



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

10th September 2026

Circuit Service on 6th September 2026

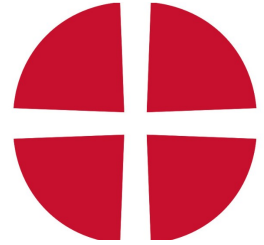
Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at the Circuit Service at Wellington last Sunday.

If you were there, you already know it was a wonderful service, but if you were unable to come I thought I'd share just a few details with you:

- Firstly, thank you to the good people of Wellington Methodist Church who looked after us before, during and after the service and for also providing Fairtrade tea, coffee and biscuits. Their efforts made for a truly lovely experience.
- Approx. 290 people turned up, with over 30 of those being children. Someone from every church in the Circuit came to the service. It was good to see so many faces, and of course the singing was really good too. Most of our church congregations are quite low in numbers, so it was a lovely feeling to be part of something bigger. We all have our own church families, but this felt more like a family celebration.
- Francis Kusi was fully accredited as a Local Preacher and received a Bible as a gift from the Circuit.
- Jo Kudlacik and Gary Hopkins were acknowledged as Local Lay Pastors. Diane and John continue in their roles.
- David Corden has been given permission to preside over Holy Communion and received a certificate, which shows he can do so. (David has been given permission from Conference but will need to get permission every year for up to 3 years to be able to continue.)
- Jo Kudlacik also received her certificate so she can carry on presiding over Holy Communion for the coming year. This year will be her 3rd.
- Rev Adrian's message was a reminder that God promises to be with us as we go out as disciples to share the good news. For many of us this might be quite a daunting thought, but put your trust in God... he's with you every step of the way.
- The Ghanaian Praise Choir sang beautifully for us, I couldn't understand the language used, but I didn't need to as I could feel the joy as they sang.
- The more talented amongst us came together as a choir, with instruments too, to sing all the well chosen hymns.
- Rev Nik led Holy Communion, which we all took together.
- Darren Arnold, our Children, Families and Youth Worker had planned some activities for the children in The Belmont Hall. The children were brought into the Church Hall towards the end of the service and the young people and their work was acknowledged.
- The work of the administrative team who are, Helen Hayward our Circuit Finance Officer, Lauren Baxendale our Circuit Safeguarding Office and Richard Lockley our Circuit Administrator and Sharon Hanson as the Circuit Support Manager was acknowledged.
- All the churches from across the Circuit were acknowledged and presented with a candle which was lit from a larger Circuit candle. Together we can share the light of God.
- The final hymn was, of course, 'We are marching in the light of God.'
- The service ended with a blessing from Rev Adrian and a dismissal by Rev Nik.

The feedback received so far is that we should come together more often... so watch this space!

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference



We warmly welcome the UK Government's commitment to ban the import of goods originating from Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. This policy rightly recognises that Israeli settlements in Palestine are illegal under international law. These settlements have been built on land that has belonged to Palestinian families and communities for generations, resulting in the displacement of people from their homes, the loss of livelihoods, restrictions on freedom of movement, and the erosion of security and hope for the future. The continued expansion of settlements is not only a violation of international law but a profound injustice that inflicts daily hardship on Palestinian communities and undermines the prospects for a just and lasting peace.

The Government has also affirmed that its official position is that Israel's occupation of Palestine is unlawful. We welcome this clear recognition that respect for international law must be the foundation of any meaningful path towards peace and security for all who live in the Holy Land.

Last September, we welcomed the UK Government's announcement of its intention to recognise the State of Palestine. Today's announcement represents a further step towards holding the Israeli Government to account for its continued unlawful occupation of Palestine, and demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that UK policy is consistent with international law and the pursuit of justice.

The Revd Mark Slaney, President of the Methodist Conference

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.



Date for the Diary.

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



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



"I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland"
from Isaiah 43:20

Ten days into the Season of Creation... I wonder how you have engaged with the theme of 'Living Water'? Perhaps you have planned a service or Bible study on the theme? Or made a start on our Bingo challenges (*see the newsletter on 27th August*). For more ideas and encouragement, read on...

