

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

4th December 2025

Opportunity to Serve the Telford Circuit as a Circuit Steward

We are inviting expressions of interest from members of the churches in the Circuit to serve as a Circuit Steward from 1 September 2026. Jo Kudlacik reaches the end of her term of office at that time and has indicated her desire to retire from the work.

Please read the which Job Description for a Circuit Steward which you will find in the following page. Recognise that in being appointed you would become part of a team. You would be working alongside others who are experienced Circuit Stewards and so you do not need to come with vast expertise or great experience for the role. You will be joining a supportive and encouraging team who will enable you to find your way into the role.

A Circuit Steward serves for a maximum of six years.

To express an interest in offering to serve the Circuit in this way, or wish to talk about the opportunity, please contact me through the methods indicated at the foot of this message.

Please pray about this and listen out for the call of God inviting you to serve in this way. Sometime God calls us through an email in our inbox!

With best wishes and kindest regards,



The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon

Superintendent Minister

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I choose to work flexibly and send emails outside normal working hours. Please do not feel under any obligation to respond outside your normal working hours.

Job Description for a Circuit Steward



The circuit stewards are responsible, with the Superintendent and presbyters, deacons and probationers appointed to the Circuit, for the spiritual and material well-being of the Circuit, and for upholding and acting upon the decisions of the Circuit Meeting

What does a Circuit Steward do?

Circuit Stewards work as a team and share collective responsibility for leadership. This means that they should exercise a general pastoral care for the ministers (presbyters and deacons) and their families. They should meet with as a Circuit Leadership Team and keep themselves informed of the activities of each local church. Circuit Stewards will be appointed to attend church councils' meetings of allocated churches in the circuit. They will be members of the Circuit Meeting and shall take a lead in the occasional process of invitation of ministers (presbyters and deacons)

A Circuit Steward will be helped to become aware of District and Connexional policies affecting the circuit and its churches. This will enable them to play their part in developing a vision and plans for mission within the circuit, ensuring appropriate consultation.

What kind of person becomes a Circuit Steward?

A Circuit Steward is a member of a local church who senses a calling and has a commitment to serve the wider Circuit. They will be willing to be supportive and affirming of others. A Circuit Stewards will need to have personal credibility, be confident, committed, and willing to work in a voluntary capacity. They will be willing to work in a team and bring a contribution to the collective work. A Circuit Steward needs to be confident in engaging with the needs of the Circuit, being an agent of change where necessary. They do not need to have all the answers, or to be an expert, but they do need to be willing to learn and develop and to have a sense of when and where to ask for further help.

What Support will I be given in becoming a Circuit Steward?

The Methodist Church is committed to supporting all those who give their time in important roles within our churches and circuits. The Connexional Learning Team offers initial training and continuous support for those who serve as Circuit Stewards. A Circuit Stewards' Handbook has been produced which outlines the various tasks and skills required in the role.

You can read more about being a Circuit Steward on the Methodist Church Website at

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/equipping-circuits/offices-and-roles/circuit-stewards/>

How do I indicate my interest in becoming a Circuit Steward?

We are thrilled that you are asking that question and invite you to make contact with the Superintendent Minister at adrian.burdon@btinternet.com or on 07485 035673. There is a requirement for us to follow our Connexional safer recruitment policies and so we shall need some information from you and you will need to have an up-to-date DBS disclosure. Once you have expressed your interest, your name will be taken to the Circuit Meeting for appointment. We are looking for a Circuit Steward to join the Circuit Leadership Tea, from 1 September 2026. If appointed ahead of that time, the chosen person can have a transition period, running alongside the outgoing Circuit Steward.



People linked to the West Midlands District are invited to join a "pilgrim community" of up to 12 people this Easter week on a route in the beautiful Golden Valley in Herefordshire, gathering in Hereford on the evening of Easter Sunday and finishing in Hereford the following Friday. Hereford is accessible by train. During this six-day experience, we will walk, pray and eat together and share sleeping space in a number of Methodist and Anglican Churches. Luggage (including your airbed / camp-bed and bedding) will be transferred each day. Mileage will be around 7 to 11 miles, taken at a gentle pace on rural routes that may include stiles.

