

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

11th December 2025

Being prepared.

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the 3rd Sunday of Advent. A time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth and the return of Christ at the second coming.

I'm reasonably patient, I know everything is in God's time, but am I prepared? I have all my presents, bought and wrapped, most of the cards are written, the trees up, the food is ordered, but that's not what Christmas is about is it?

Advent is a season marked by themes of **hope, love, joy, and peace**, which are symbolized by the lighting of candles on our Advent wreath. Each week, a candle is lit to reflect on these virtues, helping believers centre their hearts and minds on Christ, who is the true reason for the season.

I recently watched a short video, where someone was talking about being prepared. Not just being prepared for the usual day to day things, like holidays and Christmas, but being prepared to talk about Jesus.

It made me think. At Dawley we once had a family come with two young children. We hadn't had children in our church for years and so we had nothing prepared for them. We quickly found some pens and paper so they had something to keep them busy, but we weren't prepared. The only thing we could do was promise the parents, that if they came back the following week, we would have something for them to do. The following week they went to another church and we were disappointed, as it was a lost opportunity. If only we had been prepared!

We did learn by it though and made sure we had something prepared, just in case children came to visit, and I can't tell you how thrilled I was, when the family came back to Dawley, to give us another go, and they have been coming ever since!

The chap on the video, was saying we have to ALWAYS be prepared. He explained that he always carries around with him a pair of socks, good quality socks that won't fall apart, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a small wooden comfort cross and a book about Jesus. When he sees someone homeless he goes up to them and says, hello, may I give you a pair of socks? They always say yes, thank you. He will then offer them a toothbrush and toothpaste and again, they say thank you and take them from him. He then offers them the small wooden cross, and says can I offer you this cross of Jesus, so that if ever you get lonely or scared you can pray to Jesus and know he is always with you... and they take the cross from him and say thank you. And he also gives them a little book about Jesus and an invite to come to his church.

Isn't that a lovely simple idea? I'm going to get myself prepared and give it a go!

I think it's difficult to talk about how much I love God to people who don't know Him, and I'm always looking for an idea that will break the ice. If you have an idea, or have already tried something and it worked, please share, as I don't suppose for a minute that I'm the only person in the Circuit who wants to share the good news, but doesn't know how to get started!

God bless.

Sharon



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.**



Spiritual Abuse Awareness training dates 2026



Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training

Developed by the Methodist Church Safeguarding Team, Learning Network and Survivors Group in conjunction with Dr Lisa Oakley, Chester University & Thirtyone: eight

Course overview:

- What is spiritual abuse?
- What is the impact of the experience
- How to build healthy cultures

10.30 – 15.30

29th January 2026

4th June 2026

24th September 2026

19th November 2026

on Zoom

To book your place, please follow this link:
<https://imethodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information please contact Christine Kennedy (christine.kennedy@methodistchurch.org.uk) or David Knight (david.knight@methodistchurch.org.uk)

The Methodist Church

We are pleased to announce 4 new dates for the Spiritual Abuse Awareness Training in 2026:

29 January

4 June

24 September and

19 November

All the sessions are on Thursdays, from 10.30 – 15.30

To book, please use the Eventbrite link: [Book on Eventbrite for Spiritual Abuse Awareness training](https://imethodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk)

See the [Spiritual Abuse - The Methodist Church](https://www.methodistchurch.org.uk/spiritual-abuse) webpage for further details.

Download a poster [Spiritual Abuse Awareness training poster](#)

Good news from Hadley & Leegomery

On 30th November Rev Roger Dunlop led the afternoon service where Mrs Jennifer Macree was confirmed.

Also Vic and Carole Withy's membership were transferred from Upminster and Janine Macree's membership was transferred from South Africa.

We welcome our new brother and sisters to the Telford Methodist Circuit.



You are a gift. Made with love.

Hello everyone,

As December is upon us, there are only two weeks left to book your spaces at Amplify.

Spaces are available for children and young people aged 8-18* and for leaders until the end of Monday 22nd December. Leaders covers both those who will be attending with their group, as well as those who want to come and help at the weekend (previously known as stewards). There are a range of roles available to suit different gifts and skills.

Amplify will take at Whitemoor Lakes for the weekend of 6-8th March. It will be a weekend packed with activities to help young people from across our District to grow in relationship with one another and with God. Activities will include outdoor activities, crafts, games, discussions, music and more.

Tickets are available here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wmmethodists/1877170> at the cost of £55 for young people and £10 for leaders.

You can see our FAQs, briefing video, promotional materials and leaders' role descriptions here: [Amplify - Shared Info](#)

- Young people who have turned 18 since September 2025 and who are at school year 13 are able to attend as young people. Those who are now finished at school and will be turning 19 during this academic year are welcome to come to Amplify as leaders.

If you would like to have a further conversation about bringing a group or coming to help at Amplify, please get in touch with Charlotte who is more than happy to chat with you. Charlotte.scrivens@wmmethodists.org.uk

Thanks,
Charlotte



Charlotte Scrivens LLB (Hons) PGCE | Youth Engagement Coordinator

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Eco News from the Telford Circuit



Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matt 6: 19-21*

Books, blogs and TV programmes all tell us the benefits of decluttering... but there is a spiritual principle behind it too. We all have attachments, but when things get too important to us, our relationship with God suffers. As we declutter before Christmas, let's think about recycling or donating the items we no longer need (there are various Christmas fairs and tabletop sales taking place around the circuit!)

