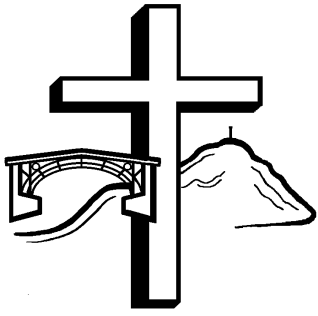




Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

16th October 2025

On behalf of Dawley Food Bank, we'd like to thank you for your generous donations. Your support is crucial in helping families in need during these challenging times. We are truly grateful for your kindness, and please know that your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you once again for being part of our mission.

God Bless.

Stewards of Dawley Christian Centre



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?

Food glorious food!

Over the past month many of us have celebrated Harvest Festival, and many churches have also been places of sharing for apples, plums, pears and the other fruit which has been growing in abundance this year. Eating food which is in season rather than food which has been transported from distant countries is a good way to cut your carbon footprint... so why else should you choose it and what is in season now?

✓ *enjoy reconnecting with nature's cycles and the diverse and delicious foods that our seasonal climate provides.*

✓ *food in season is cheaper because you are buying it when it is in abundance and it has not travelled a long way.*

✓ *it reduces the energy (and CO2 emissions) needed to grow and transport the food we eat.*

✓ *it supports the local economy.*

✓ *food is fresher and so tends to be tastier and more nutritious.*

In season now are field mushrooms, lettuce, rocket, marrow, squashes, sweetcorn, watercress, apples, damsons, pears, plums, sloes, elderberries, sole, oysters, skate, chicken, ham and much more... why not check out the full list here: [What's in season, when?](#)

A prayer from CAP

Faithful, loving God, at harvest time we pause to remember your goodness. Thank you for the wonderful things we have: the beauty of your creation, the kindness of others and the hope you give us in every season of my life. We are grateful for moments of joy, for the people who walk with us in life and for your love. Help us to hold onto that gratitude, even during hard times, and to share that hope with other people. Amen.

Taken from The Methodist Church website:

[Why Church Youth Work matters now more than ever - The Methodist Church](#)

At the beginning of this October, the NEC in Birmingham was buzzing with energy, laughter, and the sound of over 1,800 children and young people feeling right at home.

3Generate 2025 – Journey of a Lifetime – was a beautiful reminder of what's possible when we create participatory space for young people to belong, be heard, and be themselves.

One young person said: "Coming to 3Generate was a great opportunity for me to strengthen my faith and strengthen my connection with God and find other like-minded Christians. Young people who thought and felt the same way as me... it's been really special."

In light of John Harris' article in [The Guardian from 12th October 2025](#), highlighting the decline of youth clubs in Britain as a direct result of austerity measures, 3Generate felt especially significant. The article paints a sobering picture: the erosion of safe, informal spaces where young people can build relationships with adults who aren't their parents or teachers, and with peers outside of social media. Harris argues that these spaces are vital for bridging divides, building confidence, supporting emotional and mental wellbeing and developing a sense of community.

And yet, this is precisely what church youth work – at its best – can offer, and what Methodists have offered for years. In fact, the Methodist Church could be described as a cradle of youth work, and it continues to be an important contributor. Whether it is a large scale event such as 3Generate or a small weekly gathering of a handful of teenagers sharing stories and playing games together, these "small and deep" places matter. Here, young people are known by name, they are encouraged to discuss probing questions, and they can meet adults who listen to them without judgement but with lots of care.

"Coming to 3Generate was a great opportunity for me to strengthen my faith and strengthen my connection with God and find other like-minded Christians. Young people who thought and felt the same way as me... it's been really special." A young person talking about attending 3Generate 2025

Newly appointed Circuit Children, Youth and Families Worker

The Circuit is delighted that we have appointed Darren Arnold to be our Circuit Children, Youth and Families Worker. Darren has lots of experience and is looking forward to joining us in the new year,



