



# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

24th September 2026

## West Midlands Methodist District

Exciting opportunity to be part of a mission trip to Ghana in 2027 with funding available from the West Midlands District!

Open to all members from the Methodist Church in Britain, you will experience a growing Church, rooted in Methodism, in a global context. The West Midlands District will sponsor one-third of the total costs for 5 individuals from across the District who would like to go on this Mission Trip.

The trip is taking place from Saturday 23 January 2027 to Thursday 4 February 2027.

Please email Rammy, our Synod Secretary, for more information:  
rammy.obeng@wmmethodists.org.uk



## Evangelism

Don't be afraid! This year's Christmas resources are here already

As we plan our journey through Advent, let's get ready to share with our communities the angel's words: "Don't be afraid". This year's Advent and Christmas resources from The Methodist Church help us recognise the presence of God in the midst of frightening times. Yes, the world is a scary place. Yes, life is hard. We are not alone. Sign up for one of the Christmas webinars [here](https://www.methodist.org.uk/christmasresources) – and get a sneak peek of the resources at [methodist.org.uk/christmasresources](https://www.methodist.org.uk/christmasresources).



**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

# 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.

## **Cath Stone - Celebrating 40 Amazing Years of service to Telford & Wrekin Council!**

Some of you may know Cath who is the Pastoral Visitor's Secretary for Wellington Methodist Church.

The following post was submitted on Facebook by her employer, My Options - Activity, Wellbeing & Care on 22nd September.

'Today we celebrated Cath, who has dedicated an incredible 40 years of service to Telford & Wrekin Council. What an outstanding achievement and a true reflection of her dedication, compassion and commitment to supporting others. To make the occasion even more special, Cath had a surprise visit from a special guest, helping us celebrate this remarkable milestone with her.

Cath's journey began 40 years ago at Wrekin ATC in Dothill, Wellington, where she started as a Relief Care Assistant in Special Care. Looking back, she recalls wondering, "What have I done? Can I do this?" Little did she know she was beginning a career that would positively impact so many lives.

Over the years, Cath has worked in a variety of roles and services, navigating changes, restructures and new ways of working. Along the way she has met many wonderful colleagues, some of whom she is still in touch with today, and one who became her best friend. She has faced challenges, embraced opportunities to learn and grow, and remained passionate about supporting adults with learning disabilities throughout her career.

Today, Cath is a valued member of the Shared Lives team, working alongside a fantastic group of colleagues, some of whom were not even born when she first started her career!

Reflecting on her 40 years, Cath shared her gratitude to everyone she has worked with along the way and remains excited to see what the future holds.

Congratulations, Cath, and thank you for four decades of dedication, kindness and making a difference to the lives of so many people. We are incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone with you.

A huge congratulations to Cath from all your friends from across the Circuit, it's clear to see by all, how God is using your wonderful gifts. Keep shining that light over Wellington and beyond!



# A justice seeking church



Here are just a few of the many justice-related dates in **October**

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

## Black History Month

In October every year we are encouraged to listen to the stories of those whose voices have not traditionally been heard and to celebrate those who have not been seen. In 2021, the Methodist Conference formally recognised the impact and legacy of the trade in enslaved African people and this autumn we are all invited to join in a consultation exploring how the Methodist Church can respond to its historical links to this and the continuing impact of that legacy today. For resources and information, including voices from across the Connexion, click [here](#).

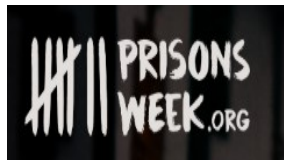


## 4<sup>th</sup> Good Money Sunday and Homelessness Sunday



[JustMoney](#) have all the resources you need to plan an act of worship around the fair use of our financial resources (including prayers, video-clips and ideas for hymns and a sermon) as well as challenges and ways to respond as an individual or as a church community.

Visit [Housing Justice](#) for facts and figures around homelessness as well as the positive impact of community action.



## 11<sup>th</sup> Prisons Sunday

During [Prisons Week](#) (11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October) we are invited to join in a daily prayer for all those affected by crime. Resources for planning worship, a video, prayers and a poster are all free to download from their website.



## 18<sup>th</sup> Church Action on Poverty Sunday

The theme this year is Food, Faith and Fellowship. Click [here](#) to download free artwork, resources for worship (including sermon notes, hymn suggestions and powerpoint slides) and resources for holding your own 'Food, Faith and Fellowship' lunch!

