

# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

15th October 2026

*As some of you will be aware, our dear friend and long-serving Circuit Local Preacher, Margaret Mantripp, died on Tuesday October 6th, aged 90.*

*Margaret was born and grew up near Wymondham in Norfolk, but spent many years living and working in Newport, Shropshire. She was a teacher by profession and in 1980 was appointed Headteacher of Newport Girls' High School, a position she held until 1991. Anyone who was taught by or served under her leadership would understand that the term "firm but fair" could have been invented to describe Margaret's work in schools.*



*Margaret was a wonderful servant to the Methodist Church and to this Circuit in particular. She was accredited as a Local Preacher in 1964 and those who were at the service in 2024, when she was presented with her '60 Years Service' certificate, will recall that she was typically self-effacing and modest about her achievement.*

*However, very few Local Preachers reach that remarkable milestone - certainly not whilst still able to conduct worship. Although she was not able to travel very far over the last year or two, Margaret continued to lead worship from time to time at her home church,*

*Trinity Newport, no doubt with the same commitment and clarity as she had always done.*

*We will miss Margaret's intelligent yet always accessible preaching, her wisdom, her common sense and her fellowship. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*It is the family's intention to have a small private service at Telford Crematorium. There will be a service to celebrate Margaret's life at Trinity Newport at a later date - details to follow when we have them.*

## 3Generate 2026 Success

3Generate continues to grow from strength to strength. Between 3–4th October, 1,800 young people, alongside 500 group leaders and 350 volunteers, including 22 youths from Telford, gathered at the NEC Birmingham for the annual Methodist Children and Youth Assembly. Young people aged 8–18 from across the Connexion came together for a jam-packed weekend of worship, learning and fun.

The delivery team transformed the NEC's vast exhibition halls into a centre of fun and faith, creating more than 20 venues and welcoming over 2,600 people.

Youth President Gracie was also keen to recognise the people who helped make 3Generate possible. "I want to thank all the volunteers and youth leaders. From those bringing groups from their local churches, to those setting up venues and serving on the delivery team, every single volunteer has played a part in making this event possible."

Below is a short video showing the highlight of this years 3Generate.



<https://youtu.be/IhXuNCSr6Ps>

# Eco News from the Telford Circuit



‘For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light.’ *Ephesians 5:8*

## Have you checked your Carbon Footprint recently?



Your carbon footprint is a measure of the impact your lifestyle is having on our environment and in particular on global warming. As a Circuit and a Connexion we have committed to trying to reduce our carbon footprint, but we can also contribute as individuals by keeping a check on the impact we are making.

These sites have tools for checking your carbon footprint and giving you advice to save energy and impact!

[Climate stewards](#) (they can be used by individuals or as a church)

[Giki](#) (for individuals or businesses)

[Take the jump](#) (also provide advice and encouragement)

Among the biggest contributors to carbon emissions in the UK are:

- **Heating and lighting** (did you know your local council or climate action group may provide you with a free survey and advice on reducing your heating and lighting bills?)
- **Transport** (does your church operate a lift sharing scheme to get to church?)

More tips and advice to follow over the coming weeks!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Is it our task to save the world?

Hosted by Green Christian, Anthea Lawson, author and campaigner, leads a talk and discussion about antidotes to the common pitfalls of activism and change making. **Thursday 22nd October, 7-8.15pm**

Sign up [here](#)

### National Emergency Briefing Update

We are pleased to see that there will be a screening for Telford+Wrekin Councilors on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Public viewings are also being held at:

**Beckbury** Village Hall, 7pm on 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Bridgnorth** Library, 2pm on 28<sup>th</sup> October

Holy Trinity Church, **Much Wenlock**, 6:30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November

# 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](#).

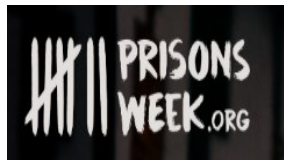


## 4<sup>th</sup> Good Money Sunday and Homelessness Sunday



[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

### **Chaplaincy Everywhere - Helping small groups begin chaplaincy projects**

*"Local, congregation-led chaplaincy is one of the most effective ways to collaborate in God's mission in the world; local people responding to local needs over time can change the world!"*

If you are a small group considering a community engagement project, these two sessions may be for you. They will help you root your discernment in scripture and the tradition of chaplaincy. They will help you consider practical next steps in a supportive environment.