We share cooking within the group.

This is now a "tried and tested" formula which has been greatly appreciated by previous pilgrims. Being willing to be part of a short-term community is far more important than being super-fit, providing you can manage a modest amount of walking over a number of consecutive days, followed by nights on a church floor! The pilgrimage will be led by a small team of previous pilgrims.

If means allow, we suggest a contribution of £140 to the kitty to cover food, accommodation and luggage transfer. Unfortunately, the living arrangements mean we cannot include children and young people, though they will be welcome to join us as accompanied day walkers (details later).

Numbers are strictly limited so if you are interested in joining the group this year, please don't delay - contact Roger Dunlop: roger@telfordmeth.org.uk

Rev Roger Dunlop <roger@telfordmeth.org.uk>

Hi all

Please see link for online advanced if you have anyone who prefers in line ~

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nd-methodist-district-safeguarding-training-4444573?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Dates available:

Tuesday February 10th 10am & 7pm

Wednesday April 29th 10am & 7pm

Any questions please ask.

Thanks

Steph

Stephanie Bradley

Regional Officer for Safeguarding - North West (West Midlands) |

The Connexional Team

Phone: 020 7467 5296

The **Methodist** Church 

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults



Telford Methodist Circuit

**You are warmly invited to join us for the
Welcome Service
for Darren Arnold
Circuit Children, Youth and Families Worker**

**At Dawley Christian Centre (TF4 2EX)
(In the Coffee Bar)
on Sunday 4th January 2026
at 3:30pm.**

**Please come along and give
Darren a warm welcome into the
Telford Circuit - All are welcome.**



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



'Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.'
Matthew 6:26

A short reflection

It's easy to say 'Don't worry about money' but it is important to be clear about how much we have available, what we *need* to spend and what we'd *like* to spend... not the same thing! Having considered last week what is really important to us; what are the non-negotiables? And if we had to compromise on something, what would it be?

How can we 'reduce, reuse and recycle' this Christmas? Can we reduce to relieve ourselves and one another from financial stress? Money Saving Expert Martin Lewis says:

'Done right, gifts can created real warmth, but it is time to realise that, done wrong. It can hurt more than it helps. Perhaps the real gift is to release someone from the obligation of buying you a present?'

Eco tips

- If an Advent calendar is essential, can you buy or make a reusable fabric one and fill it with fair-trade chocolate or homemade treats
- Try to only send cards if you are writing a personal message inside.
- Avoid cards with foil or glitter which can't be recycled. Choose instead ones from recycled paper or from sustainably managed forests.
- Ask people what they would really like for Christmas or choose gifts they will use (like food and drink). Homemade gifts mean a lot but avoid cheap disposable gifts, particularly ones made of plastic. Second hand gifts are the lower carbon option and will be appreciated if they are well chosen and you explain why you have chosen them!

Eco myth-busting

'We're not the worst offenders'

It is tempting to point at others we feel should take the lead in cleaning up but we have all fallen short of God's glory and we are all responsible for what we consume, wherever it has been manufactured. We are all connected in God's world and it is never 'someone else's problem.'

As we enter the season of Advent, Lord,
help us to focus our minds and hearts on what is really important.
Show us ways to connect and let people know they are loved
without the need for expensive but meaningless gestures. Amen

Pray with us today....

Holy and unfathomable God, Blessed Trinity, by your grace you have called your people to be a holy nation, a royal priesthood. Draw us more deeply into the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Great High Priest, that our intercessory prayers for the world and all its people may be obedient to your divine will.

May the worship, fellowship and service of the Church faithfully proclaim the story of your redemptive purposes from the beginning of creation. Through our lives and by our prayers may your kingdom come, and all things be gathered into Christ. Amen.

David Chapman, Chair, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District

Find more ways to pray at <http://methodist.org.uk/prayer>.



Please get in touch if you have something to share.

