



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

29th October 2026

The Rock Building something together

There are encouraging signs of progress at The Rock as we continue working towards bringing the building back into use as a welcoming community space.

The new kitchen has now arrived, although it is not yet fitted. It has been generously donated by The Kitchen Depot, and we are extremely grateful for their support. A working kitchen will eventually be an important part of the life and hospitality of The Rock - although, at the moment, it requires a little imagination to picture the finished result!

Our volunteer workers, Jim and Andrew, have been extraordinarily busy. They have removed the old kitchen, taken out the pews and helped with the considerable task of clearing, sorting and preparing the building for the work ahead. Much of what they have done is heavy, dusty and largely unseen once it is finished, but it is making everything that comes next possible. We are very grateful for the time, energy and practical skill they continue to give.

Behind much of this progress is Sharon, who quietly organises builders, electricians and the many other people and practical details involved. She does it without fuss, keeping things moving and making sure that the right people arrive at the right time—a considerable achievement in any building project! Her steady work behind the scenes is enormously appreciated.

The Rock is also being supported through prayer. Pastor Volker and his wife, Dorine, feel that God has placed the building and its future work upon their hearts. They have been faithfully praying for all that has already happened there and for everything that is still to come.

There remains plenty to do, and progress does not always happen as quickly or as neatly as we might like. But the building is changing, people are offering their gifts, and a shared vision is gradually becoming something tangible.

The Rock is being rebuilt not only through kitchens, cleared rooms and practical labour, but through generosity, organisation, partnership, prayer and hope.

We are thankful for everyone who is helping to shape its next chapter and look forward to seeing what God will do through this place and the community it will serve.

Rev Nik.



Wow... what a fabulous time we had at Bread Church at Dawley Christian Centre yesterday.

Thank you to everyone who came and made it so much fun!

We're looking forward to seeing you next time!



Upcoming retreat

'AN ADVENT RETREAT'

led by Rev Rob Cotton

(Minister of Ashley & Market Drayton Methodist Churches)

& Rev Obeth Obeth Thevanesan

(Minister of Audlem & Nantwich Methodist Churches)

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

10AM – 3PM

A day of prayer, quiet time
and guided reflection,
including lunch and refreshments

Ashley Methodist Church
Wesleyan Road, Ashley. TF9 4JT



£20
per
person

We have a small number of funded/partially funded places available for the day if finances are a barrier, so if you would like to access one of those, please mention on enquiry.



Enquiries

retreats@ashleymethodist.co.uk

For more information & to book
www.ashleymethodist.co.uk/retreats

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



“This is the day the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.” *Psalms 118:24*

I write this as Storm Boelo rages outside, rattling the windows, whistling through the trees and lashing the streets with rain... so what is it that gives me such cause to rejoice? Though there are many desperate situations and much urgent work to be done in the world and in our communities, God is at work among us... the signs might be small at first, but they are gathering momentum. So let us not be shy in sharing the good news and celebrating together what God is doing!

In the last two weeks two more churches in our Circuit have signed up to becoming Eco Churches... congratulations to Dawley and Albrighton: that makes a total of **seven out of our fifteen** churches registered to date and at **three** (so far) with bronze awards. If **you** would like to know more about becoming an Eco Church, go to [Eco Church](#) or contact jo@telfordmeth.org.uk for a chat. Meanwhile, we are progressing well on our journey towards becoming an Eco Circuit and we would love to invite you to celebrate with us:

Telford Circuit Green Day
Saturday 3rd July, 2027 at Dawley Christian Centre
A joyful opportunity to come together as a Circuit and
with our local community to share food, worship,
information and to celebrate God's beautiful earth.

How can you get involved?

We are looking for organisers, planners, publicisers and pray-ers as well as people who can help on the day as welcomers, technical supporters, hosts, activity leaders and with the practical side of setting up and clearing away. If you can offer help in advance or on the day, in any way at all, please email jo@telfordmeth.org.uk – I would really love to hear from you

“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. *1 Peter 4: 10*



How could the Methodist Church
respond to its historical links to the
transatlantic trade in enslaved
African people and the ongoing
impact today?

