



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

8th January 2026

On Sunday 4th January the Circuit welcomed Darren Arnold and his wife Cheryl to the Telford Circuit.

Darren has joined us in the newly appointed role of **Children, Youth & Families Worker** to work across the Telford Circuit.

Darren introduced himself and spoke a little about his past and how God had led him to us here in Telford. He said that he is both excited, and a little nervous, as the role doesn't have a definitive job description, which is really exciting as the role will develop as time goes by.

During the service, Nik spoke about Darren's role and that it would only succeed with the support of the Circuit.

So with this in mind, please consider prayerfully how you feel your church could utilise Darren's gifts, and if you could spare some time to volunteer and support Darren in his role.

Please contact Darren if you would like to talk more about, what could possibly be, new ministry, in your church.

Darren can be contacted on :

cyf@telfordmeth.org.uk

Thank you.



Some news of our Superintendent.

Those of you who regularly receive news from the Methodist Connexion will have recently seen an announcement concerning our Superintendent Minister, the Revd Dr Adrian Burdon. The announcement tells that Adrian has recently been designated as the next Moderator of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The way that the announcement has been written by the Methodist Media Department reads as if this is a fulltime post which will take Adrian away from his current post. Whilst it is a significant and exciting appointment, it is not fulltime and will not take Adrian away from his current post as Superintendent of the Telford Circuit. Methodist Ministers (Presbyters and Deacons) do often get called to work for the wider Methodist Church at a District or Connexional level and sometimes, like this, in ecumenical contexts. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) is the umbrella organisation which works above the national ecumenical bodies, Churches Together in England and its equivalent bodies in Scotland, Wales and Ireland. You may know of CTBI through its organisation of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Racial Justice Week, Black History Month and Education, to name but some of its work. The day-to-day work of CTBI is undertaken by a fulltime Director and Deputy Director. The role of the Moderator of CTBI is a bit like being President of the Conference only in an ecumenical setting. In this role Adrian will be responsible for supporting the Director and her Deputy in the work by chairing the main Board of the organisation, advocating for the work amongst the churches of Britain and Ireland and, occasionally, showing up at significant events in the life of the four nations. You can read the Methodist Church's announcement of the appointment at [Moderator-Designate of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland announced - The Methodist Church](#).

Training Day: Effective in Christ

A day of training to explore how greater revelation of our true identity in Christ unlocks our hearts to flow effectively in the ministry of Jesus.

Teaching and workshop open to all who want to be more effective in seeing the power of God at work through their lives.

Delivered by **Telford Evangelism Hub**.
Saturday 31st January, Admaston House Community Centre TF5 0BN, 10-3:30.

Free of charge. Drinks provided, bring your lunch.

More info contact Helen
telfordehub@gmail.com

Please get in touch if you have something to share.

Email:

circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or phone 01952 505108



A 4 week series aimed at exploring Local Arrangements, creative worship and intergenerational worship.

Working out Worship is a series to help anyone who is looking to resource worship in their Local Church. For lay people, or ordained. For youth workers, Sunday school leaders, worship leaders, stewards, local preachers, ministers or those who are interested in starting to get involved in leading worship. Registration for one session is only for one session, please register for multiple sessions if you wish to attend more than one.

Working out Worship Spring 2026
- Session 1

Date: 2nd March • 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-out-worship-spring-2026-session-1-tickets-1976734883248?>

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West Midland District Pilgrimage

Easter Week 5th -10th April 2026

Five days walking in the beautiful Golden Valley
staying in Methodist and Anglican churches.

Suggested donation to kitty: £140pp

For further information and to book email

Roger Dunlop: roger@telfordmeth.org.uk

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

Eco News from the Telford Circuit



“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10

Covenants and Resolutions for 2026

In January every year Methodists across the Connexion renew our commitment to God in the Covenant service. During the service we confess that, among other things, we have misused God’s gifts, evaded our responsibilities and failed to be good stewards of His creation. We then renew our promise to seek and do God’s perfect will, freely and wholeheartedly yielding ourselves to God’s pleasure and disposal. Perhaps this might be an appropriate time to recommit ourselves to caring for God’s creation and to choose a church Eco-Resolution? Here are some possibilities to consider...

1) Appoint an individual, or ideally a group, in your church to spearhead your ‘green’ initiative and register for the A Rocha Eco Church programme. It’s easy to take part and as an Eco Church, you will be able to access a wide range of resources to help you to implement green initiatives and reduce the carbon footprint of your church.

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

2) Include regular topics in your worship and teaching relating to caring for God’s creation and the environment.

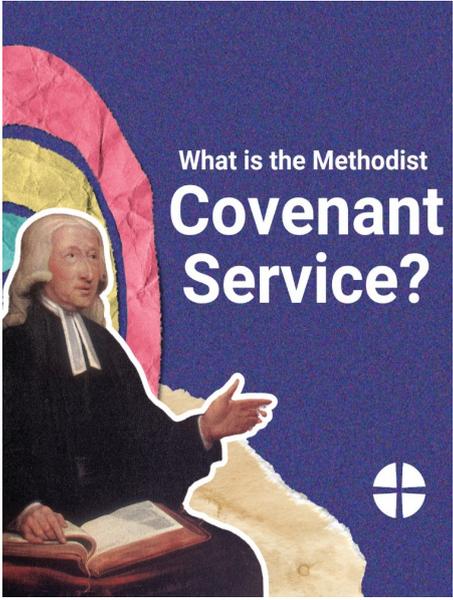
3) Investigate opportunities for reducing the carbon footprint of your church buildings and set targets for carbon reduction. This could include improving energy and water efficiency, investing in renewable energy technologies, reducing transport emissions, purchasing green energy supplies and offsetting any remaining carbon emissions. There is a free carbon footprint calculator at <https://360carbon.org>

4) Ensure that food, drink and other purchases supplied to church premises are produced in ethical and sustainable ways and use Fairtrade products where possible.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/What-is-Fairtrade/Fairtrade-and-sustainability>

<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/>

**More suggestions to follow next week.
Let’s make 2026 a green year!**



What is the Methodist
Covenant Service?




