

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

13th November 2025

The newly inaugurated Sussanah Wesley Mission Auxiliary (SUWMA) within the Dunwell Ghanaian Church, Ketley congregation of the Telford Circuit made a generous donation to the Neonatal Ward of the Women and Children's Unit of the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

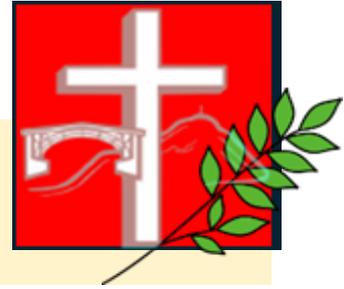
The group of women donated many diapers, wipes and bags for the babies and the families who were very thankful.



For their Easter project, Dunwell Ghanaian Church, Ketley will be collecting items of used clothing, shoes or bags and also food items for a mental health institution in Ghana. If you are able to help, please take your donation to Dunwell or leave them at Dawley Christian Centre. (Items would need to be passed on to Sharon in the Circuit Office). Thank you.

Matthew 25:40 is our purpose.

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



When Barnabas arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. *Acts 11:23*

Some words of encouragement

Sometimes the world's problems can seem so big, and the climate crisis among them... we simply don't have the time, money, energy, resources and expertise to make a difference, do we? It is easy for us to feel overwhelmed. But let us remember that in God's economy, even the smallest things count and have value. Of course we can't do everything. Nobody can. But we can do something.

The word 'sustainability' primarily refers to lifestyle and behaviour changes for the sake of climate justice. But emotional and physical sustainability are also crucial. Actions need to be manageable to avoid discouragement or burnout further down the line. What motivates and sustains you?

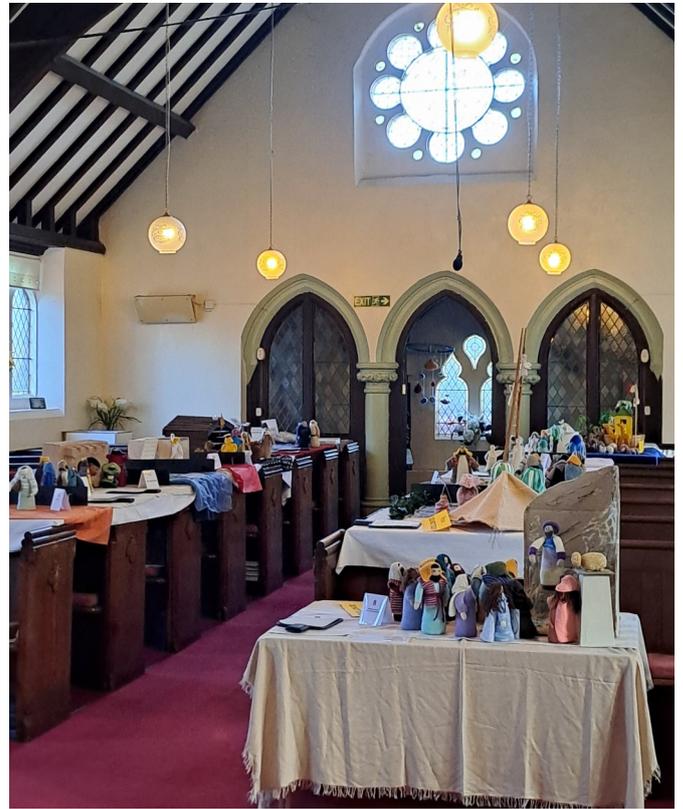
Let's agree that it's not straightforward. Environmental action requires change and that can be difficult, uncomfortable and unpopular plus there is a certain amount of misinformation so it is not always obvious which companies are as environmentally friendly as they would have us believe. Then the environmental news can frequently be depressing and the positive news stories get drowned out – so prayer and a hopeful attitude are essential!

Change is happening, globally and locally. As with any trend, the more people join in, the more the momentum builds. There are lots of little things that we can all do, some things which save us money or are more healthy for us... some of them involve a simple switch, which may not be perfect but is better than the alternative. Every bit counts, and each little habit we can change makes a difference.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at some simple ideas, acts and thoughts, which could help us build up to a greener and more stress-free Christmas. That really would be a blessing to us and the wider world!