Season of Creation: resources for worship and for action

Operation Noah have produced a beautiful 'Living Water' flip book encouraging small actions towards water sustainability and are also holding a 'Living Water' themed webinar on Wed 23rd September, 7-8pm. More information [here](#).

Green Christian have a collection of worship resources for harvest and the season of creation – useful for anyone leading worship this month [here](#).

Finally Stephen Allen has written a prayer which he is happy for us to share.
Stephen is a Local Preacher and Eco Lead in the Black Country Circuit.

Cool, refreshing water,
a gift from God, flowing from the heart of the Creator;
nourishing, cleansing, life-giving... a blessing for all.

Yet polluted, dirty water,
the consequence of human hands,
poisoned rivers, destroying abundant life,
a scourge upon our world.

Rivers run low, wetlands dry,
habitats disappear and living things struggle to survive.
Creation cries out for mercy,
for healing,
for renewal.

In this Season of Creation,
we remember Living Water -
water that sustains the earth,
and water that refreshes the soul.

Lord,
let your living water flow into our hearts, our minds and our souls.
Refresh us.
Renew us.
Open our eyes to the beauty and fragility of your creation.

And let your love flow through us today,
so that we may not only pray for change,
but become part of it. Amen

Newport Trinity Church

Regular activities:-

Saturday Coffee Morning in the Schoolroom at Newport Trinity Church 10.45 am. All are welcome.



Sisterhood is meeting on 15th September 2026 at 2 pm in Trinity Schoolroom.

This will be a planning meeting to discuss a new format. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks go out to Margaret Mantripp who has led Sisterhood for many years and has decided to take a well earned rest. Previously, Margaret has led worship and an invited speaker has spoken on a variety of topics such as Tapestry/Embroidery, A call to preach, A day in the life of a Speech and Language Therapist, Being the Mayor, A canal holiday etc. An update will be posted following the planning meeting. This is a Sisterhood for all, attended by other churches as well as non churchgoers.

Churches Together in Newport Activities

Monthly prayer meeting held at 9.30 am at the Baptist Church, Water Lane, Newport. This is followed by a planning meeting for upcoming Community events.

Friday Worship held monthly at Newport Cottage Day Care Centre (The old Cottage Hospital) 1.45 pm for 2-2.30 pm. Next one is on 18th September 2026

Sunday Worship held monthly at Newport Christian Care Home, Granville Road. 2.50 pm for 3-3.30 pm. Next one is on 4th October 2026.

The Big Sing held at the URC church in Shrewsbury on 26th September 2026 3-5.30 pm led by members of the Wild Goose Resource Group of the Iona Community. Suggested donation welcome, £10 to cover costs, but please give what you can afford.



Dear friends,

September is one of those times when we reset, begin again, and think about the year to come. For this reason, this edition of the God For All Update is all about planning ahead!

Ask yourself...

- How might God be nudging you to reach people who aren't currently part of your church – could that be through a New Place for New People?
- How will you make best use of the evangelistic opportunities that Advent and Christmas offer?
- How might growth planning help your church notice God at work among you, and respond with a simple, practical plan?
- What might an *On The Way* course look like in your context, and who might you invite to participate?

If you don't yet have plans to hear Elaine Heath speak on **15th September**, there's plenty of time to grab your free onsite or online ticket [here](#).

If you don't have plans for **2nd – 4th October**, 3Generate needs people like you to join the delivery team: the event literally can't run without you! Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

As we look ahead to the coming year, let's make plans, and then let's see what the Spirit does amongst us.

– Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth

Welcome and inclusion.

Sometimes we think about accessibility in terms of buildings.

Is there a ramp? An accessible toilet? Enough space to move around?

Those things matter enormously. But they are only part of the picture.