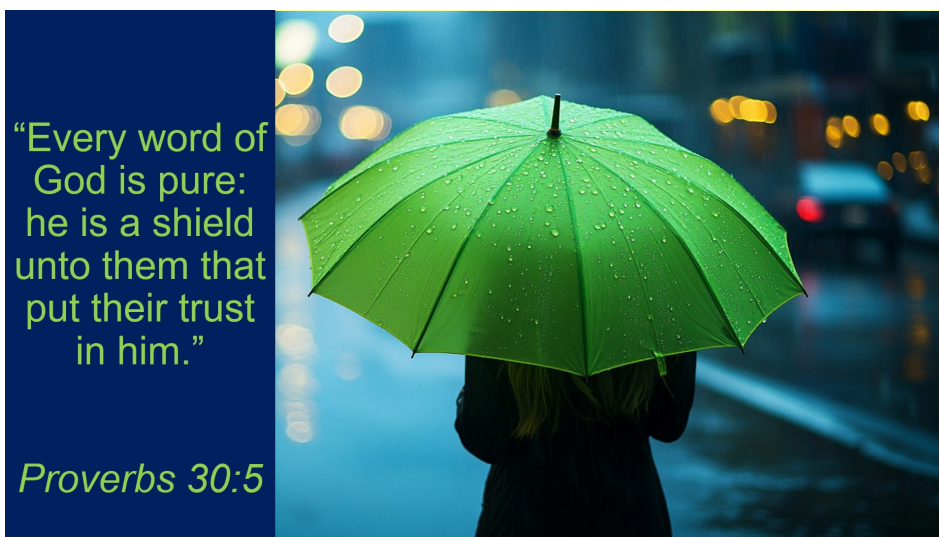
Bible Study in the Circuit

Unfortunately our friend Doug Hughes is still not well, our thoughts and prayers are with him as we hope for a speedy recovery.

Whilst Doug is out of action we are aware that we will be missing that opportunity for Bible study together. Whilst we can't manage three sessions a week, we can provide a Monday lunchtime opportunity to meet and study together at 1:30pm. We recognise that this will not suit everyone and we are sorry for those who can't make that time of day. We hope you find an alternative that does suit you... check out the Circuit newsletter for future updates!

We are going to use the Faith Space zoom room, (the link is below) and the verse/topic from the Faith Space service the evening before, which Jo is happy to send out to you every Sunday.

We will start next Monday with the topic 'God's word' and the verse:



The new link for the Bible study on Mondays at 1:30pm will be (the same as Faith Space):

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

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

We look forward to seeing some of you next Monday,
God bless you all this week and God bless Doug,

This Advent and Christmas season, the Methodist Church invites you to join 'Gifted' with resources to support your worship, welcome, and witness – including service outlines, small group materials, outreach ideas, posters, postcards, digital assets and more.
***Gifted* is a message of good news to a weary world...**

Together, all districts, circuits, local churches and fellowships of the Methodist Church are invited to remind people of their inherent worth and beauty – not because of what they've done, or what they can give – but because of who they are.



Gifted:

- is for everyone in our churches and beyond: both believers rejoicing at God's gift of Jesus, and those who might find the season more wearying than wonderful.
- reaches out to people longing for transformation but feeling stuck. For those searching for something more, something real – but unsure where to look.

***Gifted* is the Methodist Church's open invitation, speaking the good news to people that they matter. That they are Beloved. Created with infinite care. A gift to the world, just as they are.**

Be part of *Gifted*: In your worship, your welcome and your witness.

How can your church can get involved?

This Christmas, we're encouraging churches to share the good news of *Gifted* – and embody it!

Worship resources

Download your *Gifted* resources, available in both PDF and HTML formats at the links below, in time for the festive season.

https://www.methodist.org.uk/documents/22420/Christmas_2025_Worship_Resource.pdf

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/gifted-worship-resource-pack/>

https://www.methodist.org.uk/documents/22422/Gifted_Blue_Christmas.pdf

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/gifted-worship-resource-pack/blue-christmas/>

https://www.methodist.org.uk/documents/22423/Christmas_2025__Candle_Liturgies.pdf

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/gifted-worship-resource-pack/gifted-candle-liturgies/>

https://www.methodist.org.uk/documents/22465/Christmas_2025_Small_Group_Resource_Pack_alsTVqG.pdf

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/gifted-small-groups-worship-resource/>

Safeguarding Reminder: Please Report Concerns to Your Church Safeguarding Officer

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

If you ever have a safeguarding concern, no matter how small or uncertain you may feel about its seriousness, please notify your designated Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO) as soon as possible. If your church does not have a CSO appointed, you can contact the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, Lauren Baxendale or our Regional Officer for Safeguarding, Stephanie Bradley, for advice and support.

Church Safeguarding Officers provide guidance, support, and ensure the right actions are taken in line with the Circuit safeguarding policy.

By reporting concerns promptly to your CSO, you help keep everyone in our community safe and ensure that any issues are properly monitored, addressed and escalated as needed.