Knitted Bible Story Display at Admaston Methodist Church

Look at these fabulous knitted characters that each tell a story in the Bible. I'm sure you'll agree there's some very talented knitters amongst them. The display has been put away... until next time.



A Message from Gill Miller

To all our friends in the Methodist Circuit,

We have now been attending Dawley Baptist Church for nearly a year, and whilst I haven't maintained contact very well, those of you who know me well know that I am not great at maintaining long-standing relationships whilst absorbing new places and experiences.

However, I would like to share some news that I know one or two may have heard about, but not sure how many.

After struggling with mobility for a number of years, I went forward for prayer at the end of the service two weeks ago and I HAVE BEEN HEALED OF ALL MY BACK PAIN!! My legs and hips are slowly starting to remember how to move without support, but God knowing me so well knew I would be rushing off to do all sorts of things if I had my ability to walk straight away, so I believe He has used this way to restrain my belligerence.

May you all be encouraged and blessed by this, as you can imagine I am.

Christ's love and blessings to you all.

Love Gill Miller.

Bats have been found in the Roof of The Rock Methodist Chapel

Work began during October to repair the roof (amongst other things) of The Rock Methodist Chapel. When the builders removed the slates, they discovered there were bats roosting inside.

Obviously, they immediately stopped work, as bats are an endangered species and it's an offence to knowingly and willingly disturb or destroy their nesting place.

We got in touch with UK Bat Care Network, who came out the next day to take a look. They in turn wrote a report and sent it to Natural England, who are the Government Adviser for the Natural Environment. They have asked that we postpone the planned work until next April. We need to allow the bats to have their rest but do the work before they start their maternity season.



Thankfully the roof is water tight and the other work can wait.

Pray with us today....

What song shall I sing today? What prayer shall I pray today?

Abide with me, O Love Divine.

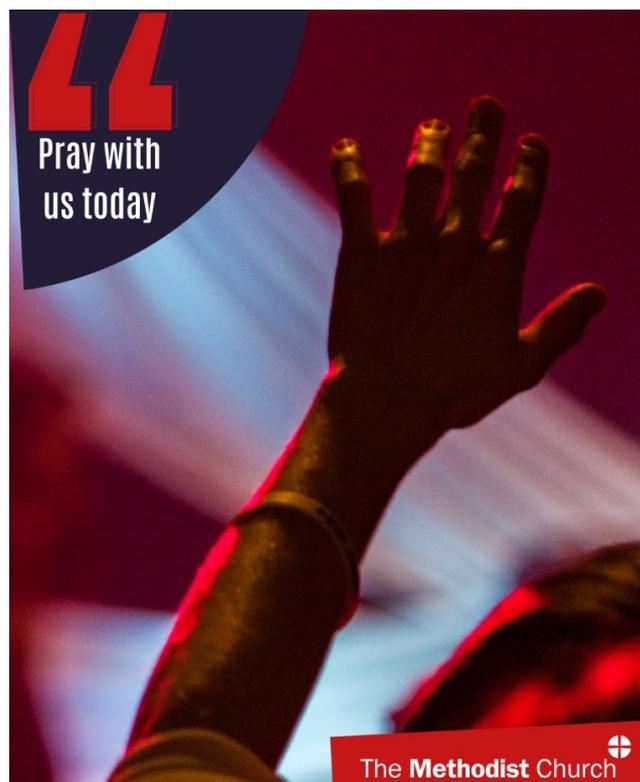
Thank you, God, for music and song in our hearts and lives.

I pray to you every new morning, anticipating what might lie ahead.

I pray to you in the afternoon, thinking of family and friends.

I pray to you in the evening, repeating "Thank you, God" for life in all its richness, remembering all who cannot sing or pray because of pain and sorrow in their lives. What song shall I sing tomorrow? What prayer shall I pray tomorrow?