Imagine coming to church and struggling to hear what's being said. Or finding the noise and unpredictability overwhelming. Or feeling anxious because you're not sure what will happen next. Imagine being spoken about rather than spoken to. Or having people focus on what you might need help with, rather than the gifts and experiences you bring.

Welcome can feel very different depending on how we experience the world.

Perhaps that's why one of the most important questions we can ask is simply:

"What is your experience?"

Not, "What do we think would help?" but "What would help you?"

Because welcome is not just about access. It's about belonging.

It's about people being able to participate fully, contribute their gifts, share their insights, and help shape the life of the church alongside everyone else.

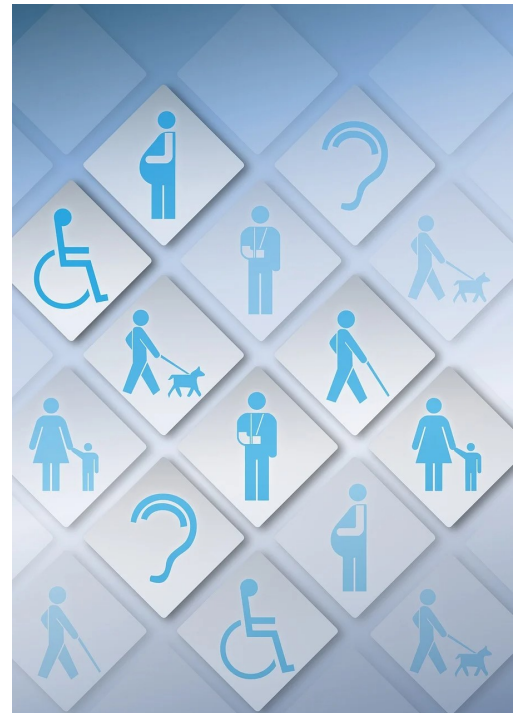
Many churches are already asking these questions and learning from the experiences of disabled people and those living with long-term health conditions. Sometimes small changes can make a significant difference. Often, listening is the best place to start.

If your church would like support, ideas, or practical guidance, the Methodist Church has a range of resources exploring disability, health, accessibility, and inclusion, helping churches reflect on how everyone can participate more fully in the life of the Church:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/the-inclusive-methodist-church/training-for-justice-dignity-and-solidarity/edi-learning-resources/disability-and-health/>

As we continue learning what it means to be a welcoming church, perhaps a good question to sit with is this:

If someone experiences the world differently from us, what might church feel like from their perspective?



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](#)





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

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!



HeartSpace

worship for today

HeartSpace on Sundays

10:30am

Trinity Centre

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 20th September

Sunday 18th October

Sunday 15th November



Contact:
heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk



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

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!



Oakengates United Church



Stafford Road, Oakengates, Telford TF2 6JH

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Saturday 26th September

10.00am – 12 noon

Delicious Bacon Butties, Toast,
Tea & Coffee

Cake Stall, Raffle, Plants & Garden Tools



We use Fairtrade products



TRINITY CHURCH NEWPORT



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

10.30am Rev. Camilla Veitch

**There will be a Bring and Share
Lunch in the schoolroom
following the service to chat and
make friends. Everyone welcome!**



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.



Taizé Service
Trinity Centre
Sunday 27th September
6:00pm

Come and join us for an evening singing beautiful taizé chants with times of silence and peaceful reflection.

A great way to start your week!

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 £8pp. 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.





THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond
& Wrekin

28 September 2026
7pm for 7.30pm start



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

Our Filling Station meetings are held on the 4th Monday, every month, except December. This month, Evangelist Helen Watson reflects on the Word of God and how this impacts in our lives.

Future dates

- 26th October
- 23rd November

Main Speaker

Helen Watson

Helen has been working in Telford promoting Jesus and the Gospel for almost 40 years. She has led Alpha courses and seen many make a commitment to Christ and be baptised. She also worked as a teacher in local schools and at the Open University lecturing in science.