**Session 1 – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**10am to 1pm**

**Session 2 – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am to 1pm**

**Location – Horsehay Methodist Church; Wellington Rd, Telford TF4 2PU**

**Tea, Coffee and Biscuits provided**

Facilitated by Rev Nik and John Parkin, using materials developed and provided by The Methodist Church

Please let John know if you are planning to attend (it is better to come as a group). This will ensure there are sufficient copies of the materials. [john@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:john@telfordmeth.org.uk)

## **Pray with us today.**

Loving God, we give you thanks that we can always turn to you in prayer and know that you love us and listen to us. Whether praying with the words of others, with words of our own, or simply being with you in silence, we know that you hear us.

Find more ways to pray at:

[methodist.org.uk/prayer](http://methodist.org.uk/prayer).



## **Our District Chair, Revd Rachel Deigh, has been installed as an Ecumenical Canon at Lichfield Cathedral**

On 13th September, Bishop Michael, Bishop of Lichfield and Bishop Jan, Dean of Lichfield, welcomed Rachel as an Ecumenical Canon at the Cathedral. Rachel's invitation to take up the role signifies the warmth, cooperation and shared ministry of the two denominations in the region.

Read more on the diocesan website: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/knight-and-deigh...>





# Kingswood Trust

Discover nature. Learn outdoors.



## Nature Connections



**People aged 65 and over and their carers are invited to take part in our Nature Connections Project.**

There are many health and well-being opportunities offered by discovering nature and being outdoors, particularly for people experiencing loneliness and isolation and for those older people living with dementia.

A morning or afternoon at the Kingswood Trust offers walking for health & well-being and a chance to meet other people. Our secure, nine-acre site is full of history and character and is accessible to most.

Come and enjoy our grounds, woodlands, natural habitats, historical features, and have a hot drink and a cake **totally free!**

**Activities may include arts & craft, archery, games and animal handling!**

**Book via [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)**

**Kingswood Trust, Holyhead Road, Kingswood, Near Albrighton WV7 3AP**

**01902 558132**

**Email: [kingswood@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:kingswood@wolverhampton.gov.uk)**

# Thank You

to everyone who came,  
helped and enjoyed

the Cartway Methodist  
Church Coffee Morning

— last Saturday —  
and the

## Harvest Festival

on Sunday  
for making the weekend  
such a great success for



**Self Help  
Africa**

and



**Bridgnorth  
Food Bank**

So far we have raised

**£1,032**

for Self Help Africa  
which will increase through Gift Aid.

Your support makes a real difference!





# Table Top SALE

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



Dawley Christian  
Centre



There's a bargain  
for everyone!



# **Worship** **This Sunday** **18<sup>th</sup> October**



**at**  
**Cartway**  
**Methodist Church**  
**Bridgnorth**

**at 10-45am**

**Preacher**  
**Rev'd Ray Gill**

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)



# THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond  
& Wrekin

**26 October 2026**  
**7pm for 7.30pm start**



Change of location: to Admaston Methodist Church  
Bratton Rd, Admaston, Telford, TF5 0AH  
7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

Our Filling Station meetings are held on the 4th Monday, every month, except December. We move for the dark winter months to a new venue at Admaston, returning to Rodington in the Spring.

## Future dates

- 23rd November
- 25th January 2027

## Main Speaker

### Dave Williams

Originally from Manchester, together with his wife Christine moved to Shropshire in 1985 and found a home at Admaston Methodist Church, where they've worshipped for nearly 40 years. They have been involved in all kinds of roles, inside and outside the Church.



Currently, Dave is a Church Steward and has recently discovered a new-found gift for removing pews...to add to his diy repertoire. He is also an active member of the Filling Station team. He has powerful testimony to share.

More info at...

[www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin)





# Join us for Bread Church

Wednesday  
28th October 2026  
between 1-3pm

Saturday  
31st October 2026  
between 9:30-1:30pm  
(with a light lunch)

 Dawley Christian Centre   
TF4 2EX

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

 **FREE!** 



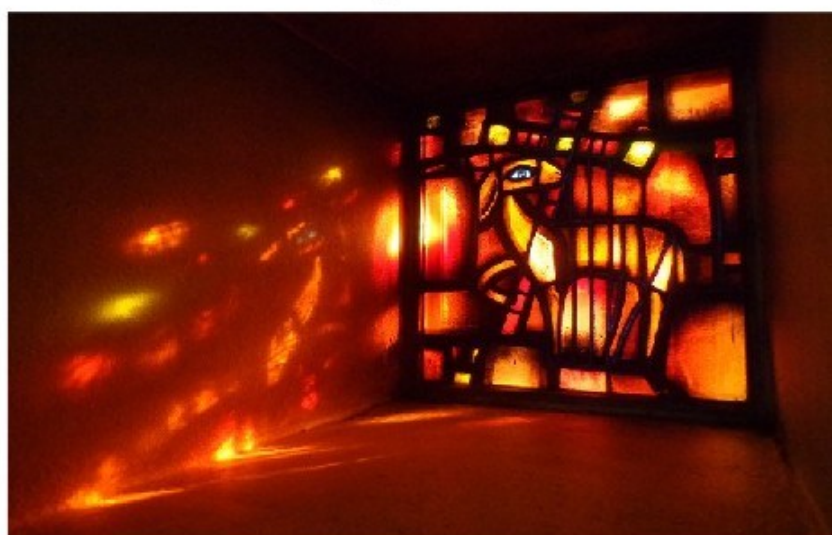
You are guaranteed a warm welcome.



