



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

3rd September 2026

At the beginning of the new Connexional year, the President of the Conference the Revd Mark Slaney reflects on what it means to be in solidarity with those who cry out for justice and mercy, both locally and worldwide

[Start of the Connexional Year Reflections from the President, the Revd Mark Slaney - The Methodist Church](#)



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!

**PLEASE NOTE THE
COLLECTION ON SUNDAY
WILL BE GOING TOWARDS
AJUMAKO OSEDZI
METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROJECT IN GHANA
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY
THANK YOU.**

Prayer for Communities Affected by Flooding in Nepal and Tibet

Loving God,

We pray for all those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Be near to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and to all who wait in uncertainty for news of family and friends.

Hold close those whose homes, livelihoods and communities have been swept away, and all who are shocked, displaced or afraid.

Strengthen rescue workers, local communities, churches and all who are searching, serving and offering care in the midst of this crisis.

Grant courage and resilience to those waiting for news, facing uncertainty, and fearing the days ahead.

As we witness the growing fragility of creation, re-new our commitment to care for one another and for the earth of which we are a part.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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.



We are devastated by the serious incident that took place at Big Church Festival 2026 today, in which a sign fell, injuring at least seven people, one of whom tragically lost their life.

First and foremost, all of our thoughts are with those who have been affected, their families and friends, and everyone who witnessed what happened.

Following today's incident, we have made the decision to bring Big Church Festival 2026 to a close.

For all future updates, please visit our website.

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



Horsehay Scarecrow Festival – Sunday 6 September 2026

All scarecrows welcome, trophy for the most popular entry. Free to enter – just position your scarecrow somewhere around the pool before 11.00am.

Refreshments, teas and cakes and children's activities. Come and have a stroll around our lovely pool and see how many scarecrows you can find!



**HARVEST FESTIVAL
AT HORSEHAY METHODIST
Sunday 4 October @ 11.00am**
*All items/produce will be donated
to the Food Bank*

CONCERT FOR HARVEST @ HORSEHAY METHODIST

Sunday 4 October:

2.30pm – 4.00pm

More details to be announced asap!



Horsehay Horticultural Society

Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show

Horsehay Village Hall TF4 2NF

Saturday 5 September 2026

Show open to everyone from any area

Show open for viewing from 2.00pm - Presentations from 5.00pm

All exhibits to be staged by 10.30am on the day of the show - the village hall will be open on Friday evening, 4 September, 6.30pm – 9.00pm, and from 8.30am – 10.30am on the day of the show for this purpose.

Closing date for entries is 9.00pm on Friday 4 September 2026

More info/schedule/entry form from

Deb Tovey, Show Secretary, 07491 981738 or debtov@icloud.com



ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH, WELLINGTON TF1 1DG



Concert Programme

Friday 25 September @ 7.30pm: Darby Singers and Anthem Voices

Saturday 3 October @ 7.30pm: Shropshire Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 14 November @ 7.30pm: Telford Concert Band

Saturday 5 December @ 7.30pm: Christmas Joy with Matthew Richards

More info: 07976 100321 or email organproject@allsaints-wellington.org.uk

Raising funds to restore our historic pipe organ – every note counts!

**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!



JOIN THE ADVENTURE



ANCHORS

5 – 8 Years

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8 – 11 Years

Company

11 – 14 Years

Seniors

14 – 18 Years

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL GROUP

2nd Oakengates Boys Brigade & Girls Association
Meet Tuesdays (school term times) 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Venue : Oakengates United Church, Telford, TF26JH

For boys & girls 5 - 18 years old / Email 2ndoakbb@gmail.com

BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK/JOIN

The Boys' Brigade is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales number 140102. A registered charity in England & Wales number 305564 and in Scotland number SC038076. Registered Office: Fenner Lodge, Fenner Hampstead, HP9 0BL, UK.

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



“How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!” *Proverbs 16:16*

Be inspired!

As the new school year begins and the church enters the season of creation, we are all encouraged to keep learning and gaining insight that we might make wise and informed decisions. And despite the confusion of facts and fake news which fill the media, there are also plenty of opportunities this term for us to arm ourselves with a better understanding of the relationship between our lifestyles and the world we live in.

Shropshire Climate Action groups invite us all to participate in their ‘Be inspired!’ events over the next few weeks during which they will be sharing best practice, working to strengthen community networks and identifying how communities can adapt to the challenges ahead. See posters for the September events on the next page or visit <https://www.shropshireclimateaction.org/whats-on>

Energy Efficient Buildings 5th September, Church Stretton

Restoring Nature 15th September, Shrewsbury

Food 3rd October, Telford Climate Action Hub

Community Energy 13th October Whitchurch

Building a Zero Waste Future 25th October, Oswestry

What can the Government do? 6th November, Craven Arms

And of course, it is still not too late to engage with a local screening of the **People’s Emergency Briefing** at:

- Church and Chetwynd Aston Village Hall, **Newport** on 4th Sept at 7pm.
- **Ditton Priors** Village Hall on 29th Sept at 6:30pm
- **Beckbury** Village Hall, TF11 9DG on 15th Oct at 7pm.

