



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

17th September 2026

Food Bank Donations

Last Friday morning, the food bank volunteers were saying how empty our chapel was looking and that we haven't been getting as many donations lately, and there's certainly been an increase in demand.

Meanwhile, I'd received a phone call from Rammy (Obeng) from Dunwell letting me know that she and her colleagues from The Dunwell Ghanaian Methodist Women's Fellowship - Telford, were on their way to us with a large food donation.

I'm sure you can imagine the delight when they turned up with cars loaded with food! I think it took 7 of us 20 minutes to carry it all in! **Thank you so much it really is appreciated!**

A huge thank you to everyone who supports the Dawley Food Bank. You are making a big difference to the lives of so many.

It's a sad fact that food banks are still needed, and there doesn't seem any way in the near future that this is going to change. Even though the food bank is based at Dawley Christian Centre it's important to know that it's Circuit Mission and without the help from the Circuit, we would not be able to do it. We have some wonderful volunteers from across the Circuit too, and also from our neighbouring Anglican churches.

Please keep us in mind when you have your Harvest Festivals, which I know so many of you do.

This is just one way we can feed people with Jesus' love.

Thank you.

Sharon



In the photo are: Dwain Reynolds, Evelyn Kusi, Martha Asige, Martin Okang, Rexford Amoah, Sharon and Rammy.



John Fletcher of Madeley
Methodist/Church of England
Primary School

*"Whatever you do,
work at it with
all your heart."
Colossians 3:23*

We're looking for a **School Governor**

Make a difference. Help shape the future.

John Fletcher of Madeley Methodist/Church of England Primary School is seeking a committed and enthusiastic individual to join our governing board as a school governor.



Why become a governor?

You'll play a vital role in supporting our pupils, staff and community, helping to ensure the school continues to provide the best possible education in a safe, caring and inclusive environment.



What we're looking for.

We welcome people from all backgrounds and walks of life. You don't need prior governance experience – just a willingness to learn, good communication skills, and a genuine interest in making a positive difference for our children.



What you'll gain

- The chance to contribute to a thriving and values-led school
- Training and ongoing support
- The opportunity to develop new skills and broaden your experience
- The satisfaction of helping to shape young lives



Our school values

We are a Church of England and Methodist school, rooted in Christian values, where every child is valued, respected and encouraged to flourish.

All are welcome!



Interested?

For an informal chat or to find out more, please contact:



super@telfordmeth.org.uk



**You are all
Welcome**

to attend

FAITH SPACE

 **zoom** Worship Meeting

**Every Sunday
from 6-30pm**

This Sunday our preacher is

Gary Hopkins

who is new to Faith Space



*All are
welcome!*



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



Join Zoom meeting:

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Come along, share, worship and be encouraged!

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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?

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.

Date for the Diary.

Wednesday

7th

October 7pm

WLLP Explore session 4.1 on zoom

Wednesday

14th

October

7:30pm

Circuit Justice Team meeting on zoom



Pray with us today.

Jesus, light of liberation and source of our deliverance, whose mother's heart was pierced as you were proclaimed a sign destined to be rejected, come near to us as we pray for the world.

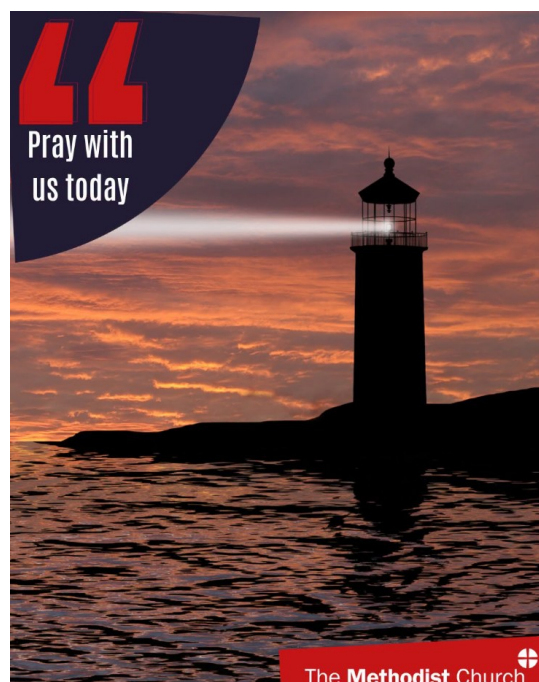
We look to you in our trials and tribulations, trusting that you who have conquered death might bring us life and hope.