Thank you for your vigilance and care. Together, we can maintain safe, welcoming places for all.

Contact details:

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

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

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

You are invited to the ceremonial tree planting of the
United Nations Association-Shropshire
on Friday 24 October 2025 at 12.30 pm at Brooksbury
Field, Church Stretton.



Members of the UNA-Shropshire will join the Mayor,
Councillor Andy Munro,
in the planting and photographing of a whitebeam tree to mark
the 80th anniversary of the United Nations.

*The whitebeam is chosen for its symbolism of
ENDURANCE, PERSEVERANCE and PROTECTION.
This reflects much of what the UN should be doing over its next
80 years.*

Vacancies



There are lots of opportunities to get involved in the West Midlands District. This page will list live vacancies both paid and unpaid. We would also welcome conversation about what you might be able to offer to the new district even if there isn't a suitable vacancy. Do get in touch with info@wmmethodists.org.uk in the first instance.

Resourcing Mission Committee Roles: [West Midlands Methodist District | Resourcing Mission Committee Roles](#)

Stafford Circuit: Various Roles: [West Midlands Methodist District | Stafford Circuit: Various Roles](#)

Manse Roles: [West Midlands Methodist District | Manse Roles](#)

Assistant Lay Stationing Rep: [West Midlands Methodist District | Assistant Lay Stationing Rep](#)

Plant Stall in PRIORSLEE VILLAGE

For more details contact Sylvia on 01952 299504

Hello from the Plant Stall in Priorslee Village. The stall and plants have weathered the storm and I hope no-one has suffered too much damage. The stall will be open for another couple of weeks as there are some lovely plants for sale that will fill those gaps in the borders. The tools are put out for sale when the weather permits. Message me if you need anything in particular and I will let you know if I have it in my now large collection of tools. Happy gardening in spite of the weather. Regards Sylvia (Bailey) Oakengates United Reform Church.



For those who need to complete the Methodist Church Creating Safer Space Advanced Module Safeguarding Training. Opportunities are available both online, via Zoom, and in person.

If anyone chooses this route then please let me know as I need to enrol them on MCBX to complete the pre course work.

www.eventbrite.com/cc/nd-methodist-district-safeguarding-training-4444573?msocid=39ddb784e41769a00dcea183e5f8680a

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

Foundation Level Safeguarding Course on **Saturday 25th October**, from **1:00pm to 3:30pm** at **Albrighton Methodist Church**.

Please contact Lauren directly by emailing safeguarding@telfordmeth.org.uk by **Thursday 9th October** so that course materials etc. can be ordered in time.

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

We received below re foundation training available if anyone needs a course on their circuit, feel free to contact your Safeguarding Officer so she's aware you plan to attend the course.

[Foundation Module: Tuesday November 4th 2025 at 1pm at Royston M C Tickets, Royston | Eventbrite](#)

[Foundation Module Online Thursday 6th November 2025 10-12.30 Tickets | Eventbrite](#) 4 spaces remain

[Foundation Module Online Thursday 13th November 2025 10-12.30 Tickets | Eventbrite](#) 9 spaces remain

[Foundation Module Online Monday 17th November 2025 7-9.30pm Tickets | Eventbrite](#) 9 spaces remain

[Advanced Module Online Thursday 11th December 2025 at 1pm Tickets, Thu 11 Dec 2025 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#) 12 spaces remain

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

Pray with us today....

We pray for people around the world

Oh Bethlehem, house of bread, under your skies the angels sang their song and in your humble surroundings the Creator's life on earth began.

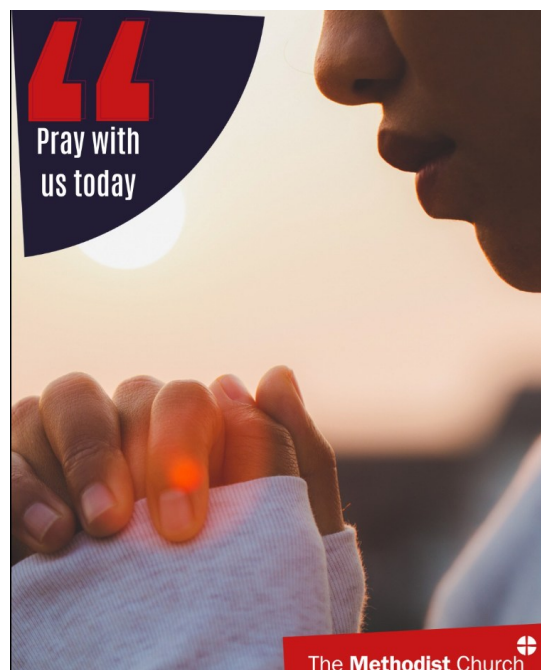
Oh Bethlehem's child, Prince of Peace, fill the world, we pray, with a hunger for justice that deep and lasting peace may come to the land of your birth.