Pamela Stenson, President, Methodist Women in Britain, Darlington District



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





Christmas Raffle Prizes

A HUGE **Thank you** to our neighbouring shops for

**Raffle to be
drawn on 12th
December**

supporting us in raising
money for the **Dawley
Food Bank**, High Street,
Dawley TF4 2EX

**£1 A
TICKET**

We have some wonderful prizes to give away!

1st Prize: Handmade Bed Blanket

2nd Prize: Tesco Gift Voucher for £25

3rd Prize: 10lb Turkey

Other Prizes:

Chocolate Hamper

£25 Voucher for **Jenny Spoon Hair**

£10 Voucher for **The Indian Melting Pot**

£10 Voucher for **The Flying Fish**

A hamper from **Dawley Pet Supplies**

A cut and blow dry **from Tribe**

2 Delicious Jam Scones from **Amanda's Ow Bistro**

Box of cards and Wrapping Paper from **Dawley Card Shop**

A tray of Sweets from **Thomas Allsorts (Sweet Shop)**

Tin of Chocolate Biscuits

Tin or Assorted Sweets

2 Soft Toys

Large Ornamental Reindeer

**ADMASTON
METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE
SATURDAY 15th November
2 PM - 4 PM**

ADMASTON
METHODIST
CHURCH
BRATTON ROAD
ADMASTON
TF5 0AH

**REFRESHMENTS
SERVED
HOME MADE CAKES /
SAUSAGE ROLLS**

**FREE
PARKING**
Opposite
Admaston House

**HOME MADE
MINCE PIES CAKES
JAM CHUTNEY
CHRISTMAS CAKES**

**GUESS THE
WEIGHT OF THE
CHRISTMAS
CAKE**

**CHRISTMAS
GIFTS
DECORATIONS
AND MUCH
MORE**

**HAND MADE
CHRISTMAS CARDS
GUESS THE NAME
OF THE SNOWMAN**

**HAND MADE
ADVENT
CALENDAR**

**RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
GAMES
JIGSAWS**



THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

22 November 2025

1.30pm for 2pm start



Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station, Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury, SY4 4QS.

Normally 7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday

Join us for our daytime gathering on a Saturday afternoon - an alternative to the dark nights of November

Future dates

- 26th January 2026
- 23rd February

Main Speaker

Rev. Andy Ackroyd

Andy is the Vicar of St Michael's, Madeley in Telford, and is Disability Advisor for Hereford Diocese. He is married to Sandra, and they live with their son Jacob. He loves sports, especially cricket and football and has an abiding passion for Leeds United.



Andy is an inspirational speaker and musician who loves to share the Good News of Jesus. He will be singing and playing guitar along with his great friend Nigel on the piano-keyboard and Sandra on the Cahon.

More info at...

www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin



**At Dawley Christian Centre on
Tuesday 25th November, 2nd, 9th
and 16th December at 1pm.**

**Join us this Advent to learn
more about the greatest gift
we've ever received... Jesus
Christ.**

**A time to reflect on the meaning of
Advent and prepare and anticipate
the coming of Christ.**



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

**On Saturday 29th November between
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)**

**On Wednesday 26th November
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**

**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

Saturday 29th November

9.30am - 12noon

**Cakes, Raffle, Christmas Stall, Games,
Books, Christmas Tombola, New & Nearly
New, Aladdin's Cave
Bacon Butties, Toast, Tea & Coffee**

The Church in the Heart of Oakengates
Caring for the Community

A celebratory poster for the 10th anniversary of the Telford CAP Debt Centre. The background is white with scattered gold confetti and a cluster of gold and silver balloons on the right side. The CAP logo is in the top left corner. The text is arranged in a clear, celebratory hierarchy.

christians
against
poverty
CAP

Telford CAP Debt Centre
invites you to our

**10th Anniversary
Celebration!**

Tuesday 18th November at 7.pm

**Guest Speaker: CAP CEO
Stewart McCulloch**

All Saints Parish Church,
Church St,
Wellington, Telford.
TF1 1DG

Refreshments served!

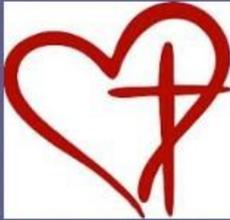
**Come and hear about the
foundation of the
Telford Debt Centre**

Please get in touch if you have something to share.