Where there is injustice help us to pray for a new dawn. Where the forces of the world seem intent on destruction, help us to stand firm in the conviction that God is good, all the time.

Grant us your Spirit, that even in our suffering we may rejoice that we share in your way of truth and life. Amen.

Richard Andrew, Chair, Darlington District

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



The Methodist Church

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



If you make a sale to your neighbour or a purchase from him, you must not take advantage of each other. *Leviticus 25:14*

I wanted to give you plenty of notice: 21st September to 4th October is **FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT**. So what is Fair Trade, why should we care and what does it have to do with the environment?

When we listen to producers and farmers, what we hear is clear, fairness breaks down in three key places:

People - providing rights and safety at work

Planet - protecting the land producers depend on

Pay - earning enough to live well and plan for the future.

Fairtrade.net

At its heart, Climate Justice is about the fairness and flourishing of all people and of the planet itself... it can't be separated from other justice issues. Fairtrade fortnight this year has the theme: **Do it Fair!** This is an opportunity for us all to share our passion for justice. How might **you** get involved?

[One minute video](#) featuring Dora Atiiga, a Ghanaian mother and cocoa farmer – could you share this link or use the video in your worship?

[Christian Concern for One World](#) have some great resources such as:

- **Chocolate focused prayers** and a **tea prayer** (could you pray these prayers or use them in your worship?)
- A '**Brew it fair**' **tea reflection** (Could you print and put this on the tables at your coffee morning?)
- **Preaching notes**

People's Emergency Briefing – NEW LOCATIONS

Please engage just once with this important and impactful debate at:

- Severn Centre, **Highley** on 23rd Sept at 6:30pm
- **Ditton Priors** Village Hall on 29th Sept at 6:30pm
- Holy Cross Church Hall, **Bilbrook** on 29th Sept at 7pm
- **Beckbury** Village Hall, TF11 9DG on 15th Oct at 7pm.

Why not invite a friend to attend with you?

A Methodist Way of Life

ON THE WAY

On The Way is the name of a new Methodist course for anyone wanting to begin, refresh or reconstruct a journey with God. It functions as a membership course. The course invites participants to try a weekly Methodist Way of Life themed 'mini adventure', offering simple ways to tune into God in everyday life. Small groups then gather to share stories, reflect theologically, and explore scripture and Methodist teaching.

3Generate will give attendees a taste of the On The Way course. It is an invitation to start or continue their journey, encounter God, and live the best life imaginable. All children and young people attending 3Generate will be given an On the Way Adventure Book – a whole year of adventure, designed to help bridge the gap between this 3Generate and the next one. Each week offers a new way to explore faith and keep your journey going long after the festival ends, helping you stay curious, connected, and open to what God might be doing in your life, all the way through to the next 3Generate.

Additional Adventure Books will be available for children and young people who did not attend 3Generate.

Monday 5 – Sunday 11 October 2026



MINI ADVENTURE

God wants us to help the world to flourish. Often the smallest are ignored. Find a very small creature – maybe a woodlouse, a worm, a snail – something that people often say “yuck” about or sweep away.

ON THE WAY

WHAT HAPPENED?

Notice or think about what it needs to live well and flourish.

- Was it easy or hard to find something small?
- How did it feel to help something most people don't notice?

BIBLE

Read/listen to Matthew 22: 1-14

Jesus told a story about a huge party. The host invited lots of people — but many said no because they were too busy.

So the host said, “Invite everyone!” People who thought they wouldn't be welcome were invited in.

Jesus said God's love is like that party. It's big, generous, and open to everyone.

