

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

22nd October 2026

Methodist Church expresses concern at court decision for Tent of Nations

16 October 2026

The Methodist Church has expressed its grave concern at a decision by an Israeli Military Committee imposing conditions on the [Tent of Nations](#) in Palestine which threatens the community's existence.

The Tent of Nations is a 100-acre farm six miles southwest of Bethlehem and a Christian educational and ecological centre that promotes peace over hatred in the region.

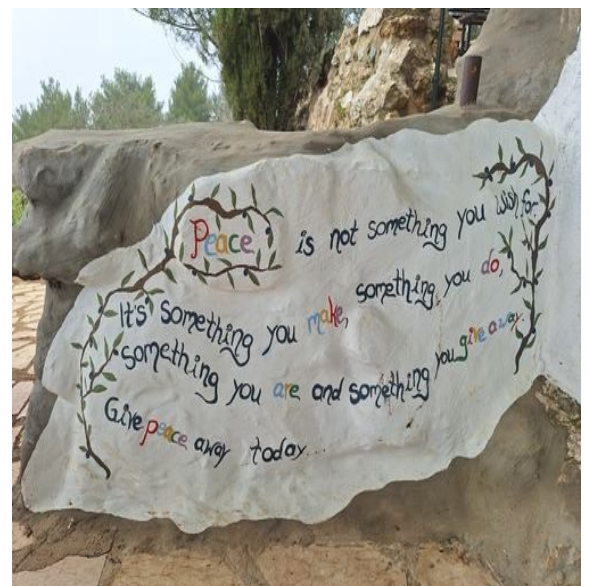
On 8 October 2026, an Israeli Military Committee rejected the farm's land registration application. Established in 1916, the Nassar family have been welcoming people from around the world, including many Methodists, for decades. The land was purchased more than 100 years ago by the Nassar family, who hold original registration and deed documents dating from the British Mandate. In 2017, the farm received the World Methodist Peace Award.

Recently, the family has experienced restrictions on access to their land. The farm stands alone as a site of hope in a valley where illegal Israeli settlements have encroached on land held for generations by Palestinians.

The situation illustrates the [difficult circumstances faced by Palestinians](#) in the West Bank, where the illegal occupation of the territory has contributed to settler violence and the ethnic cleansing of many areas, with these actions often going unchallenged by the Israeli government.

The Methodist Church will be working with its ecumenical partners and others to respond to the court's decision and to support the Nassar family and the Tent of Nations.

We pray for the Nassar family, for the Tent of Nations and for all those who seek peace and justice.



This month's story of hope



A Methodist church in Gloucestershire is connecting with its community by offering drinks on the school run. Every Monday morning, whatever the weather, members of Stonehouse Methodist Church stand outside their building, which is on a popular walking route to school, from 8-9am. They offer tea, coffee and hot chocolate to passersby, mostly families taking their children to school, but also people walking to work. "We're not expecting anyone to come to church because of this," explained their minister, Jimmy Cullingford. They simply aimed to raise a smile and make a connection, hoping eventually to be able to offer prayer.

One day, a couple who couldn't speak much English came by with their grandchildren and asked for their drinks with the help of a translation app. The following Monday, a car stopped by the drinks stand and a woman got out for a chat. "My mum and dad have been talking about you all week!", she explained. And consistency is key. One morning someone stopped for a drink, explaining: "I forgot my coffee this morning, but I knew the church would be there." Although they're talking about coffee, knowing the church is there represents a change in attitude. Through simple kindness and being in a place where they can bump into people, the seeds of warm friendships in the community are being sown.



The church's eco group now put up a drinks table when they are working in the garden, enabling them to engage more with the community as they care for creation. Plans for the future include discipleship pathways so that people can ask faith questions. One regular has asked for a midweek Holy Communion, which could take place outside. Jimmy explains that activities like this offer 'low walls' for engagement. People in the community can connect with Christians without having to come into the building, and church folk have opportunities to come out of the church safely.

We are HIRING!

Apply today

Mission Officer: Rural Communities Lead (Closing 19 Oct)

NPNP Pioneer: Additional Needs, Bromyard and Hereford (Closing 23 Oct)

NPNP Pioneer: Additional Needs, Vale of Stour (Closing 9 Nov)

<https://www.wmmethodists.org.uk/.../vacancies-paid-roles...>

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” *1 Corinthians 10:31*

Eat well and care for creation...