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

The poster features a green border. On the left, a white wind turbine stands on a grassy hill. On the right, a yellow house with a brown roof is covered in blue solar panels. A green leafy branch hangs from the top left. At the bottom left is a white outdoor air conditioning unit. At the bottom right is a green garden bin with a white leaf logo. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

SHROPSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION

OPEN DAY ON ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 10am to 4pm

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH AND HALL,
WATLING STREET SOUTH, CHURCH STRETTON SY6 7BG
(close to the railway station)**

Shropshire Climate Action are delighted to invite you to this day.

THE AIM: To inform households from across Shropshire how to

- 🌱 **SAVE MONEY**
- 🌱 **REDUCE THEIR CARBON FOOTPRINT**

by installing energy saving measures and efficient heating systems in their homes.

THE PROGRAMME will include

- Presentations by Marches Energy Advice and Stretton Climate Care on
 - 🌱 Home Energy Surveys
 - 🌱 Finding local installers
 - 🌱 Plug-in solar panels
 - 🌱 Grants and loans
- Time to
 - 🌱 Meet with suppliers, installers and advisors
 - 🌱 Visit a number of homes in Church Stretton which have been retrofitted for the Net Zero Carbon future.

Admission free – donations welcomed.

Bring your own lunch – drinks provided.



For further information contact:

contact@shropshireclimateaction.org



Restoring Nature

Through Collective Action in Shropshire

Tuesday 15 September 2026
7.00–9.00 pm

Shropshire Wildlife Trust,
Shrewsbury

Find out more
and book here



2026 Conference Programme

Be Inspired

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](#)

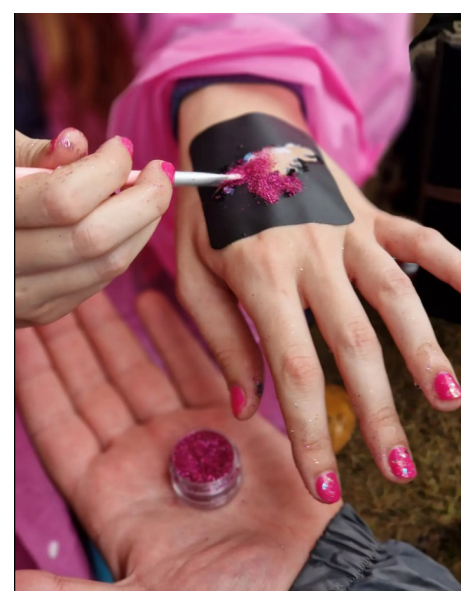


Greenbelt we love you!

Even in the rain and the mud, what a beautiful experience this weekend has been with all of you. Whether you dropped in for shelter from the storm or to go deeper into the subjects you're passionate about, it has been great to see you at **Greenbelt Festival**

As we pack down the Hope and Anchor and say goodbye to Boughton House one last time, we hope you can take something of this space away with you wherever you go and until whenever we meet again- your conversations, your questions, and your hopes

Taken from The Methodist Church Facebook page on 1/9/26





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

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.

Creative and radiant God, your strong and sure light is never overcome by darkness. May it be so in this our time.

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, in your mercy and grace you surprisingly said to us, "You are the light of the world." May it be so in this our time.

Spirit of light and love, kindle in us fresh urgency to love and serve the human family, to be amazed by creation and to care for it well, to pursue justice and offer mercy, to rejoice in receiving and sharing grace.

In confidence and hope, we pray. Amen.

Hope Morgan Ward, UMC Council of Bishops

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



Telford Street Pastors Fundraiser



CELEBRATING
15 YEARS
Telford Street Pastors
Caring
Listening
Helping



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!

All you keen or would be bakers please

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

**On Saturday 26th September between
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)**

**And also, on Wednesday 30th September
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.

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.

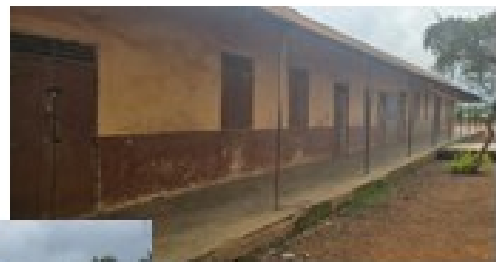


**August Update: £2203
donated, we are 1/3 there!**



**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?***

Spiritual Abuse Awareness training dates 2026



Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training

Developed by the Methodist Church Safeguarding Team, Learning Network and Survivors Group in conjunction with Dr Lisa Oakley, Chester University & Thirtyone: eight