BREAK THE CODE

A = Q	B = R	C = C	D = D	E = X	F = r	G = O	H = E	I = S
J = K	K = H	L = X	M = R	N = J	O = T	P = L	Q = I	R = P
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The secret message:

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FUN FACT

In Jesus' stories, a wedding banquet wasn't just a party. It was a picture Jesus used to show life with God in heaven.

WHO IS GOD?

God wants everything to **FLOURISH**.

That means:

- big things and small things matter
- people who are ignored still matter
- all living things are part of God's good world

Nothing is “too tiny” for God to care about.

I WONDER

You can draw, write, or talk about these.

- I wonder what you noticed about the creature you found.
- I wonder why Jesus said everyone should be invited to the party.
- I wonder what this story shows us about how big God's love is.
- I wonder how people who are usually left out might feel.

PRAY

Find an empty chair. Imagine it represents someone or something usually left out. Stand back and look at the chair for a moment, then pull it slightly closer to you. Let that movement be your prayer: **there is room here.**

This month's story of hope

Methodists have been out and about once again this summer, sharing good news in diverse spaces. We were back at Silverstone for a second year, eating F1 KitKats, moving Hot Wheels cards round a racetrack-themed finger labyrinth and having conversations that went deep quickly. People were delighted when volunteers offered prayer – “the fear is ours”, explains Bryn, Festival Events Coordinator for The Methodist Church.



At the Durham Miners' Gala, Connexional volunteers partnered with the Darlington Methodist District and Elvet Methodist Church to celebrate the long history of Methodism in mining communities. A new Methodist banner, designed by a young artist in consultation with Methodists from the North East, was carried in the parade through Durham city centre alongside trades unions, justice organisations and regional political groups. A large miners' lamp with a slot through which people could post their prayers was placed in the garden of Elvet Methodist Church along the parade route. As people added their petitions on yellow and orange paper, the lamp appeared to glow. In the Methodist tent at the end of the parade route there was communal singing and deep conversations about community, faith, and left behind places. The tent featured stories of people from ex-mining towns, including that of Wilmington Methodist Church, a community that stayed when many others left.

The miners' lamp has stayed in the North East; the hope is that it will travel around to different community events to receive many others' prayers. You can find advice and guidance about engaging evangelistically with justice events near you [here](#).



Telford Street Pastors Fundraiser



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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

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.



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!

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.



HARVEST LUNCH



Good Food • Fresh Flavors • Seasonal Ingredients



**Join us for Harvest Lunch at
Dawley Christian Centre from 12 noon
on 26th September - All are welcome**



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).

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



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



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!



HeartSpace

worship for today

HeartSpace on Sundays

10:30am

Trinity Centre

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 20th September

Sunday 18th October

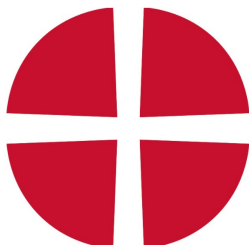
Sunday 15th November



Contact:
heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk



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



"There are some lessons
about God that only friends
can teach."

In the topic of 'The ongoing
classroom of life and faith' the
Revd Trey Hall reminisces about
student life and his gratitude for
his old college friends.
Catch up with Pause for Thought
now at [bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/
p0p86khw](http://bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0p86khw)

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

**WOODWIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT FOR HARVEST
@ HORSEHAY METHODIST**
Sunday 4 October @ 3.00pm
*No admission charge but donations for Church
funds will be much appreciated.*



Prayer Meetings at Horsehay Methodist

First Thursday of each month at 2.30pm

Next Meetings: Thurs 1 October, Thurs 5 November, Thurs 3 December



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!



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





Carols *in The Bandstand*



Dawley High Street
18th December 2026
10:30am



Free mince pie
after the service!

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) announce The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon as new Moderator of the Board of Trustees

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) is pleased to announce the appointment of the **Revd Dr Adrian Burdon** as the new Moderator of its Board of Trustees, succeeding the Revd Canon Graham Sparkes, who has served as Moderator since September 2020.