One thing we know about Jesus is that he seemed to love eating with people... and as Methodists we too know the joys of gathering round a table of fellowship together. And yet, “*We recognises the current global, industrialised food system as largely unsustainable*” begins one question in the ‘lifestyle’ survey for Eco Churches. It continues, “*While many people have limited choices about what they eat (e.g. due to cost), food is one of the biggest contributors to UK carbon emissions.*” So how can we eat well **and** care for creation?

The Eco Church framework invites us to consider our diet by consuming:

- less meat and dairy
- more locally sourced foods
- fairly traded and organic produce

but we are also invited to consider how we might waste less (individually and as a society) and share what we have more fairly. In a month when many churches have celebrated harvest and generously donated gifts to local foodbanks, and at a time of ever-rising costs, we are very aware of the difficulties faced by some of our neighbours.

Your local pantry is a nationwide scheme (supported by Church Action on Poverty and many more charities). The project is all about dignity, choice and hope - bringing people together around food! To find out more about the scheme, how you might get involved, support or pray for them, visit [Your Local Pantry](#) or register [here](#) for an online workshop hosted by Green Christian in which West Midlands dad and social activist James Henderson will talk more about his involvement with the project on **Wednesday 4th November**, 7-8:15pm.

Save the date! Saturday 3rd July, 2027

Telford Circuit Green Day at Dawley Christian Centre

A chance to come together as a circuit and with our local community friends and neighbours to share food, worship, information and to celebrate all things Eco. Look out for more information to come.

OTHER 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

Public viewings are also being held at:

Bridgnorth Library, 2pm on 28th October

Coalbrookdale Community Centre, 7.30pm on 12th November

Holy Trinity Church, **Much Wenlock**, 6:30pm on 19th November

Severn Centre Library, **Highley**, 6:30pm on 24th November

If you are prepared to travel a little... [Closing the Loop, Creating a Zero Waste Future](#) Wednesday October 28th, 2-5pm, the Memorial Hall, Oswestry. Hear about exciting local initiatives for sustainable living. Hosted by Shropshire Climate Action – click on the link to book your place!

Pray with us today.

Lord, we pray for all who are depressed and feel defeated by life. Bring your healing to all who are broken, ease their pain and touch them with your Holy Spirit, that their sorrow will turn into joy. We ask that you will wrap your ever-loving arms around all who suffer, that they may rejoice and walk in the redeeming light of loving and being loved by you. Amen.

Find more ways to pray at:

methodist.org.uk/prayer.





Worship *This Sunday*

25th October

at

**Cartway Methodist Church
Bridgnorth**

at 10-45am

Preacher

Mr John Parkin



**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 24th October 10am to 1pm

Session 2 – Saturday 14th 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

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



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





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.



YOUNG artists

Art

WORKSHOP

Thursday
29th October

Here at
Wellington Methodist Church

10.30 to 12.30pm
For ages 7 to 16

£2 fee for the session,
all materials are provided but please
bring an old shirt or apron to wear
to protect your clothes

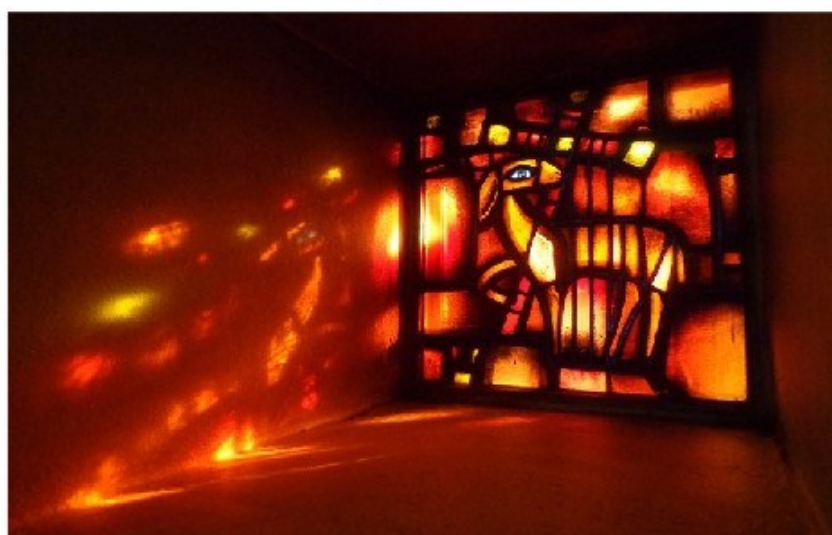
Please contact Barbara Murray
to book your place

For more details contact Barbara Murray on
07592 881108 or email barbaraqsc@gmail.com

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

For more information about this church see
www.wellingtonmethodist.org.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



Cartway Methodist
Church



Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th 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!

