come along and give it a go.

Telford Street Pastors Fundraiser



Friday 18th September

7.30pm

St John's Church,
Saltwells Drive,
Muxton, TF2 8RJ

A quiz like
no other

Jacket potatoes and fillings
included in the price.
Bring your own drinks.

Join us for
an evening of fun,
all welcome!

Quiz Night



£10 a head
payable on the door.

Email or message

telford@streetpastors.org.uk

or 07866 780048 to ensure you get food.

Registered charity no. 1144997



Table Top Sale

Dawley Christian Centre

on

Friday 18th September 2026
9.00am – 12 noon

**Come along and grab
a bargain.**

Hire a table for just £5!

Bridgnorth to host fascinating Shroud of Turin exhibition

A remarkable and thought-provoking exhibition is coming to Bridgnorth this autumn, as St Leonard's Church prepares to host a full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin — along with a wealth of display panels exploring one of the Christian world's most intriguing relics.

The exhibition will run from Monday 26 October to Thursday 12 November, and will be open daily from 11am to 4pm. Admission is free. Visitors will be able to view the 14-foot-long replica of the Shroud (the original is held in Turin Cathedral), read the supporting information panels and, for those who wish, spend time reflecting on the mystery of this extraordinary cloth.

The touring exhibition has been brought to the town by two local men, Mike Shaw and Alan Muscat, both of whom attend local churches and share a long-standing interest in the Shroud. Their aim is to invite people to look, listen and reflect on a subject that has fascinated believers and sceptics for generations.

Mike, a former solicitor now in his early 80s, has been interested in the Shroud for many years. Recently, however, his enthusiasm has grown even stronger as new research has emerged, casting fresh doubt on the previous medieval dating of the cloth. The renewed debate has only deepened his sense that the Shroud deserves serious attention.

Mike has been the driving force behind bringing the exhibition to Bridgnorth, though he is the first to admit that he needed help on the technical and publicity skills required to make the project happen. For those he turned to his close friend Alan Muscat — a graphic and web design professional based in the town — knowing that Alan shared his interest in the Shroud and could help bring the idea to life.

Together, the two men have put their energy into bringing an exhibition that is accessible, engaging and suitable for visitors of all backgrounds. For them, the story of the Shroud is not just about history or archaeology, but about something far more arresting: the possibility that the cloth may bear the image of Jesus himself.

It is this possibility that continues to give the Shroud such power. For believers, it can be a source of faith and reflection. For those still exploring the Christian faith, it may offer a striking and unexpected point of entry. And for others, it remains a deeply curious historical artefact that refuses to be easily explained.

At the heart of the fascination is the image itself. The Shroud appears to bear the image of a man who has suffered injuries consistent with crucifixion, but what makes it even more extraordinary is the fact that the image is essentially a photographic negative, the first ever 'selfie'. That, in itself, is part of the mystery. Visitors will be shown how to use their mobile phones in negative mode to view the Shroud image as a positive photograph. This simple technique helps reveal the image more clearly. It is a small but memorable detail that is likely to stay with visitors long after they leave the church.

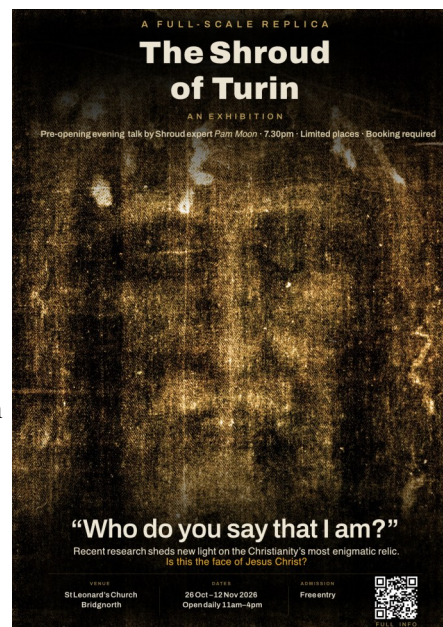
Science has not found an answer to how the image came to be there. No known physical or chemical process has been able to explain the transfer of such an image onto the linen. Despite decades of study, the origin of the image remains a mystery.

For Mike and Alan, that is part of the appeal. They are not claiming to the answers. Instead, they are offering the people of the Bridgnorth area the chance to encounter something unusual, visually striking and deeply thought-provoking. In a world where so much seems instantly explainable, the Shroud stands apart as something that still resists easy interpretation.