Adrian has been a presbyter in the Methodist Church in Britain since 1988 and brings extensive experience of ministry, mission and ecumenical work. He has served in a range of appointments in the UK and overseas, including as a Mission Partner in the Kingdom of Tonga, where he was Principal of the Methodist Theological College. He has also held several national roles within the Methodist Church in Britain and has chaired the CTBI Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Writers' Group since 2016.



"I am delighted to take on the role of Moderator of CTBI. CTBI's theological vision and ethos, rooted in our calling to be an inclusive, justice seeking Church, resonate deeply with my own understanding of the Church as an ordained minister in the Methodist Church in Britain. At a time when many people are pushed to the margins, silenced or treated as 'other', CTBI's work to ensure that everyone has a place at the table and that every voice is heard is both vital and prophetic. This is not an optional extra; it is the work of the Gospel, reflecting the ways of a just God.

"I look forward to working with CTBI's many partners across the four nations and across the breadth of our churches. I also pay tribute to my immediate predecessor, the Revd Dr Graham Sparkes. During his six years as Moderator, he brought substance and stability to CTBI's work, while his strategic leadership established ways of working that embody our shared commitment to inclusion and justice. I am grateful for his gracious support during this transition and look forward to building on all that he has achieved."

Revd Dr Adrian Burdon

Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary of CTBI, said: *"We are delighted to welcome Adrian as our new Moderator. His breadth of experience, from parish and circuit ministry to mission service overseas and national leadership roles within the Methodist Church, will be of enormous value to CTBI as we continue our work for unity, peace and social justice across Britain and Ireland. We are deeply grateful to our outgoing Moderator Graham for his years of wise and generous leadership, supporting and promoting effective collaboration between staff and trustees as a foundation for sustained and strategic engagement with our membership across all the jurisdictions in which we work."*

Adrian will chair the CTBI Board of Trustees as it continues to support and coordinate ecumenical work across the four nations, bringing together member churches and ecumenical bodies to promote collaboration, mission and justice. He takes up the role from 21 September 2026.

For more information, please contact: Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Email: communications@ctbi.org.uk Website: www.ctbi.org.uk

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.

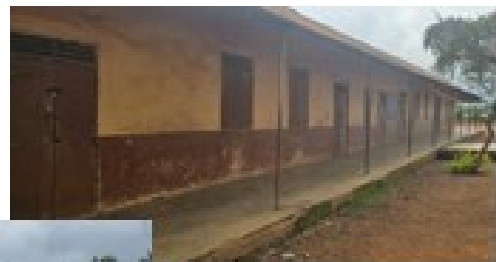


**August Update: £2203
donated, we are 1/3 there!**



**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

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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



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



Hi ,

I wanted to share an opportunity that I'm really excited about.

Here at **All Saints, Wellington with St Catherine's, Eyton**, we are convinced that we are "**called to be closer to Christ, sent to be closer to others.**"

As a church, we value **loving God, loving each other, loving our neighbours, celebrating and exploring**. With that purpose and those values in mind, we're looking for a **Youth and Children's Worker** to join us and help shape the next chapter of our ministry with children and young people.

We want to see children and young people growing in faith, being cared for and discipled, and discovering their place in the life of the church. We also want to keep looking beyond our walls, building relationships with children and young people in the wider community who may have little or no connection with church, and helping them explore Christian faith for themselves.

We're looking for someone with a **living and mature Christian faith**, a track record of fruitful work with young people, and experience of building and encouraging teams around them.

The role will include:

- Providing pastoral care and Christian discipleship for school-age children and young people
- Sharing the Christian message with children and young people in the wider community
- Helping shape the life and worship of All Saints in ways that enable children and young people to participate, belong and flourish
- Empowering young people to have a genuine voice in the life, ministry and leadership of the church
- Building and developing teams to serve alongside them

35 hours per week, including some evenings and weekends

Salary: £24,500 per annum

Applications close: 5 October 2026

If this sparks something in you, or someone immediately comes to mind, I'd love to hear from you.