The **Telford Circuit Justice Group** will meet on **zoom** on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm**. Please join the discussion!

<https://zoom.us/j/96279360776> Meeting ID: 962 7936 0776

# Eco News from the Telford Circuit



'Let the wise also hear and gain in learning' *from Proverbs 1:5*



Part of our calling as Methodists is to keep learning and informing ourselves. You may participate in a Bible Study group, a Book Club or an community or Methodist Learning Network event. With so much 'mis-information' out there, how can we better inform ourselves about the facts of the Climate Crisis and Caring for God's Creation? Well I'm glad you asked because I have all sorts of opportunities to share with you!

**Local Climate Action and Sustainability groups** comprised of like-minded people are meeting in a place near you and are a great source of energy, enthusiasm and information. Rather than trying to do everything alone from within the church, it makes a lot of sense to reach out and get to know our local sustainability groups. Perhaps you could go to an event or offer to pray for one of their projects? Find out more here: [Albrighton Nature Reserve](#) [Sustainable Bridgnorth](#) [Broseley Climate Action](#) [Climate Action Hub Telford](#) [Sustainable Newport](#)

**The Methodist Eco Community Network** meet four times a year online for information, discussion and support. Meetings planned this year include:

- Tuesday 26 January 2027: Managing Misinformation and Campaigning - pushing back against the naysayers
- Tuesday 20 April 2027: Green Methodist Way of Life - how MWoL translates into private worship and practice
- Tuesday 6 July 2027: Rewilding the Church

Register [here](#) for a link to attend a session.

**Green Christian** hold monthly thought-provoking online talks 7-8:15pm. E.g. Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: 'Is it our task to save the world?' by author/campaigner Anthea Lawson. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: 'What is driving plastic pollution?' by award-winning journalist Beth Gardner.

More information and booking links [here](#).

And don't forget, the **People's Emergency Briefing**. Please engage just once with this important and impactful debate, for example at:

**Ditton Priors** on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6:30pm **Bilbrook** on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm  
**Beckbury** on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm

Why not invite a friend to attend with you? More information [here](#).

## ECO EXTRA!

**Telford Repair Cafe this Saturday 26th September** will include a **swap and giveaway** at the Hub on the Hill Community Centre, Sutton Hill (TF4 4HG) from 10-12.30pm with books, DVDs, CDs, household items, clothes, toys etc. Swap for free or take any item for a pay-as-you-can donation.

*The Repair Cafe runs 10am-2pm but items for repair must be brought in by 12pm.*

### **Consultation on Transport Plan for Telford & Wrekin Council: Deadline 27th September**

Telford and Wrekin Council are inviting residents and organisations to take part in the consultation for the draft Telford & Wrekin Transport Plan 2027–2041, which sets out the long-term vision, goals, policies and proposals for transport across Telford and Wrekin.

*“Your views are vital in helping us to achieve a reliable, accessible transport network delivering genuine options and supporting a healthy, thriving and growing Telford and Wrekin. Your feedback will help inform the final version of the plan and ensure it reflects the priorities and aspirations of people who live, work and visit Telford and Wrekin.”*

Please visit [www.telford.gov.uk/ltp](http://www.telford.gov.uk/ltp) to find out more about the consultation, view the documents and complete the survey. The consultation is open until Sunday 27th September 23:59.

**Sustainable Saturday Christmas  
event on 5th December 10am-2pm  
at Belmont Hall  
More details to follow!**

Free Event!



# Climate Action Hub Telford Sustainable Saturday

Saturday October 3rd  
Belmont Hall, Wellington TF1 1LT

10:00am – 2:00 pm

## Sustainable & Healthy Eating for Us and for our Planet

- Harvest Local: Transition Telford join us with their locally harvested fruit and veg plus homemade jams and pickles, to swap or take for a small donation
- Healthy swaps for Busy Lives: talks and demonstrations at 10:45 and 11:30 by Little Gannets and Nourish Holistic Wellbeing.
- Food from nature: ideas for foraging throughout the year
- Zero waste: tips for using up gluts and waste food
- Bread making activity for children
- Swap Corner: please bring clothes, household items, books etc in CLEAN and USABLE condition to donate or swap
- Free energy saving advice and items for your home
- Small electrical item recycling and Terracycle collection point
- Healthy and delicious plant-based snacks, drinks and lunches available for a small donation





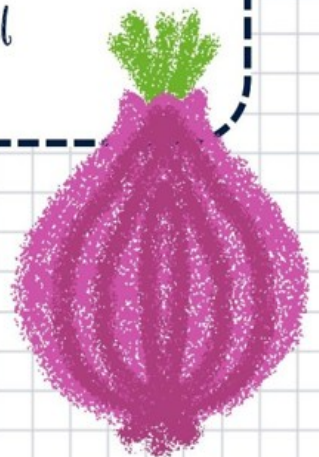
# Wellington Community Library & residents hub

## Gardening Club

Interested in gardening?  
Join us for a friendly chat and cuppa  
swap tips and talk gardening.  
Launching 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026!