In 2021, the Methodist Conference formally recognised the impact and legacy of the trade in enslaved African people...

Now this question is being asked and 'Reparative Justice' conversations are being held in forums, groups and churches across the nation. So how can you get involved?

There is an opportunity to take part in an online conversation on Wednesday 11th November, 7-9pm.

Book using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reparative-justice-a-consultation-across-the-methodist-church-online-event-tickets-1998906994630>

For information about our Methodist history and involvement in the International Slave Trade, resources for holding your own conversations or videos including views and opinions from across the Connexion, visit the Methodist Website [here](#).

A justice seeking church



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

Could you include these in your prayers and worship?

How might these feed into your wider church life?

Sunday 1st

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians worldwide.

For a short film and prayers to use in your service, click [here](#).

Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday

Worship resources are available from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland [here](#).

9th -15th Living Wage Week

The 'Living Wage' celebrates 25 years this year. For more information about current wage rates, case studies and the difference this makes to employers and employees, click [here](#).

9th – 20th November COP 31

Meeting this year in Antalya, Türkiye. The best opportunity we have for global political and economic powers to make courageous changes and prevent climate breakdown. Register [here](#) to join an online prayer for 10 minutes at 8am every (or any) day of COP.

Thursday 19th World Toilet Day

4 in 10 people worldwide still lack access to safe toilets. World Toilet Day 2026 is about sanitation and gender equality. The campaign – 'Safe toilets. Equal futures.' shows how safe sanitation protects women and girls' health, safety, dignity and opportunity – enabling them to go to school, work and fully take part in society.

[Information and activity pack.](#) [Tear Fund Toilet Twinning](#) [WaterAid](#)

Sunday 29th November

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Inform yourselves at home or as a church. [This film](#) describes the work of EAPPI (Ecumenical volunteers) observing and recording daily life in Palestine. The [Methodist Church website](#) also has information and prayers about the situation in Palestine.

Faith leaders and organisations call on Chancellor to reform tax system in joint letter



We believe, alongside many people of faith, that those with the greatest capacity to contribute have a responsibility to support the common good. A fair tax system enables us to love our neighbours, stand alongside those who are most marginalised, fund public services and protect the natural world.

We welcome the Prime Minister's commitment to tackling the cost of living as a priority. But it's time for bold action to address underlying injustices in the tax system and help create a fairer, more hopeful society."



Just Money Movement

We are proud to be one of 25 faith organisations and leaders who have signed a joint letter ahead of this week's Budget

We're urging the Chancellor to reform the tax system including fairer taxation of wealth to tackle poverty, inequality and the climate crisis by:

- Introducing an annual wealth tax
- Reforming and equalising Capital Gains Tax with Income Tax
- Properly resourcing HMRC to close the tax gap and ensure wealth is taxed effectively

"Building a more stable UK economy must mean building a fairer society. As people of faith, we urge you to put justice, hope and solidarity at the heart of this Budget."

Read the full letter and list of signatories here: <https://justmoney.org.uk/.../faith-leaders-and.../>

The Methodist Church The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference



New Places for New People Beginning a New Housing NPNP



"By 2030, ten percent of the UK's population will be living in communities that currently don't exist," explains Pioneer Minister, Tim Haines, in this video. "And so, if we don't have projects like this, the issues of isolation and communities not being formed are just going to become a bit of a pandemic in our society." [Join us online](#) to hear more of Tim's story of shaping community, faith and social infrastructure within a new settlement of 8,000 homes. Then [join the network](#) of Methodist pioneers, practitioners, planners and leaders committed to exploring what God might be doing in the thousands of new communities being created across the UK.



https://youtu.be/lvvFQTnvMkc?si=_lt18olwwobzgCSK

Pray with us today.