# Prayer in the way of **Taizé**

for All Saints' Day

Sunday 1st November 2026  
5pm



Wellington Methodist Church  
New St., Wellington, Telford  
TF1 1LU

*All Welcome*

For more information on Taizé see [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

For more information about this church see  
[www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonmethodist.org.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



Cartway Methodist  
Church



# Coffee Morning

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
10 am – Midday



♡ - All proceeds to  
church fund - ♡ -



# An evening with *David Harper* in Bridgnorth

How did the *bargain hunting* TV antiques expert go from scepticism to champion of the Christian faith?

*The answer lies in an 11-month personal investigative 'road trip'... and a miracle.*

## DATE & TIME

Wed Nov 11th,  
6:30pm  
(doors 6pm)

## WHERE

St Leonard's  
Church, Bridgnorth  
(WV16 4EJ)

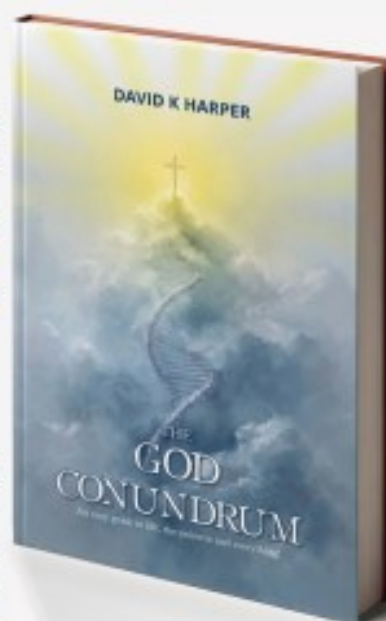
Entry: Free

## Everyone welcome!

*Expect an evening of wit and wisdom,  
fact and fascination!*

**Plus Q&A**

David will be sharing his powerful story, plus signing his new book, *'The God Conundrum'* available on the night.



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

"One of the best after dinner talks and displays of expertise we have ever experienced."

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A FULL-SCALE REPLICA

# The Shroud of Turin

AN EXHIBITION

Pre-opening evening talk by Shroud expert *Pam Moon* · 7.30pm · Limited places · Booking required

## “Who do you say that I am?”

Recent research sheds new light on Christianity's most enigmatic relic.  
*Is this the face of Jesus Christ?*

VENUE

St Leonard's Church  
Bridgnorth

DATES

26 Oct – 12 Nov 2026  
Open daily 11am–4pm

ADMISSION

Free entry



FULL INFO



# *Carols* *in The Bandstand*



Dawley High Street  
18th December 2026  
10:30am



*Free mince pie*  
*after the service!*





# Carol Service

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Sunday 20th December 2026

10:30am

Rev Nik Rogers  
*will be taking the service.*

*All are welcome.*



**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)



## 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)



## **Newport Trinity Church**

### **Regular activities:-**

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

### **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. N**

Sunday Worship held monthly at Newport Christian Care Home, Granville Road. **2.50 pm for 3-3.30 pm.**



## 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.

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.



## 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





## Wellington Community Library & residents hub

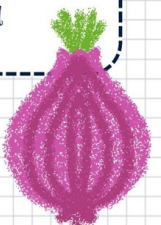
### Gardening Club

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)





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



Telford Methodist Circuit  
International Project 2026  
together with

Ajumako Osedzi Methodist Primary School,  
Ghana



Our aims:

- 1) the provision of an outside canteen
- 2) the renovation and repainting of the classrooms & offices

**Can you help us raise a total of £6500 by the end of 2026?**

## Spiritual Abuse Awareness training dates 2026



**Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training**

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

**Course overview:**

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

**10.30 – 15.30**

**29th January 2026**

**4th June 2026**

**24th September 2026**

**19th November 2026**

**on Zoom**

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

For more information please contact Christine Kennedy ([ckennedy@methodistchurch.org.uk](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)

## JOIN THE ADVENTURE



**ANCHORS**  
5 - 8 Years

**புலம்பெ**  
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 [2ndoakbbb@gmail.com](mailto:2ndoakbbb@gmail.com)

**BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK/JOIN**

The Boys' Brigade is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales number 19522. A registered charity in England & Wales number 1055889 and in Scotland number SC038076. Registered Office: Foston Lodge, Foston, Nottingham, NG12 5NL, UK.