Join us at Wellington Community Library  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10am-12pm

Any questions, comments, access needs, pop us an email  
[library@wellington-shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:library@wellington-shropshire.gov.uk)





# Leegomery Community Garden



## Volunteer Session Dates for 2026:

January 13  
February 10  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9  
July 14  
August 11  
September 8  
October 13  
November 10  
December 8



*Join us from 10am for a few hours of friendly gardening, every second Tuesday of the month. Learn new skills, meet new people and help your community get growing!*

No experience necessary, all tools provided.

Free parking and toilets available.

Leegomery Community Centre, Leegate Avenue, TF1 6NA.

For more information find us on Facebook or <https://transitiontelford.wordpress.com>

Email  
[transition.telford@gmail.com](mailto:transition.telford@gmail.com)  
Registered Charity: 1166228

# Oakengates United Church



Stafford Road, Oakengates, Telford TF2 6JH

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am – 12 noon

Delicious Bacon Butties, Toast,  
Tea & Coffee

Cake Stall, Raffle, Plants & Garden Tools



*We use Fairtrade products*

# Hadley and Leegomery Methodist Church



## Harvest Festival

Sunday 27th September 2026

*Give  
Thanks  
to the Lord  
for He is good*

Psalm 107:1



**11.00 am**  
**Family Service**  
led by Mrs P Nitta



**4.00 pm**  
**Songs of Praise**  
with  
Hadley Orpheus Male Voice Choir

*Faith  
Community  
Sharing  
Hope  
Together*  
♥

We are accepting  
**tins, packet foods**  
(not fresh items)  
suitable to be given  
to the food bank.



*Thank you  
for your support* ♥



*Everyone Welcome*

Refreshments following both services





# **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**



# **Worship** *This Sunday*

**27<sup>th</sup> September**

*at*

**Cartway Methodist Church  
Bridgnorth**

*Led by*

**Cartway Methodist Church  
Worship Leaders Team 2**

*Theme:*

**Living  
Water**





**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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin)





**Cartway Methodist Church**

*You are warmly invited to our*

**Service**

—Based on

**Feet**



and

**Following in  
Jesus' Footsteps**

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple  
must follow me."*

LUKE 9:23



**Wednesday  
30th September**



**at 11:30am**



**Innage Grange  
Main Lounge**

*All are welcome*

# **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](mailto:adam@logosresources.co.uk)  
or on 07923 371576 **by Wednesday 30th September**

[www.logosresources.co.uk](http://www.logosresources.co.uk)



# Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

**Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**



**Contact:**  
[heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk](mailto:heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk)



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

## Pray with us today.

Compassionate God, as Rachel wept for her children, so we weep for the children in areas of the world where there is no peace.

We commit to your loving care all peacemakers and peacekeepers, all who risk their lives to help and support those suffering as a result of conflict. Help us, we pray, to do all we can to help bring about a world where peace and justice reign and where sorrow can be turned to joy.

Elizabeth Burroughs, local preacher and member of the Methodist Peace Fellowship.

Find more ways to pray  
at [methodist.org.uk/prayer](http://methodist.org.uk/prayer).



Pray with  
us today

The Methodist Church

# 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



# IONA WORSHIP

for Creationtide

A reflective service  
using words and music from the  
Iona Community

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 4th October 2026

5pm

ALL WELCOME

[www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk)

[www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)



Horsehay  
Methodist Church

# Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 4 October  
11.00am



*Service will be led by  
Mrs Persi Nitta*



All produce/donations will be  
donated to the local Foodbank



**Horsehay  
Methodist Church**

# *Woodwind Ensemble* **Concert**

*for*

# **Harvest**

**Sunday 4 October  
3.00pm**



**Free admission**

*Donations for Church funds  
would be gratefully received*





# Table Top SALE



Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> October  
9 - 12 noon



Dawley Christian  
Centre



There's a bargain  
for everyone!