Oh Jerusalem, city of God, Outside these walls your divine hands were pierced, eternity held its breath as you were laid to rest in a borrowed tomb.

Oh Jerusalem, witness to your Resurrection, we pray that new life may triumph over destruction, fear, violence, oppression and death, and radiate from these streets to the whole world. In the name of the incarnate, crucified and risen God, Amen.

David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer,
Jerusalem

methodist.org.uk/prayer



A Service for the beginning of Advent

An online event which shall be led by the Revd Dr Adrian Burdon
7pm Monday 1 December 2025

Book the date!

Joining details nearer the time.



The **Methodist** Church Telford Circuit



All you keen or would be bakers please
Join us for Bread Church at
Dawley Christian Centre

On Saturday 25th October between
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)

On Wednesday 29th October
between 1-3pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



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

Please come along and give it a go.

Oakengates United Church

Coffee Morning



Saturday 25th October

10.00am – 12noon

**Bacon Butties, Toast,
Tea & Coffee**



We use Fairtrade Products

IONA WORSHIP

exploring the Psalms

inspired by the Iona Community, Scotland

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 26th October 2025

5pm

ALL WELCOME

www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk

www.iona.org.uk



Taizé Service
Trinity Centre
Sunday 26th October
6:00pm

Come and join us for an evening singing beautiful taizé chants with times of silence and peaceful reflection.

A great way to start your week!

Young people. Your voice matters. Want to get involved?

- 👉 **Speak to someone at your next service**
- 👉 **Ask about youth groups or projects near you**
- 👉 **Or message us to find out how you can be part of what's next!**



THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond
& Wrekin

27 October 2025
7:15pm for 7:30pm - 9pm



Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station,
Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury, SY4 4QS.
7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

Join us in November for an afternoon of worship and praise with Rev Andy Ackroyd (speaker) & musicians.

Future dates

Sat 22 November &
Sat 24 January 2026
Both are 2-4pm (Winter)

Main Speakers

Mike & Susie Harris

Mike is a passionate evangelist, having formed Ignite Ministries together with his wife Susie.



Susie is a Christian Psychotherapist, a very rare combination, and supports Mike in Ignite Ministry work. Together they have supported projects in this country, Africa and Indonesia. Mike is a chef and has worked in a number of capacities including as community chaplain with Yellow Ribbon.

More info at...
www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin



KNITTED BIBLE EXHIBITION

**36 beautifully hand-knitted
Bible scenes from
Creation to Resurrection**

*Friday 31 October – Sunday 2 November
at both*

***St Peter's
Church
Wrockwardine
2-5 pm***

***Admaston
Methodist Church
Elmsdale Crescent
2-4pm***



FOR ALL AGES

FREE ADMISSION



Please get in touch if you have something to share.

Email: circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108



Circuit Prayer Space

Circuit Prayer Space on a Monday morning at 8:30am.

Val Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Circuit Prayer Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?
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Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

God loves you
unconditionally, no strings attached.
That's the good news.

Faith Space - An online service for all

Starts at 6:30pm on the link below.

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

Join Zoom meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

God bless you all and see you soon!



Bible Study

Meet, read, ponder and share together
on a Friday afternoon at Broseley
Methodist Church.

Our starting theme will be **PLENTY**.
What does the Bible have to say to us
today about Social Justice?

All are welcome, no previous knowledge
or experience needed!

Meeting on monthly at 2.30-4pm on

- Friday 12th September
- Friday 10th October
- Friday 21st November
- Friday 12th December.



For more information contact Jo on
jokudlacik@gmail.com or 07840 596074

Interested in an evening group? Contact Kim on
kimfitzwarine@gmail.com or 07816 374414

Bible Studies in the Circuit

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 which (service starts at 10am)

Oakengates Bible Reflections Group meet for two series of 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One of these is in Lent and the other in the autumn. As they usually meet in someone's home, we do not include the venue in general publicity.



Might you feel called to help lead worship? Are you a Worship Leader in need of refreshment?

We will be holding a **Worship Leaders' Introduction and Refresher course** at Cartway on Friday afternoons in the autumn, 2-3:30pm. These sessions will use *some* of the WL training resources but we will *not be covering the whole course*.