Holy One – far beyond our imaginings,
yet coming to meet us through Jesus – in the
joy and messiness,
the hopefulness and the hardships of our lives.
May our places of worship be safe and authentic
spaces
for sharing who we are and how we are
as we journey alongside one another and with
you.
May we listen attentively and compassionately,
as we seek one another's well-being and
flourishing,
knowing that all are cherished by you. Amen.

Ruth Flatman, EDI outreach and support worker,
Ceredigion Circuit

Find more ways to pray at:

methodist.org.uk/prayer.



A different way... Rev Racheal Parkinson (Taken from Racheal's Facebook account)

When the Methodist committee gave me permission to Live Life in a Different Way for two years, they asked what I would do at the end of it. I replied that I expected I would be stationed to a new appointment in a Methodist Circuit. But I added that it would be fairly strange to spend time discovering who God is to me in this season of life whilst at the same time expecting to know exactly where this would lead!

And so it has turned out. Just after I'd let my Chair of District know that I expected to offer another two years in Circuit from 2027, I saw an advert on Facebook for a position on the chaplaincy team at Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales. The deal is that if you're partnered, then both of you join the Scargill Community so this was very much a question of dual vocation.

To cut a long story short, we went to spend 24 hours at Scargill at the end of July before applying. We spent two nights there at the beginning of September as part of a mutual discernment process. And within an hour of arriving at Yerevan we'd received a call inviting us to join the Community. Yesterday I received permission from the Methodist Church to say "yes". We will join sometime in late January for a period of 3 years.

When we first told our sons about this prospect on the family WhatsApp the response was "what - so you're telling us you're joining a cult?" Since then "the cult" has been family shorthand for Scargill! On the one hand this is a funny in-joke but it betrays something deeper. The example of the common life of early Christians described in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is a foundational text for the formation of Christian discipleship. It's a classic Bible study for small groups. But, outside of religious orders, living as part of an intentional Christian community is pretty rare and very counter-cultural. It's not surprising if people view it as a bit weird!

There will be much more to be reflected upon in due course, but for now we are both delighted that our time of Living Life in a Different Way will extend beyond the anticipated two years.

<https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fscargillmovement.org%2F%3Ffbclid%3DlWZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAcGRvZgVzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAy->





Join us for Bread Church

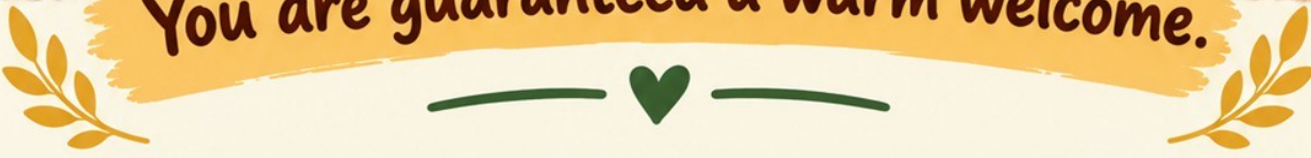
Wednesday
28th October 2026
between 1-3pm

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.

**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



CHURCHES
TOGETHER

Light Party

Saturday 31 October 2026
4.00 – 5.30pm

Newport Baptist Church
Water Lane, Newport TF10 7LD



Games



Crafts



Songs



Refreshments

4–11 years

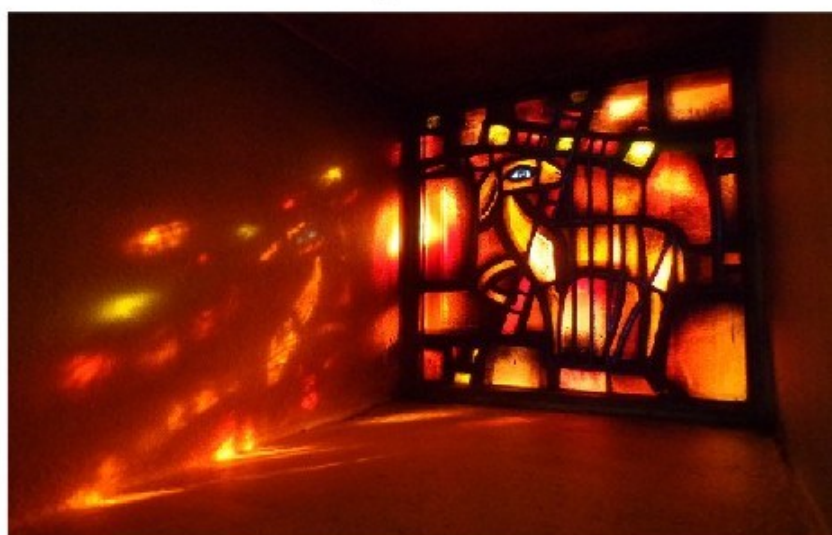
Please contact Mona Malt on
07890511904
to register