# *Carols* *in The Bandstand*



Dawley High Street  
18th December 2026  
10:30am



*Free mince pie*  
*after the service!*



 **You are all  
Welcome**   
to attend

**FAITH SPACE**

 **Zoom Worship Meeting**

**Every Sunday**  
**from 6-30pm**

 This week is our  
discussion based service  
**Methodist**  
**Way of Life**   
**Together in Faith** **Explore Discuss Grow**

 **This is for anyone and everyone  
wherever in the world you are!**

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

 **Meeting ID:**  
**956 5101 9665** |  **Passcode:**  
**395669**

 **Come along, share, worship and be encouraged!** 

<https://zoom.us/j/95651019665?pwd=bGgyVEdvQ0cvNDRpWm5HTVB0UDRmdz09>



**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](mailto:super@telfordmeth.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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**9.00am – 12.30pm**

To Book please contact Evelyn and Jess on 07865 243182

Email [revjessharper@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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**

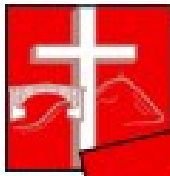
What does it mean to be 'creative' in worship? Is creativity a style of worship or something we should aim to incorporate into every part of worship? Ever found yourself saying "I'm not very creative", or "I wish our services had more creativity?"

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.

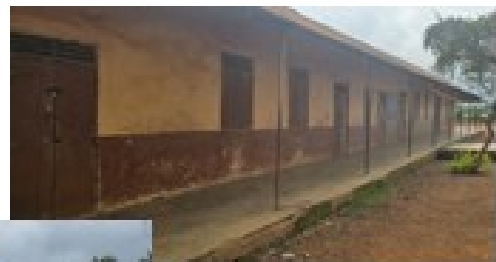


**August Update: £2203  
donated, we are 1/3 there!**



**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?***

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026.**

**The Big Sing held at the URC church in Shrewsbury on 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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](mailto:2ndoakbb@gmail.com)**

**[BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK/JOIN](http://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 305964 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](mailto:ckennedy@methodistchurch.org.uk))  
Bridget Down ([bridget@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bridget@methodistchurch.org.uk)) or David Knight ([david@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:david@methodistchurch.org.uk))

The Methodist Church

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

29 January

4 June

24 September and

19 November

All the sessions are on Thursdays, from 10.30 – 15.30

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

See the [Spiritual Abuse - The Methodist Church](#) webpage for further details.

Download a poster [Spiritual Abuse Awareness training poster](#)

**Please get in touch if you have something to share.**

**Email:**

**[circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk)**

**or phone 01952 505108**



### Garden Volunteers Wanted

Do you enjoy gardening and have a couple of hours a week spare?

If so, we'd love you to join a small team to help us maintain our sensory garden at the back of Dawley Christian Centre Methodist Church, situated in the middle of the Dawley High Street.

For more details please call Sharon on 01952 505108.

Thank you.





## Albrighton Methodist Church

Regular church activities

### Cafe Central

Every Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Excellent coffee!  
Meet with friends, old and new.



### Monthly Cafe

First Saturday in the month 10.00 to 12.00  
With high quality bric-a-brac and book stalls.



### Open Door

First Tuesday in the month  
7.30 to 9.00

Wide variety of speakers  
ranging from singing, wildlife,  
travel logs, health related.....



£2 per head. Speaker usually puts fees to a charity.



## 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:

- 8<sup>th</sup> September - Pray
- 6<sup>th</sup> October - Open
- 10<sup>th</sup> November - Challenge
- 1<sup>st</sup> December - Share



For more information contact Jo on  
[jo@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:jeanodum@shifnalbenefice.org.uk)

## You're invited to join us ...

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk).

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### 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](mailto:safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk).



### Lauren Baxendale

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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

07904 814741

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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](#)



### **Lauren Baxendale**

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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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](mailto:hutchinsonn@methodistchurch.org.uk)  
Mobile: +44 (0) 7384 810901

Steph Bradley  
Email: [bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk)  
Mobile: 07817 808557

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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](http://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.