Helen formed Telford Evangelism hub 4 years ago after studying under Jonathan Conrathe at the Mission 24 School of Ministry and Mission and the M24 School of Leadership and Church Planting. The ehud team come from many churches and work together in unity for the Gospel.

More info at...

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



Resourcing the Lectionary

**A Resource for the end of Ordinary Time (Year A)
1 Thessalonians and Matthew's Gospel**

Saturday 3rd October

9.45 for 10.00 - 12.30

@ Mill Street Methodist Church, Cannock WS11 0DR

(on-site parking available)

Led by Adam Biddlestone (Logos Resources)

An interactive morning for Preachers, Worship leaders and those responsible for Local Arrangements to introduce my Resourcing the Lectionary book for the Lectionary Readings Sundays 18th October to 15th November.

The morning will include

an introduction to 1 Thessalonians

input on Matthew 22 – 25

time to use resources for planning worship

a bookstall of new and second-hand Christian books

Cost £12.00

(including an electronic or hard copy of my book)

Bookings by e-mail to adam@logosresources.co.uk

or on 07923 371576 **by Wednesday 30th September**

www.logosresources.co.uk

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!

Coffee Morning



at
Cartway Methodist Church
Bridgnorth

in aid of



**Self Help
Africa**

*Growing stronger communities
across Africa*

*Good coffee,
homemade cakes,
friendship and
a brighter future
for Africa*

Saturday 3rd October 2026
10 until mid day




All welcome!



Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday October 1st

Thursday November 5th

Thursday December 3rd

10:30am-12:00pm

The Trinity Centre, Victoria Road, Shifnal

Offering support, understanding & empathy

A small group brought together through loss.

We offer a relaxed, friendly and safe environment to talk with others, share memories and make new friends

Everybody welcome

For further information contact Claire: 07955 688627



HARVEST *Festival* SERVICE

Sunday 4th October
at Cartway Methodist Church

Preacher:
Mr Paul Trenberth



Service starts at
10-45am

All produce will be
greatly appreciated
for a local
food bank



Trinity Centre
12B Victoria Rd, Shifnal TF11 8AE

Quiet Morning

Praying through the colours of the Rainbow

Coffee/Tea and Cake

The Prodigal Son

Saturday 17th October 2026

9.00am – 12.30pm

To Book please contact Evelyn and Jess on 07865 243182

Email revjessharper@gmail.com

St Andrew's Church Shifnal

'GRACE & PEACE'

A Church Service

Supporting Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

Saturday 31st October 2026

3pm

Followed by Tea/Coffee and Cake

For further information contact Rev Jess on 07865 243182

Email revjessharper@gmail.com

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.

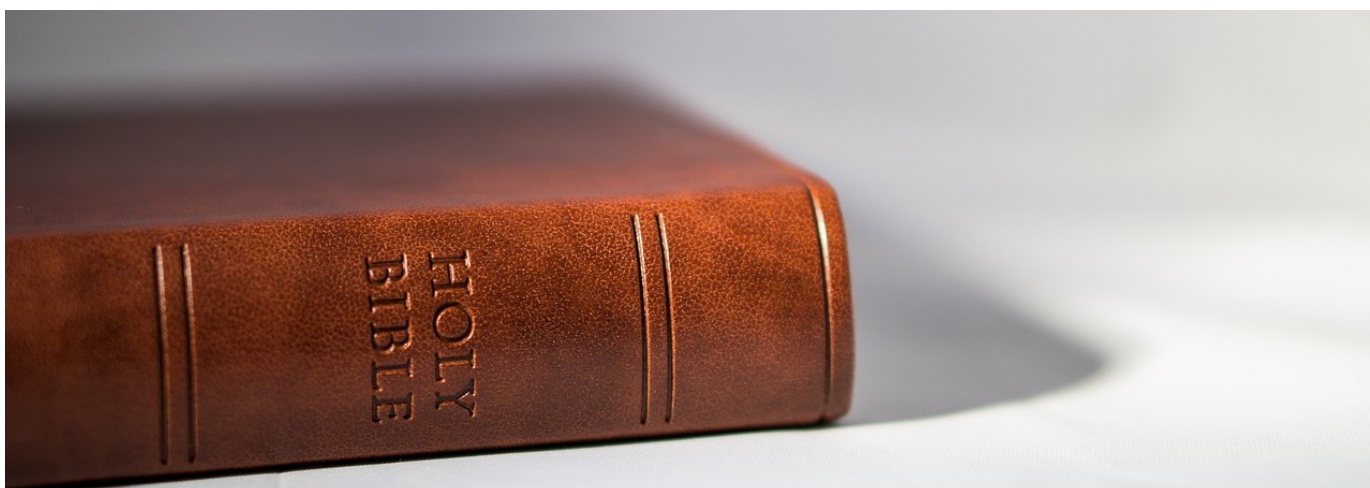
Shambles Group meet on 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30am