For an informal conversation, or to receive the full Role Description and Person Specification, please email me at tim@allsaints-wellington.org.uk.

And please do feel free to pass this on to someone you think might be a great fit.

With every blessing,

Rev Tim Carter

All Saints, Wellington with St Catherine's, Eyton

All Saints and St Catherine's are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expect all employees to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Foundation Module Training

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

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

[Training - The Methodist Church](#)



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I wanted to share a quick update regarding our safeguarding contacts within the Connexional Team. As some of you may already be aware, Sue Holder has now retired after 12 years in her role, and Neil Hutchinson has taken over from her.

Neil will be working 21 hours, generally Monday to Wednesday. Steph Bradley remains our main Regional Officer for Safeguarding, working 33 hours across the week. However, both can be contacted out of office hours for any urgent safeguarding matters.

Please update your records with their contact details below:

Neil Hutchinson
Email: hutchinsonn@methodistchurch.org.uk
Mobile: +44 (0) 7384 810901

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

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Young people and vulnerable adults

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

Lauren

Safeguarding Training – Now Available Online

The Safeguarding Foundation Course is now available online via [MCBX](#), making it easier than ever for church members to complete their safeguarding training.

This flexible option is ideal for those who find it difficult to attend face-to-face sessions, as the course can be completed at your own pace. MCBX (mcb.theologyx.com) is the Methodist Church's online learning platform, providing access to safeguarding training, supporting materials, and a downloadable certificate on completion.

This online course complements, rather than replaces, face-to-face and participatory training, which continue to be an important part of safeguarding learning.

If you need to complete the Safeguarding Foundation Course, please speak to your Church Safeguarding Officer for further guidance.



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Advanced Safeguarding Module Training

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

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

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

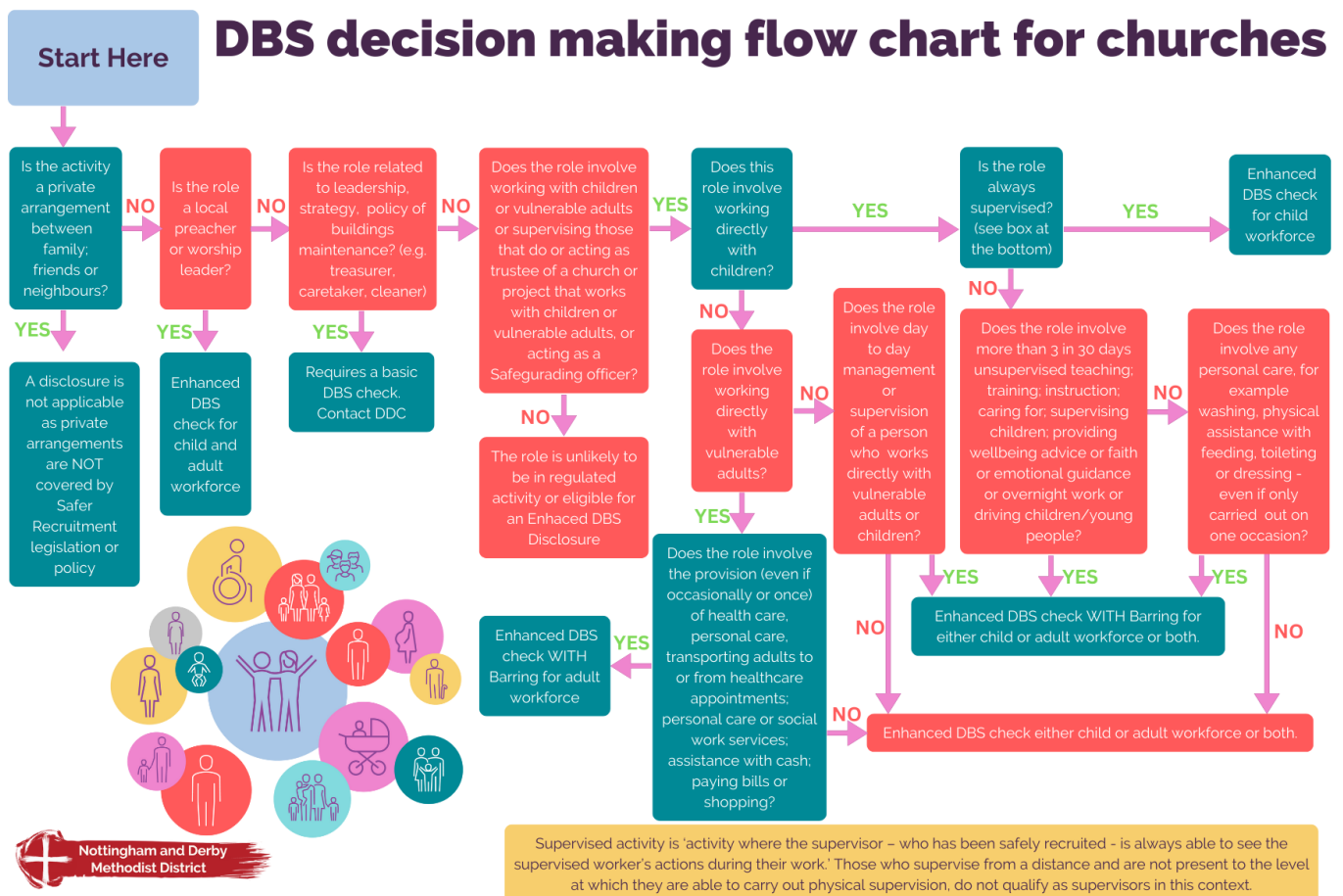
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