### Lauren Baxendale

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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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:

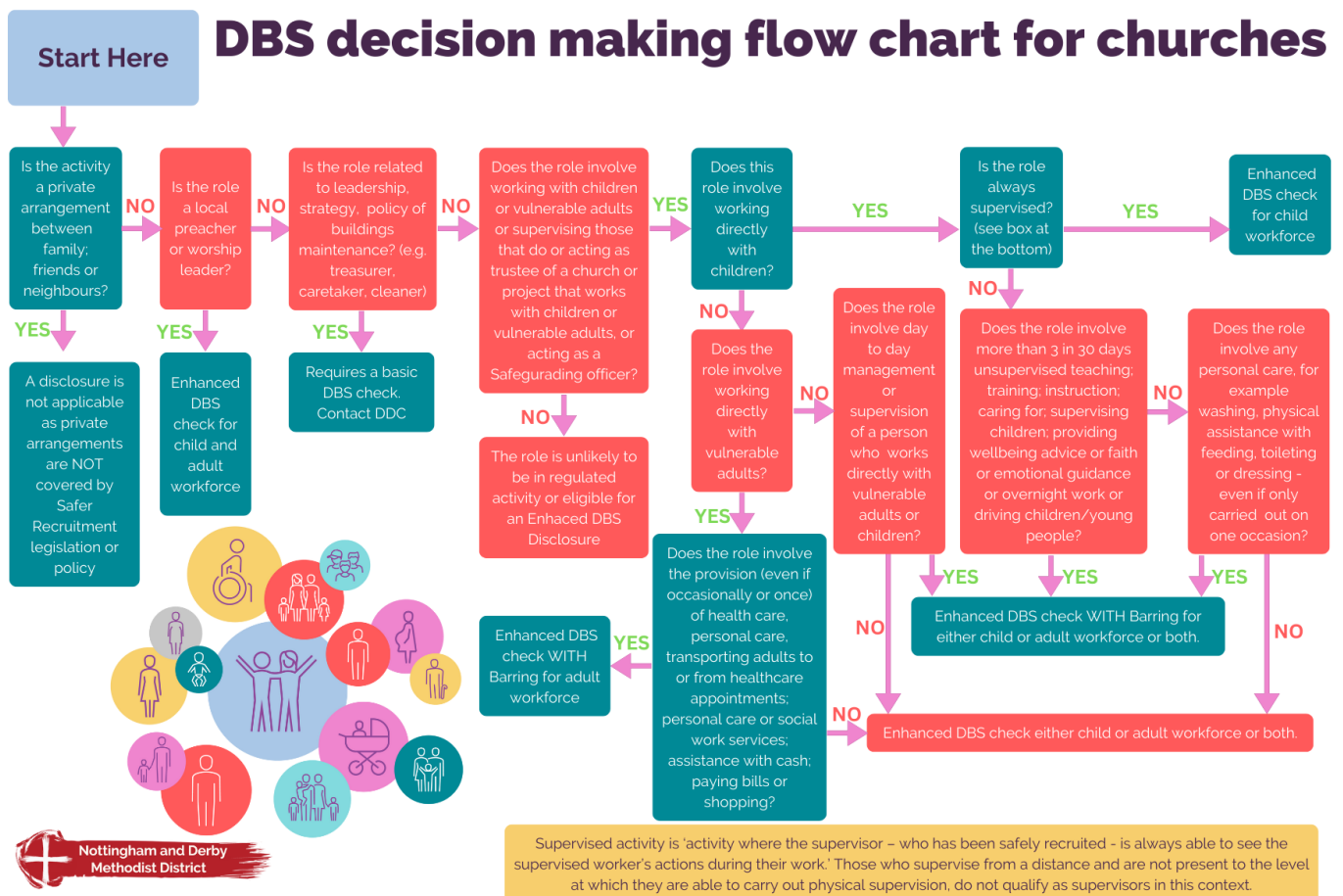
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

Many thanks,

Lauren

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## 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](mailto:safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk) | 07904 814741

**Stephanie Bradley**, Regional Officer for Safeguarding [bradleys@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto: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.

West Midlands District cares about your privacy and your trust is important to us. Our Privacy Notice explains how Local Churches, Circuits and Districts within the Methodist Church in Great Britain collect, use and protect your personal information. It also provides information about your rights (paragraph 9 of the Privacy Notice) and who to contact (paragraph 1 of the Privacy Notice) if you have any questions about how we use your information. You can find our Privacy Notice online ([www.tmc.org.uk/about/data-protection/managing-trustees-privacy-notice](http://www.tmc.org.uk/about/data-protection/managing-trustees-privacy-notice)). Your Circuit Safeguarding Officer will try to deal with any questions as a local point of contact. Alternatively, if viewing this form on line [click here](#) to read our Privacy Notice.

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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