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



Cartway Methodist Church
Bridgnorth

Sunday 1st November
at 10:45am

Service

led by Cartway Methodist Church
Worship Leaders Team 1

Service based on
All Saints,
the Beatitudes,
and the Wesleyan Legacy





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 - ♡ -

Memorial Service



4pm Sunday November 8th.
At Wellington Methodist Church

In a simple service of hymns, prayers and readings, we shall remember and give thanks for those who have been special to us.

The names of those we wish to remember are read and an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance will also be given.



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!

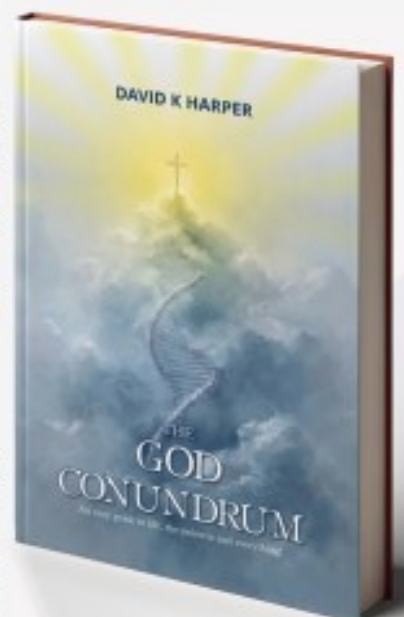
*Expect an evening of wit and wisdom,
fact and fascination!*
Plus Q&A

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

www.davidharperbooktalk.co.uk

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

Media Messages Ltd



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

ALL SAINTS
PARISH CHURCH
PRESENTS



TELFORD CONCERT BAND.



SATURDAY
14TH NOVEMBER



7.30 PM



ALL SAINTS
PARISH CHURCH,
WELLINGTON.
TF1 1DG

TICKETS: £10.
CHILDREN FREE.

*In aid of the Organ
Restoration Fund*

BOOKING VIA:
THE QR CODE, ALL SAINTS
PARISH CENTRE, OR ON THE
DOOR



For further
information
phone
07976 100321





Table Top Sale



at
**Dawley Christian
Centre**
TF4 2EX



**Friday 20th
November 2026**



9-12 noon

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



Join us for **Bread Church**

on **Wednesday 25th November 2026**
between 1-3pm

and **Saturday 28th November**
between 9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)

at
Dawley Christian Centre
TF4 2EX.

**This will be our last one
before Christmas!**

Choose between making
bread, stollen cake or mince pies.



Bread



Stollen cake



Mince pies



All the ingredients will be provided
but you will need to bring your own filling
if making mince pies.

You are guaranteed a warm welcome.



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

Christmas Fayre

Wellington Methodist Church

**Saturday
November 28th.
10am – 12noon**

Cakes

Books

Puzzles

Bric-a-
Brac

Toiletries

Crafts

Refreshments

We'll see you there >>>



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.

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.**



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

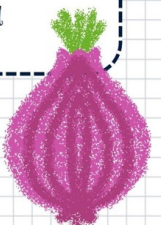
Gardening Club

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:

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:

- 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 105889 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.