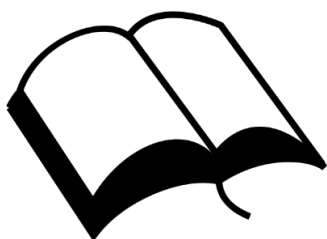
* No previous experience or materials needed... just a willingness to think, be open and engage.

17th October - Trinitarian God and the creeds: What are the creeds and how can we express the nature of God meaningfully in our worship?

31st October - Church: What is church and what is our calling? What does it mean to be Methodist and part of a wider Connexion?

14th November - Worship: How has worship developed over time? Different expressions and patterns of worship. Inclusivity.

28th November - Resources: Getting the most out of our hymn book and the lectionary, ways to present scripture, how music and art might enhance worship, writing prayers and alternatives to a sermon.



For more information, to chat about whether this is for you or to let me know you are coming, contact Jo Kudlacik Tel: 07840 596074 Email: jokudlacik@gmail.com

*If you would like to commit to full Worship Leader training, please contact Rev Adrian, who will be running the full course.

God promises to be our God
and we His people



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 having All Age Drop-in Craft Sessions on the second Saturday of each month.

The sessions are FREE and start at 10am-11:45am.

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!**



The Church of
St Andrew
& Trinity
Church
School



Dementia
Friendly Church
2024-5

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 Sarah Thorpe on 07982 248949 or
sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com



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





Albrighton Methodist Church

Regular church activities

Cafe Central

Every Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Excellent coffee!

Meet with friends, old and new.



Sing a Long

2nd and 4th Fridays in the month.
2.00 to 3.30

Join in with "Old Time" songs
and songs from the musicals.
£2 per head.



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.

Circuit Safeguarding & Administrative Worker

The Stafford Methodist Circuit is seeking a Safeguarding & Administrative Worker to support and oversee the Circuit's Safeguarding Practices and to provide day to day administrative support to the Superintendent Minister, in collaboration with the Circuit Administrator.

Working closely with the Superintendent Minister, we seek someone with the ability to lead and instruct on all aspects around Safeguarding at Circuit Level. Applicants should have experience in Safeguarding within a volunteer or employed environment with a working knowledge of workplace IT systems.

20 hours per week

Salary: £27,742.95 pro rata

Start Date: 5th January 2026

Closing date for applications: 12pm 20th October 2025

Interviews to take place on 6th November 2025

For Job Description & Person Specification, please contact
admin@staffmc.org.uk

Mission and Development Co-ordinator

The Stafford Methodist Circuit is seeking a Mission and Development Co-ordinator to offer support to the Circuit's future mission goals.

Working initially with Berkswich Methodist Church as it develops its missional capacity and a building for the future.

We seek someone with the ability to work alongside other members of the staff and volunteer team in shaping church vision; someone with the ability to communicate the Gospel and equip communities for growth.

Applicants should have experience of building projects and/or project management.

15 hours per week

Salary: £29,161.60 pro rata

Start Date: 5th January 2026

Fixed term – until December 2027

Closing date for applications: 12pm 31st October 2025

Interviews week commencing 10th November 2025

For Job Description & Person Specification, please contact
admin@staffmc.org.uk

Pastoral Support Worker

The Stafford Methodist Circuit is seeking a Pastoral Support Worker, to support two congregations going through a significant period of transition.

Working with existing congregations offering additional pastoral support, assisting with communication with the community and congregation in those places.

We seek someone to assist in the transition journey using pastoral practice, someone with excellent listening and communication skills to help the communities in this period of uncertainty.

10 hours per week

Salary: £24,298.28 pro rata

Start Date: 5th January 2026

Fixed term – 31st December 2026

Closing date for applications: 12pm 31st October 2025

Interviews week commencing 10th November 2025

For Job Description & Person Specification, please contact
admin@staffmc.org.uk

Circuit Youth Discipleship Co-ordinator

The Stafford Methodist Circuit is seeking a Circuit Youth Discipleship Co-ordinator, to support, develop and grow the youth ministry in the Circuit.

The Youth Discipleship Co-ordinator will work to build, with other staff and volunteers, a Circuit Youth Fellowship, encouraging youth discipleship and formation, while supporting existing congregational youth activities.

We seek someone who will nurture an environment of youth participation, learning and inclusion within the Circuit; someone who will promote youth ministry within the Circuit's mission and growth plan.