Email: circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108



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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



OAKENGATES UNITED CHURCH

ADVENT COFFEE MORNINGS



SATURDAY 6TH, 13TH & 20TH DECEMBER

10.00AM – 12NOON

**SERVING DELICIOUS BACON BUTTHES,
TOAST, TEA & COFFEE**

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CHARITY

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!



Sufford Methodist Circuit



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

LAWLEY CHRISTMAS LANTERN PARADE



SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025

4PM - 6PM



FEATURING

❁ LANTERNS ❁ CAROLS ❁ REFRESHMENTS



❁ SMALLHILL FIELD TO ST JOHN'S PARISH
CHURCH, LAWLEY

FREE



Telford Methodist Circuit



THE DETAILS



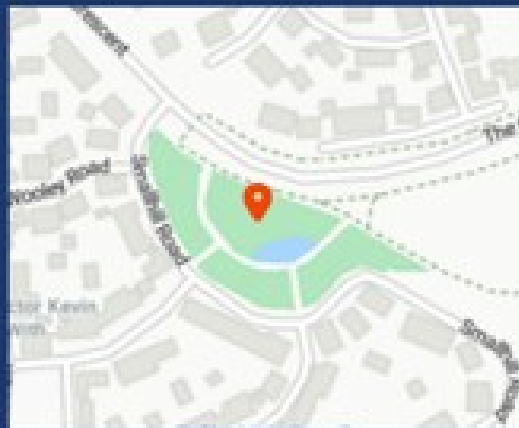
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES

PLEASE WEAR SUITABLE FOOTWEAR

ONLY BRING TORCHES/BATTERY-POWERED LANTERNS - NO
NAKED FLAMES

PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY - THERE IS SPACE AT ST JOHN'S
CHURCH AND ON STAINBURN RD

UPDATES OR CANCELLATIONS (E.G. DUE TO BAD WEATHER) WILL
BE AVAILABLE ON WWW.TELFORDMETH.ORG.UK &
BVT.LAWLEYVILLAGE.ORG.UK



FREE

HADLEY & LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

(Hadley Park Road)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

12th, 13th & 14th December

Church Open for viewing

Friday 12th December – 4 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 13th December – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday 14th December – 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.



*Remember your loved ones on our
Remembrance Tree of Stars on display throughout December*



Sunday 14th December

11 a.m. Countdown to Christmas

Nativity Play



Refreshments on Sale during the whole weekend

Cakes & various other stalls

Proceeds to Church Funds

Visit our website <https://sites.google.com/view/leegomerymethodistchurch>

HADLEY & LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to join them

On

Sunday 14th December

At 11 am

THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



When the children & Young People of the Sunday School
will retell the Christmas Story

Come and hear this well known story retold

And join in with the Carols

Everyone Welcome

<https://sites.google.com/view/leegomerymethodistchurch>



The
Trinity
Centre

Blue Christmas service

**A community Christmas
service for those living with
grief, loss, depression or
struggle**



MONDAY DECEMBER 15TH 18.30

Join us for a service of comfort & hope



Trinity Centre, 12B Victoria Road, Shifnal TF118AE

We welcome you to join us for services each
Sunday at 10.15am
and other events
at Wellington Methodist Church

Special Christmas Services



Carol Service, Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm.

With Wellington Town Band

Christingle, Tuesday December 20th. at 6pm.

Midnight Communion, 24th December at 11.15pm

Christmas Day Family Celebration,

Sunday 25th December at 10am

<https://wellingtonmethodist.org.uk>

Carols on the steps with members of the Shrewsbury Town Band



Saturday December 20th. 2025
Wellington Methodist Church



Please come along and listen to the band –
or join in the singing.

*A collection box will be available for
donations to Christian Aid.*

Special services and events until Christmas



*Sunday November 3rd. 4pm
In Loving Memory service*

*Sunday November 10th. 9.45am
Remembrance Day Service*



*Sunday November 24th. 10.15am
Church Anniversary
Taize Service at 5pm*



*Thursday December 5th at 2pm
A Circuit MWiB Advent Service*



*Thursday December 19th. 6pm Christingle.
Family event making Christingles*

*Saturday December 21st. 10.30am
Carols on the Steps for Christian Aid*



*Sunday December 22nd. 6pm.
Carol Service with Town Band*

*Christmas Day 10am
Family Christmas celebration*



Please join us. All very welcome

**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.**





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 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.