Lauren Baxendale

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley, Telford, TF4 2EX
07904 814741
Safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk | www.telfordmeth.org.uk

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:

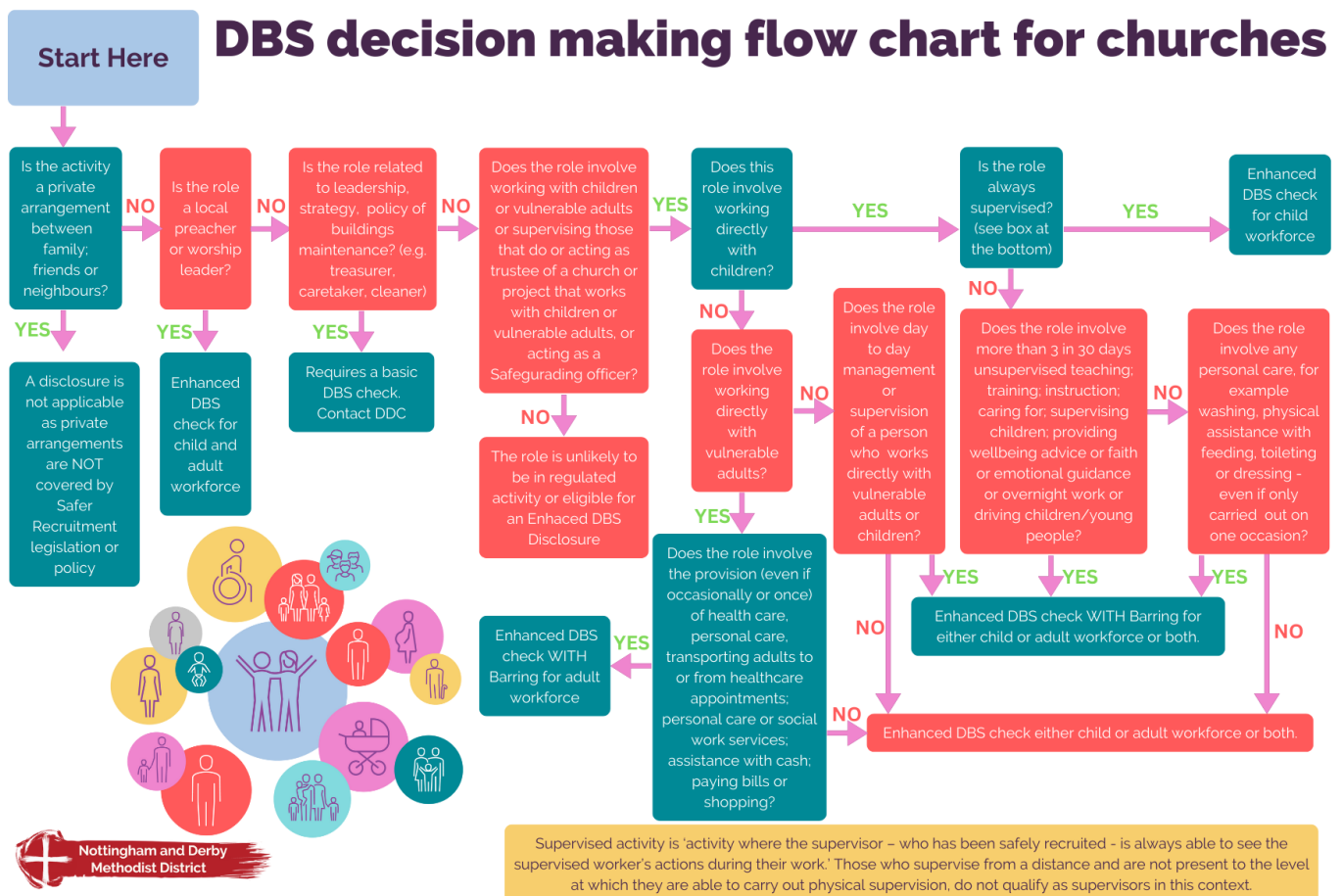
[Stephanie Bradley](#)

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.

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). 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.

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

Our Calling

The **Methodist Church** 