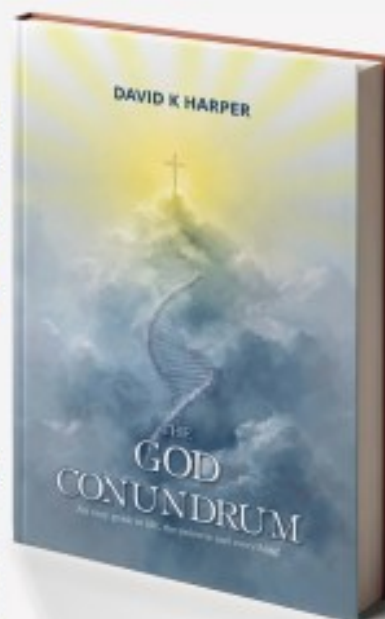
*Expect an evening of wit and wisdom,
fact and fascination!*
Plus Q&A

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

www.davidharperbooktalk.co.uk

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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



Table Top Sale



at
**Dawley Christian
Centre**
TF4 2EX



**Friday 20th
November 2026**



9-12 noon

***Come along and grab
yourself a bargain!***



ALL SAINTS
PARISH CHURCH
PRESENTS



TELFORD CONCERT BAND.



SATURDAY
14TH NOVEMBER



7.30 PM



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TF1 1DG

TICKETS: £10.
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information
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07976 100321





The Church of
St Andrew
& Trinity
Church
Shifnal



CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Andrew's Church Shifnal

Saturday 28th November
11am-3pm

• Live Music • Craft and Gift Stalls •
Santa's Grotto • Tombola • Refreshments

All Welcome - Join us for Christmas cheer!

St. Andrew's Church,
Church Street, Shifnal

Santa's Grotto

At St. Andrew's Church Shifnal
Christmas Fair



Saturday 28th November
12pm-2pm

£4
per child

**Includes gift
and photo**
All Welcome!

* Fun for all the family • Festive photos & gifts guaranteed *

Christingle Service

at
Dawley Christian Centre

📅 13th December 2026

🕒 10:30am

Darren Arnold
will be leading
our service.

*All are
welcome.*





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



NOMINATION TO METHODIST CONFERENCE



METHODIST CONFERENCE 2027 - Telford
24th-25th June (Presbyteral Session),
26th-30th June (Representative Session)

Election of representatives from the West Midlands District

The West Midlands District will send a total of 12 representatives to the Methodist Conference as follows:-

- six ministerial representatives, at least two of whom must be deacons
- six lay representatives, of which the Synod Secretary is one.

Following the September 2026 Synod, we are seeking to appoint 2 LAY representatives and 2 DEACONS to serve as representatives to the 2027 Conference for one year.

In accordance with SO 417 (2): In electing such representatives members of the Synod shall have regard for the composition of the member of the District as a whole with regard to age, sex and ethnic origin.

Therefore, we are seeking through our representatives to reflect the diversity of the District and include those with experience and those who bring new perspectives. The only qualification for nomination is membership of the Methodist Church. We would particularly welcome nominations from young people in the District!

Representatives will become members of Synod for the year leading up to, and that following, Conference and will therefore become more involved with district matters. Expenses incurred in attending Conference can be claimed and there are facilities for loss of earnings to be compensated.

Please obtain permission from anyone you wish to nominate, or you may nominate yourself.

This Nomination Form must be returned to info@wmmethodists.org.uk by 12 noon on Monday 16th November. (Nomination Form available from the Circuit Office)

Further copies of the form are available on the district website.

Representatives will be elected at the meeting of the District Policy Committee on Wednesday 25th November.

Is there someone in your Church or Circuit you could encourage?

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.**





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

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
Registered Charity: 1166228





Wellington Community Library & residents hub

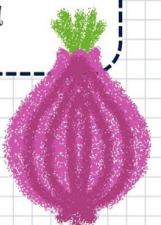
Gardening Club

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

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

Any questions, comments, access needs, pop us an email
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)
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

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

BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK/JOIN

The Boys' Brigade is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales number 19022. 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 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!