Many thanks,

Lauren

The **Methodist Church**

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults



New Safeguarding Reporting Form

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and clear communication is key to keeping our community in the Telford Methodist Circuit safe and supported.

A new **Safeguarding Reporting Form** is now in use across the Circuit. Copies have already been shared with your **Church Safeguarding Officers (CSOs)** and should shortly be **appearing on the Circuit website and your church safeguarding noticeboards**.

If you don't see a copy, or if you have a safeguarding concern, please notify your **designated CSO** as soon as possible. If your church does not have a CSO appointed, you can contact:

Lauren Baxendale, Circuit Safeguarding Officer safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk | 07904 814741

Stephanie Bradley, Regional Officer for Safeguarding bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk | 07817 808557

By reporting concerns promptly using the new safeguarding reporting form, you help ensure that issues are recorded appropriately, responded to quickly, and escalated where necessary.

Thank you for helping us maintain safe and welcoming places for all.



CHURCH SAFEGUARDING CONCERN FORM
(Any person can complete this form)

PLEASE NOTE: If you are worried about contacting us and giving your details, please be assured that we will do what we can to support you. Please telephone your District Safeguarding Officer and they can talk with you about this. Your District Safeguarding Officer can also help you to complete this form or take details over the telephone.

We can arrange pastoral care for you if you would find this helpful. If you would like this, please tick here ☐ or contact your District Safeguarding Officer.

Your details

Name:			
Role/Position:			
Tel:			
E-mail:			
Circuit/District:			
Date:		Time:	

Details of the person you are worried about

Name:			
Address:			
	Postcode:		
Tel:			
E-mail:			
Child or Adult:	Approximate age or date of birth if known:		
Role (if applicable):			
Church/Circuit:			

If the person you are worried about is a child or vulnerable adult, it would be helpful if you could give some details about their carer.

Parent/Guardian/Carer

Name:			
Address:			
	Postcode:		
Tel:			
E-mail:			

Please tell us what you are worried about, when this happened and where:

Could you tell us what action has already been taken (if any)?

Please let us know of any other information you think would be helpful for us to know:

PLEASE NOTE:

We may need to share the information you have provided with other agencies to help ensure the person you are referring and others are safe. If the information is passed on to the statutory authorities your name may be disclosed to the person you are referring.

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Thank you for completing this form.

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

Our Calling

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