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

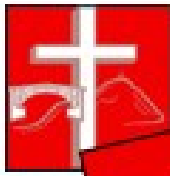
What does it mean to be 'creative' in worship? Is creativity a style of worship or something we should aim to incorporate into every part of worship? Ever found yourself saying "I'm not very creative", or "I wish our services had more creativity?"

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.

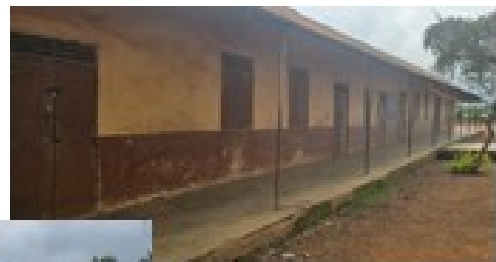


**August Update: £2203
donated, we are 1/3 there!**



**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?***

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.

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.



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



The Church of
St Andrew
& Trinity
Church
Shifnal



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

Forget me not Group

for people affected by dementia.

Third Thursday of the month at 2:00pm

Come and join us - there's a warm
welcome and a friendly atmosphere.

For more information, or for if you want to have a
conversation about memory difficulties or
dementia, contact Jean Odum on 07815 770209 or
jeanodum@shifnalbenefice.org.uk

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



Call or Whatsapp
Company Leader
Alastair Batrick
07977 508723

Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth

On the 1st Saturday of each month between 10am –12 midday there is a Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church.

There's going to be a great raffle,.

All are welcome.



Wellington Methodist Church

Are Craft and Chat Group meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month from 10am-11:45am.

There is a small charge but this does include a drink

You are welcome to drop in any time.

Everyone is welcome.



Coffee Mornings at Horsehay

**Every Wednesday:
10.30am - 12.00 noon**

**Join us for tea/coffee,
fellowship and lots of
chat and laughter!**



Ladies' Fellowship at Horsehay Second Tuesday of each month

in the vestry @2.30pm

ALL WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!

Painting for Pleasure at Horsehay Methodist Church

Informal art groups (no tutor, but lots of chat and helping each other with tips and techniques). Whatever your skill level, if you enjoy drawing and/or painting, why not come and join us? **Thursday and Friday mornings** 10.00 - 12.30. £5.00 per session.

Wool Wanted

If anyone has any spare balls of wool they don't need, can you let Sharon (01952 505108) in the Circuit Office know please?

At Dawley we are making knitted and crocheted blankets for the dementia patients at the Princess Royal Hospital.

The colourful blankets help patients, particularly those with dementia, to find their way back to bed more easily – and also see the edge of the bed more clearly when getting in and out. They also provide a more homely feel to the wards. Thank you.

[Calling all knitters: blankets wanted for patients with dementia – SaTH](#)



Bereavement Cafe

A monthly opportunity to meet and chat with others who have been bereaved, hosted by members of local churches.

Second Monday of each month

2:30-4:00pm

Wellington Methodist Church





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.