Email: circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108





HeartSpace

worship for today

HeartSpace on Sundays

10:30am

Trinity Centre

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 16th November

No service in December

Sunday 18th January



Contact:

heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk



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



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**

TABLE TOP SALE

at

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On Friday 21ST November 2025

9.00 am – 12 noon

Come along and pick up a bargain.





CONCERT

All Creatures Great and Small

In aid of local Charities
Saturday 22nd November
at
Horsehay Methodist Church
7pm



Promoting International Orange the
World 2025 Campaign
Against Violence and Abuse
to Women and Girls

Admission £10.00

Contact: Christine Hollis 07484 652999
Email: Christinejeanette843@gmail.com
Robyn Davies 07929 984293
Email: Robyntrebleclef@gmail.com





CHRISTMAS FAIR



22nd NOVEMBER
2025

At

11:00 AM - 3 PM

DONNINGTON METHODIST CHURCH
WREKIN DRIVE

FREE ADMISSION



SEE SANTA
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
SAUSAGE AND BACON BAPS
EVERYONE WELCOME!



Prayer in the way of
Taizé
for Advent

Sunday 30th November 2025
5pm



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

All Welcome

For more information on Taize see www.taize.fr
For more information about this church see
www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk



HeartSpace

worship for today

**HeartSpace on Tuesdays at 7:30pm
at St Andrew's Church, Shifnal**

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 4th November
Tuesday 2nd December
Tuesday 6th January

Join for a cuppa from 7pm followed by relaxed contemporary
worship and time for reflection from 7:30pm

The Church of
St Andrew
& Trinity
Church
Shifnal



Contact:

heartspace@shifnalbenefice.org.uk

The
Trinity
Centre



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



CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH JIGSAW CHOIR

Admaston Methodist Church



Tuesday 16th December

Doors Open 7.00 p.m.

Concert Commences 7.30 p.m.



Ticket Only Event



£8.00 Adults / Children Free

Ticket Enquiries' :Phone Jane:

07976 957703 Or amcenquiries@outlook.com

Refreshment's served during interval

Parking Opposite Admaston House

Off Pemberton Road

Profits shared between church and choir's charity

Christmas Fayre

Wellington Methodist Church

**Saturday
November 29th.
10am - 12noon**

Cakes

Books

Puzzles

Bric-a-
Brac

Toiletries

Crafts

Refreshments

We'll see you there >>>



The Church of
St Andrew
& Trinity
Church
Shifnal



Christmas Tree Festival

St Andrew's Church Shifnal

5th - 7th December 2025



To sponsor a tree click
on the QR Code



- Santa's Grotto** ★
Open Saturday 12 Noon - 4.00pm
- Decorated Trees** ★
- Schools Singing** ★
- Tree of Memory** ★
- Christmas Gifts** ★
- Best Tree Vote** ★
- Refreshments** ★
- Hot Baps, Mince Pies
& Cakes** ★
- Musicians** ★
- Craft Stall** ★
- Tombola** ★
- Raffle** ★

Adults £3.00
Children free
Visit Santa - £5.00 per child
(Open Sat 12 Noon - 4:00pm)

- Friday 10.00am-6.00pm
- Saturday 10.00am-6.00pm
- Sunday 1.00pm-5.00pm

Christmas Table Top Sale

Friday December 12th
at Dawley Christian Centre

Feel free to dress up and
have some fun :)

9:00am-12:00noon



Come along
and grab
yourself
a bargain!

Christmas Carols in the Dawley Bandstand High Street, Dawley

Friday December 19th at 10:30am

Come along and join the Dawley Christian Centre as we get into the spirit of Christmas by singing our favourite carols.

Complimentary hot drink and mince pie provided.