### **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**





# 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!**

## 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://methodist.org.uk/christmasresources) – and get a sneak peek of the resources at [methodist.org.uk/christmasresources](https://methodist.org.uk/christmasresources).



**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**

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  
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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

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

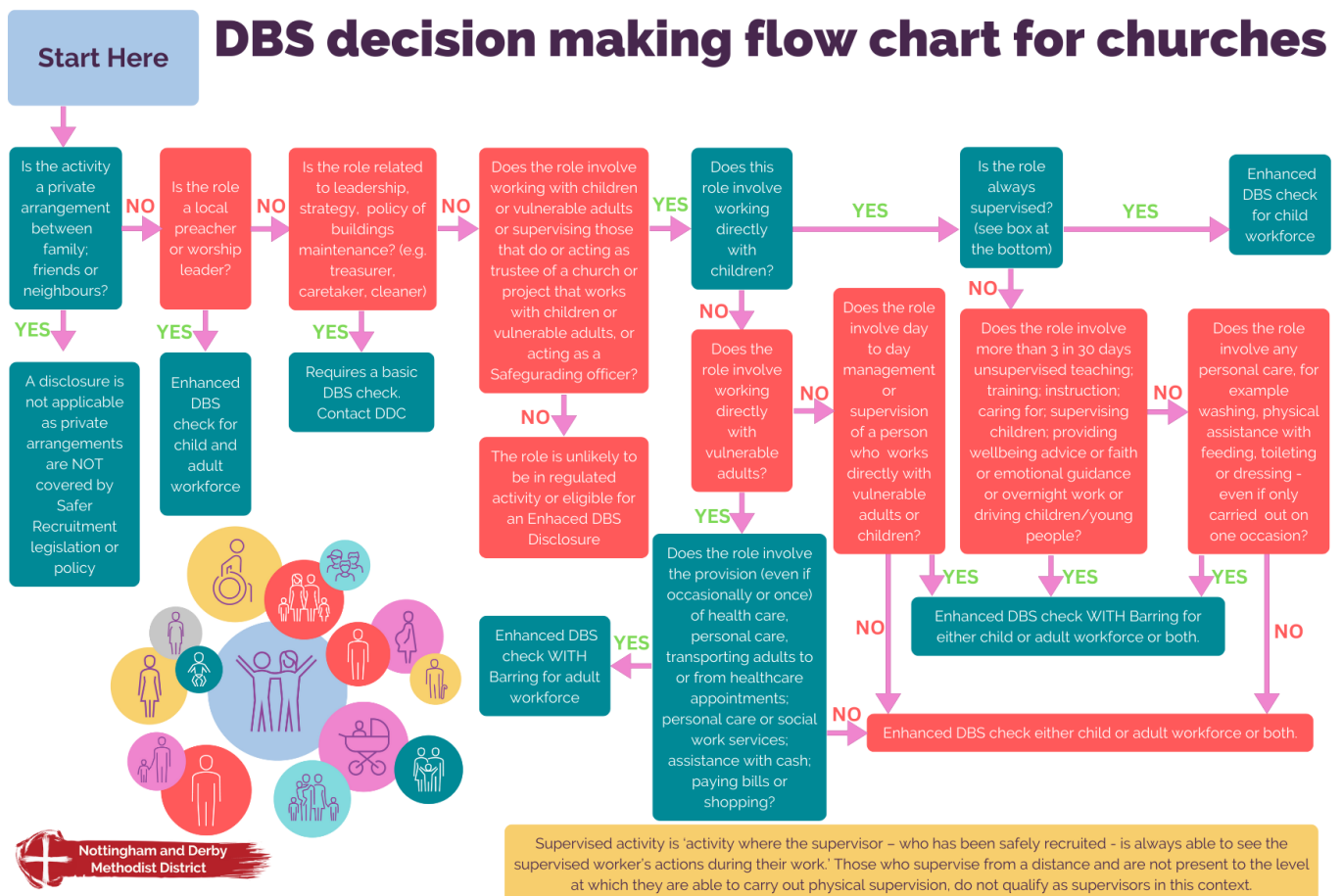
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

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.

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Thank you for completing this form.

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in **Christ** and to live  
out its discipleship in  
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