HADLEY & LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

(Hadley Park Road)

Sunday 21st December

11 am Morning Worship

Led by Rev Fiona Brown



11 am



6 pm Carols by Candlelight

Suitable for all ages



Everyone welcome

Refreshments will be served



Visit our website <https://sites.google.com/view/leegomerymethodistchurch>

Please join us for our

Christingle

4pm Wednesday December 24th.

Wellington Methodist Church



Make you own Christingle to take home.

For all the family

All are welcome

HADLEY & LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

(Hadley Park Road)

Thursday 25th December

CHRISTMAS MORNING

FAMILY SERVICE

AT 11.15 am

Led by

Rev Roger Dunlop



**Come and celebrate the
Birthday of Jesus**



**All are
Welcome**

Refreshments will be served

Visit our website <https://sites.google.com/view/leegomerymethadistchurch>



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



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



Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday December 4th

Thursday January 8th

Thursday February 5th

10:30am-12:00pm

The Trinity Centre, Victoria Road, Shifnal

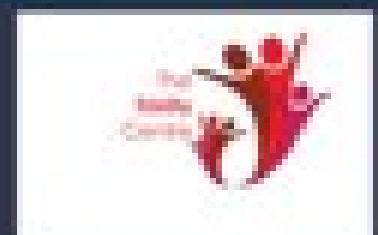
Offering support, understanding & empathy

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 668627





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**

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>

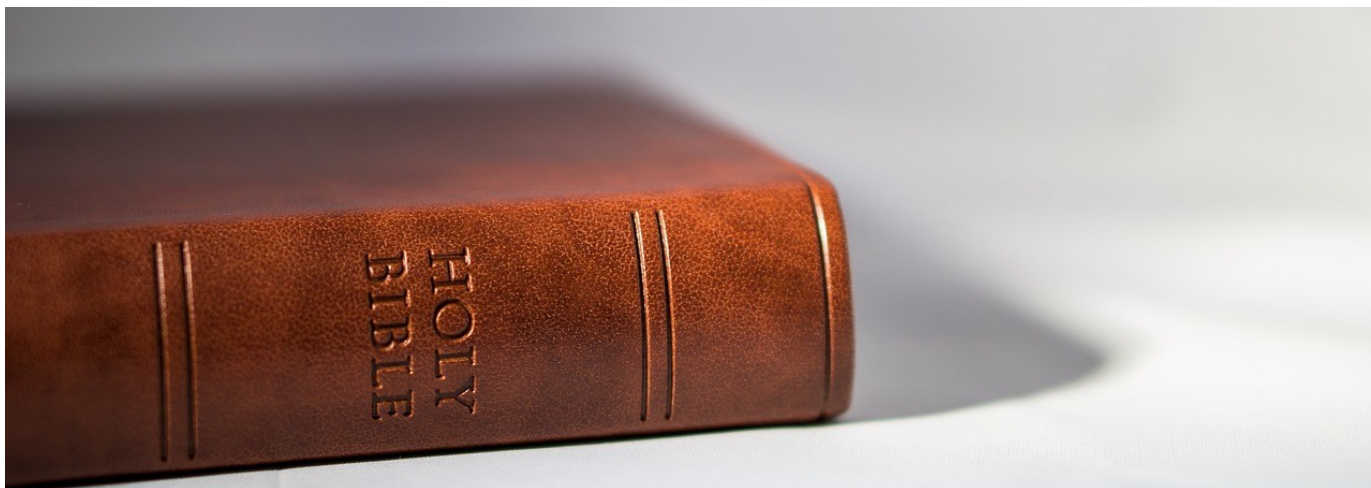
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Dawley - Bible study group meets for two 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One during Lent the other during Advent.

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.

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
& Emily
Church School



Dementia
Friendly Church
2022-23

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.

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_al5TVqG.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

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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

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To book please visit:

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

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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