Course overview:

- What is spiritual abuse?
- What is the impact of the experience
- How to build healthy cultures

10.30 – 15.30

29th January 2026

4th June 2026

24th September 2026

19th November 2026

on Zoom

To book your place, please follow this link:
<https://imethodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information please contact Christine Kennedy (ckennedy@methodistchurch.org.uk)
Bridget Down (bridget@methodistchurch.org.uk) or David Knight (davidknight@methodistchurch.org.uk)

The Methodist Church

We are pleased to announce 4 new dates for the Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training in 2026:

29 January

4 June

24 September and

19 November

All the sessions are on Thursdays, from 10.30 – 15.30

To book, please use the Eventbrite link: [Book on Eventbrite for Spiritual Abuse Awareness training](https://imethodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk)

See the [Spiritual Abuse - The Methodist Church](#) 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!



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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

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

Circuit 3/18 | Registered Charity 1134372

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:

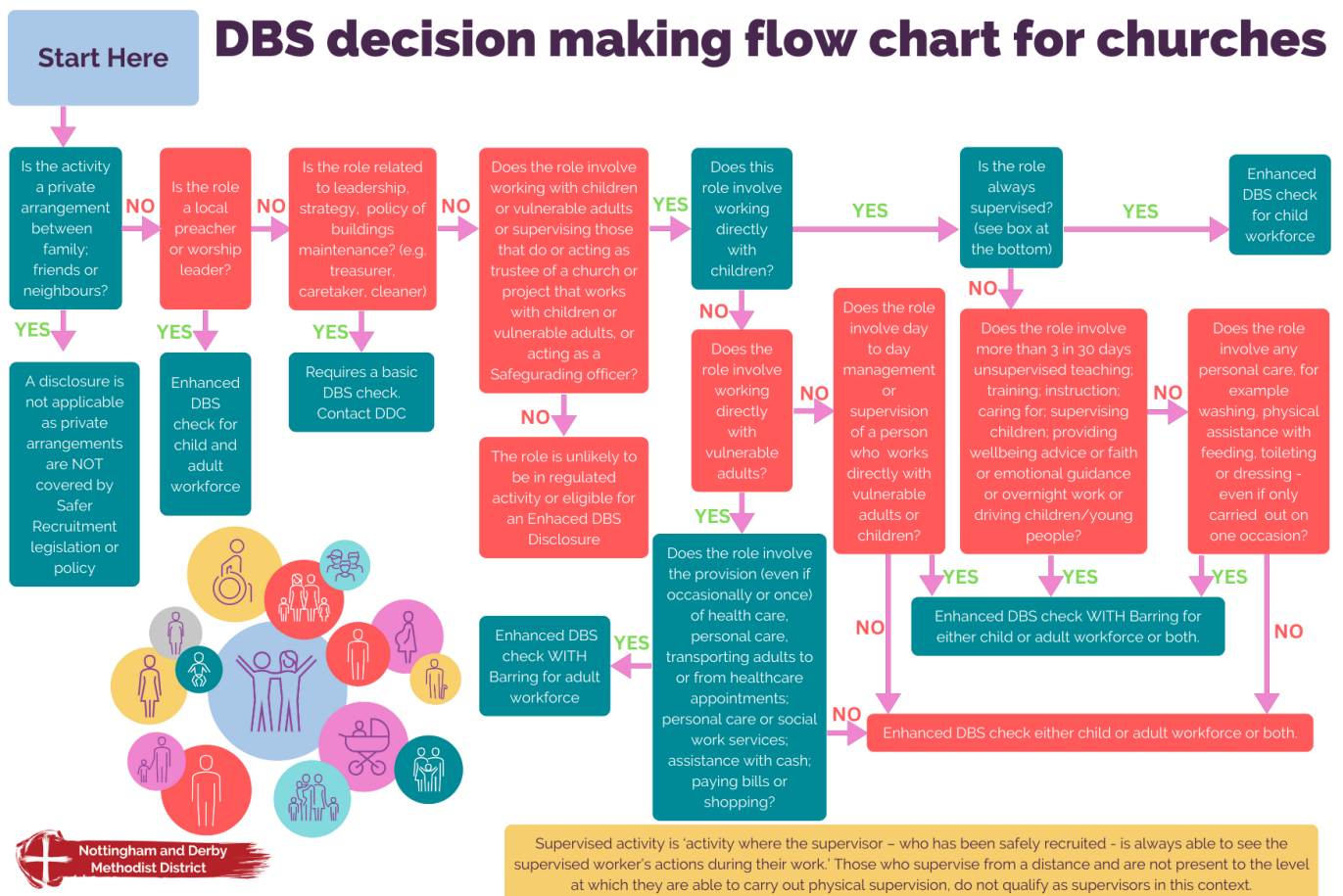
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

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.

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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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