Eco tips for Christmas Decorations

Trees can be rented and then returned and replanted. Failing that, buy a potted spruce with roots which you can plan out and reuse next year. If this is not possible, a Grown in Britain or FSC-certified tree will ensure it is from a well-managed forest. Councils have collections to recycle trees and turn them into chipping. Avoid buying a plastic tree, but if you already have one, use it for as long as possible!

Tinsel and baubles are not recyclable – use the ones you have, but avoid buying more. You can make your own decorations from recyclable materials: dried orange slices, sticks of cinnamon, scrap paper, pine cones and holly. Buy or make one special tree decoration each year.

Switch to Led lights which use 80% less energy. Recycle broken or damaged Christmas lights. Turn off lights overnight and when you are not using them to avoid light pollution and unnecessary energy costs.

Use up left-over gift wrap from last year, remembering that plastic film, foil and glitter are not recyclable. Recycled and compostable wrapping paper or brown paper (decorated yourself) are best and use string or paper tape instead of plastic tape. Why not experiment with wrapping gifts in fabric with ribbons instead? Gift tags can be made from last year's cards or create your own unique artwork!

Jesus, love of God wrapped in human form,
born in a stable and placed in a manger;
help us to see beauty in simplicity this Christmas. Amen

Pray with us today....

We thank you, our Father and Mother, for teaching us the value of hope in the midst of the storms that accompany our lives. We thank you for being able to share with the poorest people the hunger and thirst for love that gives meaning to life. From our humble condition as your children, we pray that the wars will end. We beg you to perform one of your miracles of love and wisdom so that armies may be transformed into sowers of peace, justice and fraternity for their countries and for our world.

Thank you for allowing us to be resurrected everyday thanks to the water of new life of the gospel. Amen.

Félix A Posada Rojas, Director of CEPALC, Colombia

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 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



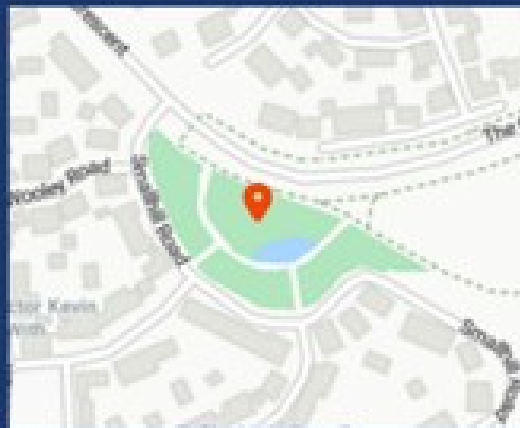
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES

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

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.*

**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**



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



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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**



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>

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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09](https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09)

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>

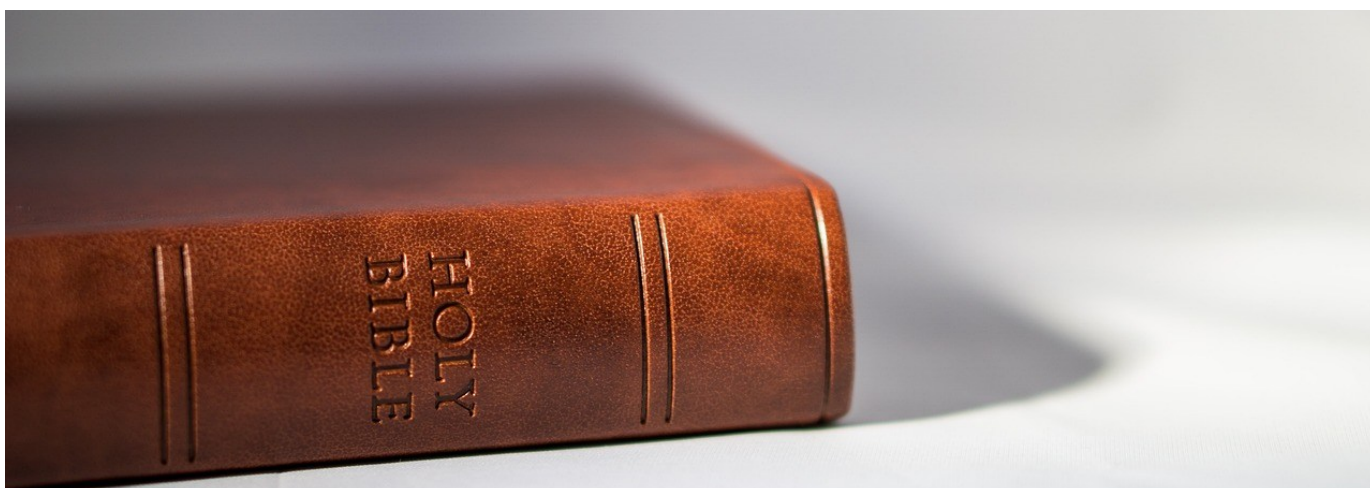
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Dawley - Bible study group meets for two 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One during Lent the other during Advent.

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.



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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01952 445035 | 07485 035673
adrian.burdon@btinternet.com | www.telfordmeth.org.uk

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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.

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.

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

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

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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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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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