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?
pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQT09](https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQT09)

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

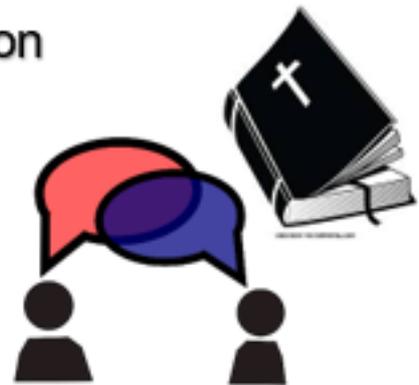
Meet, read, ponder and share together
on a Friday afternoon at Broseley
Methodist Church.

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.

Circuit Online Bible Study

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>

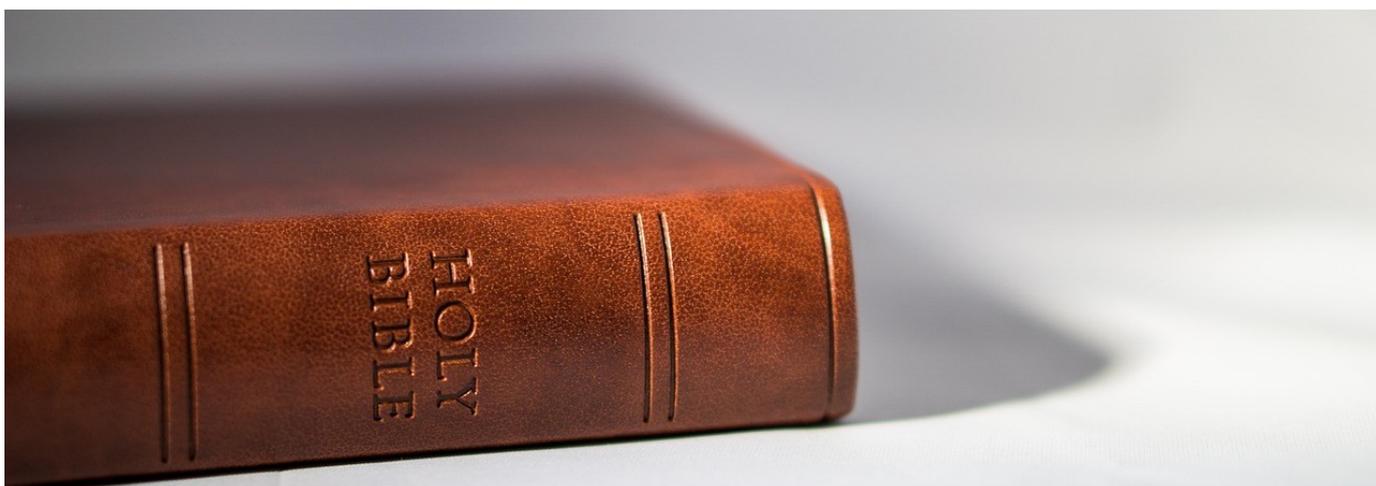
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Dawley - Bible study group meets for two 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One during Lent the other during Advent.

Dunwell - Has a bible study before church service each Sunday (Service starts at 10am)

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.

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



Don't sit at home feeling cold and hungry.

Come and join us at the **Dawley Christian Centre**.
Our Coffee Bar is open between 9-12:30pm from Monday - Thursday as a Warm Space. (We are open Friday mornings as usual for cooked breakfasts.)

Between 11am—12noon we are offering a tasty bowl of soup, with a slice of freshly made toast and a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and **it's all free!**

We can get through this winter together.



Dawley Christian Centre
High Street
Dawley
Telford TF4 2EX

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
Dorset



Dementia
Friendly Church

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 07983 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!

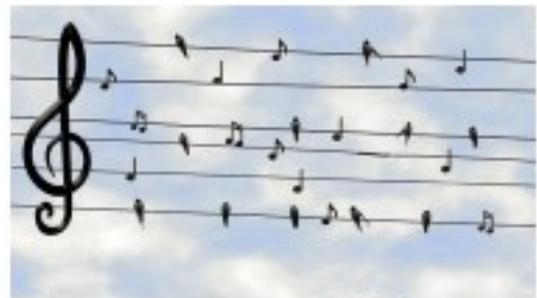
Meet with friends, old and new.



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.

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

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?msockid=39ddb784e41769a00dcea183e5f8680a

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

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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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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