As local churchgoers, both men also believe the exhibition has a spiritual dimension. While neither sees the Shroud as something necessary for faith in Jesus, both feel that it can strengthen belief for those who have faith and inspire belief for those who are exploring. If nothing else, they say, the possibility that the cloth may preserve the image of Jesus of Nazareth is too awe-inspiring not to share with others.

The exhibition runs at St Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth, from Monday 26 October to Thursday 12 November, daily from 11am to 4pm, with free admission. Pam Moon, a researcher, author and educator associated with the British Society for the Turin Shroud, will open the exhibition with a talk at 7pm on Sunday 25 October, covering the history, science and latest developments surrounding the Shroud.

Further information and booking details for the pre-opening talk are available at www.turinshroudbridgnorth.co.uk



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:

circuitsupport@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!



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**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

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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

07904 814741

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

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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.

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:

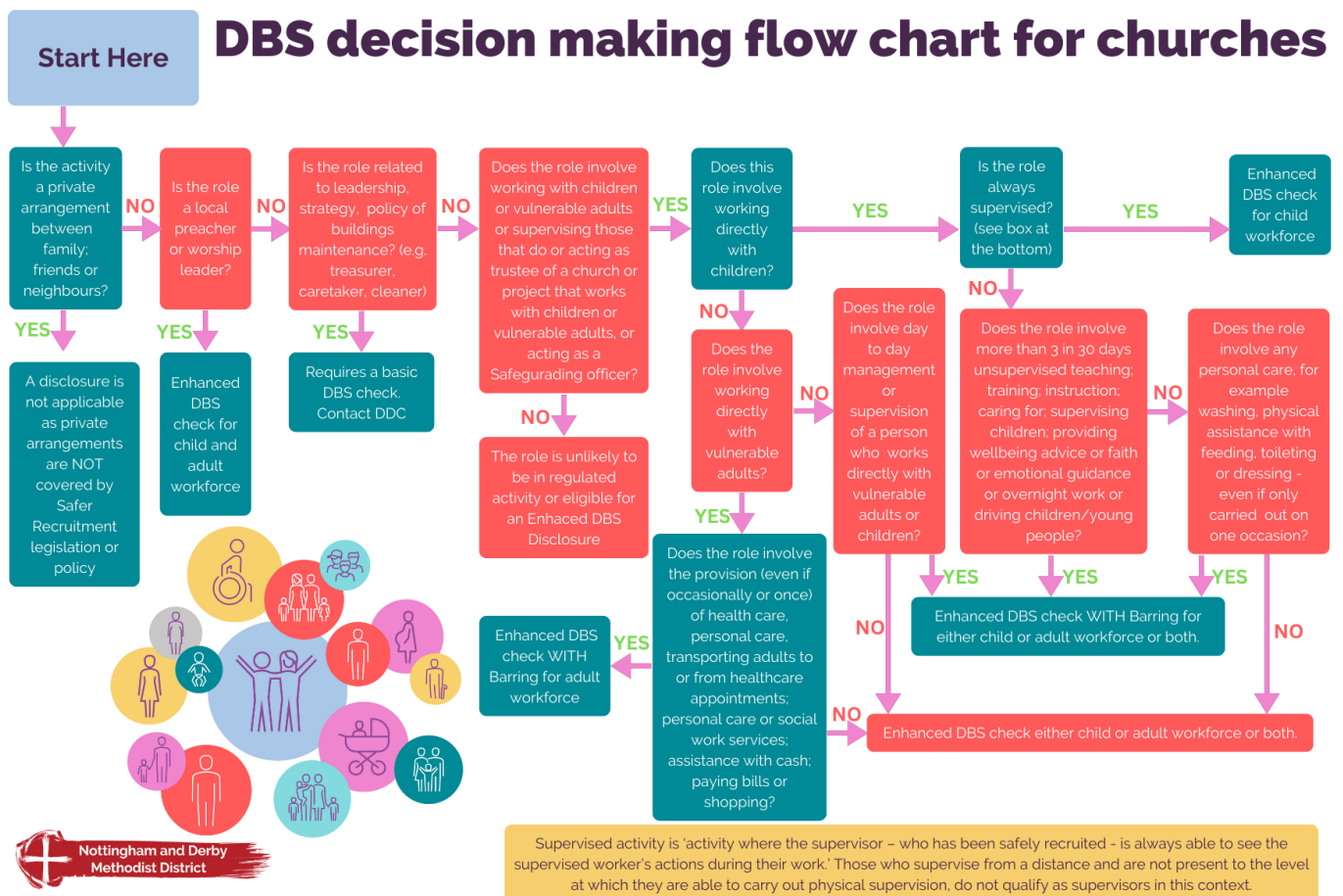
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

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
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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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