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.



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
Mobile: +44 (0) 7384 810901

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

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

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

Lauren

Safeguarding Training – Now Available Online

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

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

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

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



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Advanced Safeguarding Module Training

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

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

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

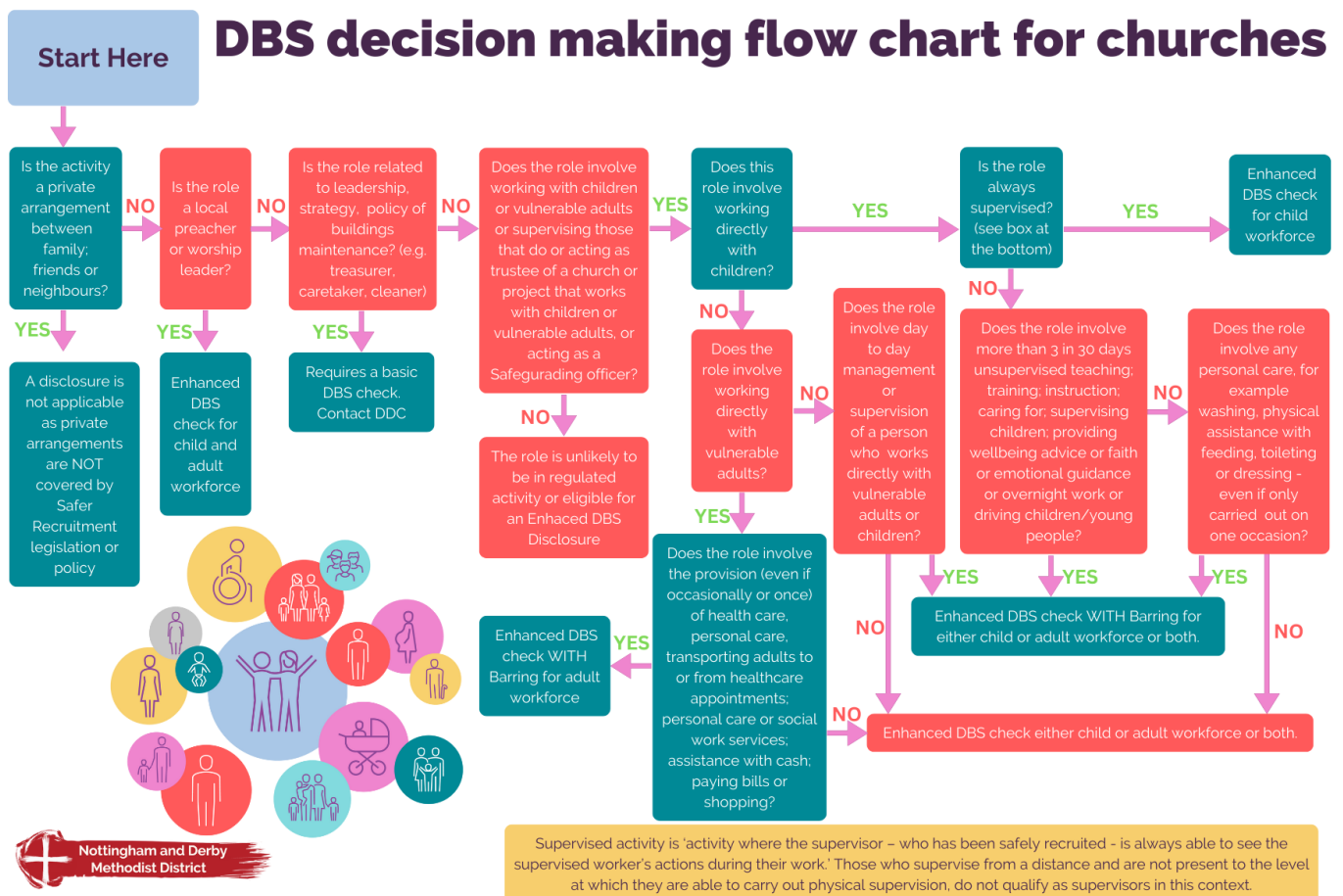
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

Many thanks,

Lauren

The **Methodist Church**

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults



New Safeguarding Reporting Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Your details

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

Details of the person you are worried about

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

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

Parent/Guardian/Carer

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

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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Thank you for completing this form.

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

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