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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

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

Steph Bradley
Email: bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk
Mobile: 07817 808557

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:

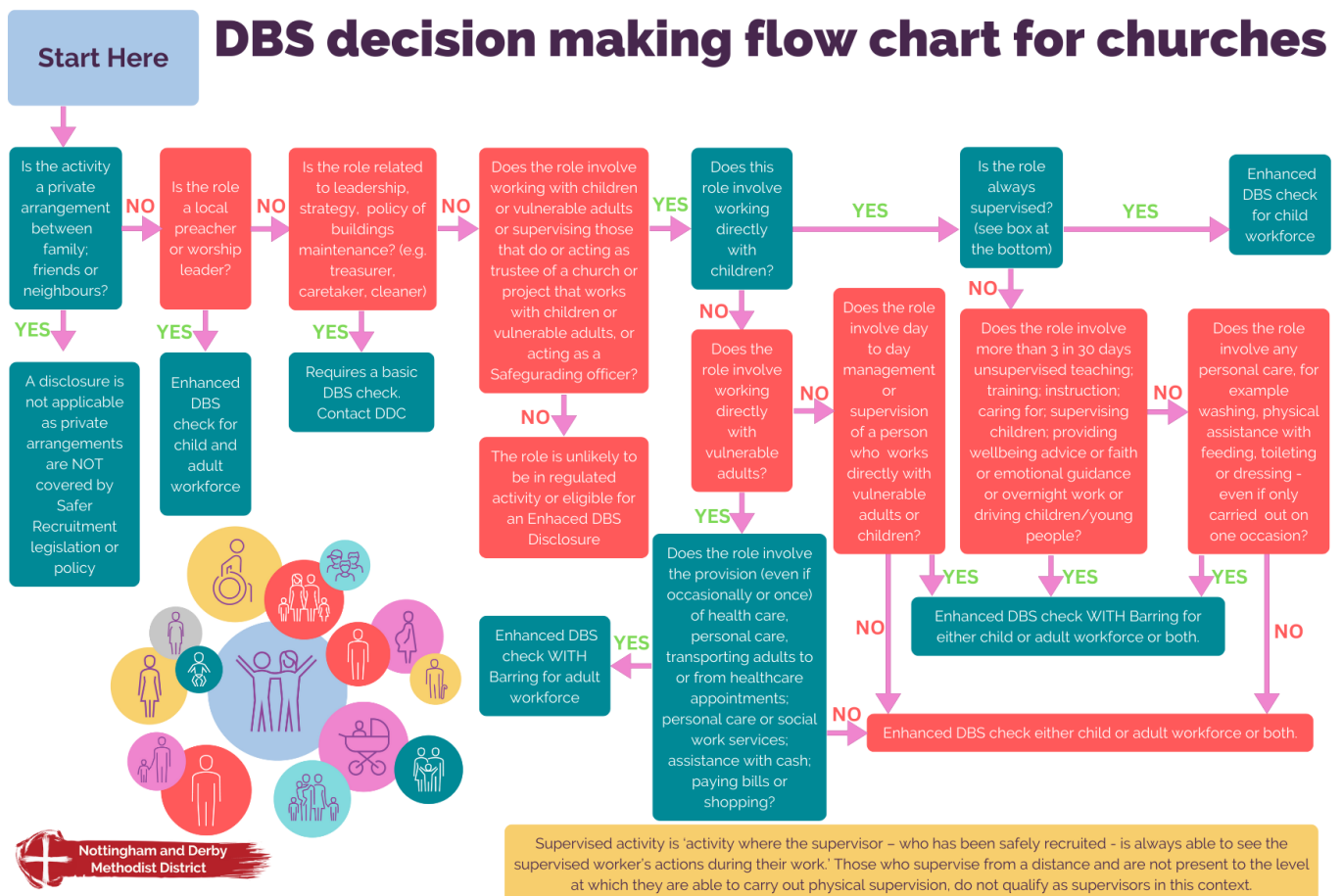
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

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

Our Calling

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