10 hours per week

Salary: £29,908.00 pro rata

Start Date: 5th January 2026

Fixed term – until December 2027

Closing date for applications: 12pm 31st October 2025

Interviews week commencing 10th November 2025

For Job Description & Person Specification, please contact
admin@staffmc.org.uk

Creating Safer Space: Who Needs to Attend Safeguarding Training?

By Lauren Baxendale, Circuit Safeguarding Officer

As Circuit Safeguarding Officer, I've recently had a number of questions about who needs to complete which level of safeguarding training. To help clarify things, I've put together a guide outlining which people in which roles are required to undertake either the Foundation Module or the Advanced (Leadership) Module of the Creating Safer Space training.

The aim is to support all churches in ensuring the right people access the right level of training – helping us to build safe, welcoming communities for all.

Foundation Module

This is the essential safeguarding training for those who work directly with children, young people, or vulnerable adults in any capacity within the church.

Depending on your role – and if needed – you can then progress to complete the Advanced (Leadership) Module.

Required to attend:

- Active presbyters and deacons
- Pre-ordination students and probationers
- Lay employees and volunteers with pastoral responsibility
- Pastoral visitors
- Anyone working with 0–18s in the name of the church
- Those involved in activities targeted at vulnerable adults (e.g. lunch clubs)
- Church and circuit stewards
- Local preachers and worship leaders (including those in training)
- Safeguarding representatives / committee members
- Choir/music/drama leaders where children or vulnerable adults are involved
- 'Covenant of Care' group members
- Students undertaking Mission Placements

Young leaders (aged 16–18)

Warmly invited (but not required):

- Mission/evangelism enablers
- Leaders of other groups using church premises with 0–18s or vulnerable adults
- Other group leaders working with vulnerable adults
- Property stewards and keyholders
- Caretakers
- Church/circuit meeting secretaries
- Administrators (church, circuit, or district)

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Young people and vulnerable adults

Advanced (Leadership) Module

This module is for those in leadership or oversight roles, or those to whom others may go for advice, guidance, or decision-making in safeguarding matters. These individuals are expected to model good safeguarding practice and lead by example.

Required to attend:

- District, Circuit and Church Safeguarding Officers
- Members of District Safeguarding or Policy Committees
- All presbyters and deacons in active preaching or pastoral ministry (including relevant supernumeraries)
- Local preachers (including those on trial)
- Worship leaders (including those in training)
- Lay or employed leaders working directly with children, youth, or vulnerable adults
- Mentors for the Youth Participation Scheme
- Members of Connexional Complaints Panels, Discipline, Pastoral, and Appeals Committees
- Trainers who deliver the Foundation Module
- Those in pioneering, fresh expressions, or evangelism roles

Members of the Circuit or District Safeguarding Committee

Warmly invited (but not required):

- Supernumerary ministers not engaged in pastoral roles

Others in leadership or oversight roles who would benefit from deeper safeguarding understanding

Safeguarding Training Renewal – Every Four Years

All safeguarding training must be refreshed every four years — but only at the level appropriate to your role. If you have completed the Advanced (Leadership) Module, you only need to repeat the Advanced Module every four years — you do not need to redo the Foundation Module. If your role only requires the Foundation Module, then that is the course you repeat every four years. This ensures everyone stays up to date with safeguarding best practices relevant to their responsibilities. .

Further Information

These training requirements and role lists were approved by the 2016 Methodist Conference (updated by the 2017 January Methodist Council) and remain the current basis for safeguarding expectations:

www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-34-Past-Cases-Review-Implementation.pdf

If you're unsure which module you or someone in your church needs to complete, please feel free to get in touch. I'm always happy to advise.

Thank you for your continued commitment to safeguarding – it truly makes a difference.

With thanks,

Lauren

From 1st August 2025 Stephanie Bradley who looks after Advanced Training Course for the West Midlands District has a new email address: Bradleys@methodist.org.uk

Stephanie's phone number: 07817808557

There are now 11 advanced courses available –

To book please visit:

www.eventbrite.com/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823

November Saturday 8th 10am - Trinity Methodist Church

November Saturday 15th 10am - Selly Oak Methodist Church

November Saturday 22nd 10am - Mill Street Methodist Church

January Saturday 10th 10am - St Andrews Methodist Church

January Saturday 24th 10am - Mill Street Methodist Church

January Saturday 31st 10am - Ledbury Methodist Church

April Saturday 18th 10am—Mill Street Methodist Church

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