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The covenant service, often celebrated on the first Sunday of the year, is at the heart of Methodists' devotion and discipleship, and our dedication in working for social justice.

In the service the Church joyfully celebrates God's gracious offer that He loves us unconditionally, no strings attached.



The Covenant is the means of grace by which we accept the relationship and then seek to sustain it - not acquiring a relationship with God but living in it.



The Covenant is not a contract in which God and human beings agree to provide particular goods and services for each other.





Where did it begin?

The Covenant was key to John Wesley's understanding of discipleship as a Christian. He believed that we need to not only accept a relationship with God but also to grow in that relationship.

He saw a need for a regular opportunity for people to open themselves to God more fully. He looked for a way to help them to hear God's offer and challenge ever more deeply, and to allow God to prompt and enable them to respond.




Wesley's original Covenant Services were set in a framework of pastoral care, preaching and guidance that would continue through ongoing support for individuals and groups, as they were adapted from the Puritan tradition of pastoral and spiritual guidance.












Today, the service follows a set structure based on these original services including prayers, scripture, hymns, Communion, and the reading of the Covenant which the congregation say aloud together. All are welcome to these services - for the first time, the first time in a long time, or simply to watch what others do without taking part.



God's gracious offer to us is also a challenge.

Are we prepared to commit ourselves in return to God and how can we manage to live out our commitment adequately, frail and human as we are?

Dawley Christian Centre had their Covenant Service during the morning of Sunday 4th January 2026.

They were joined by their Anglican friends from Holy Trinity Church, Dawley and it was a lovely service.

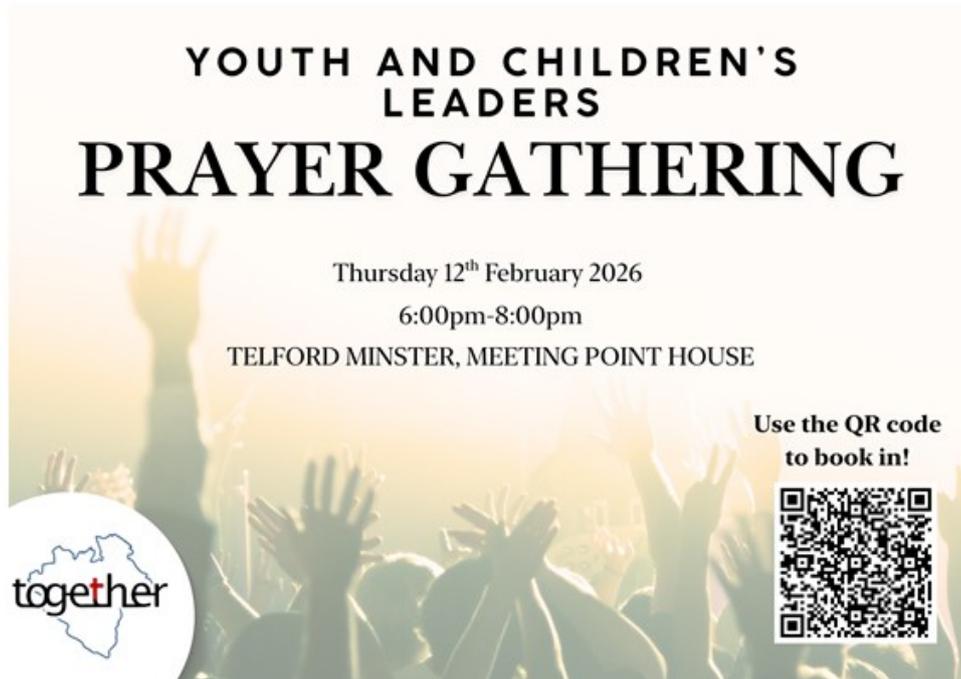
Rev Nik Wooller delivered a wonderful sermon and the hymns certainly raised our spirits.

Over the last couple of years Rev Nik has introduced us to many new hymns, but I'm sure, Dawley's favourite is 'Come All Ye Vagabonds' by Stuart Townsends, which is a fabulous hymn to play during a Communion service.

Please click on the link below and enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/goUeQsPYjRM>

Come, all you vagabonds,
Come all you 'don't belongs'
Winners and losers,
Come, people like me.
Come all you travellers
Tired from the journey,
Come wait a while, stay a while,
Welcomed you'll be.



Join together for a powerful night of prayer and worship, as leaders unite to seek God's guidance and wisdom.

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the Youth & Children's Leaders Prayer Gathering! Join us at Telford Minster for a powerful evening of **prayer, worship, and fellowship**. We'll be sharing a meal together from **6pm**, so come hungry and enjoy some food before we begin.

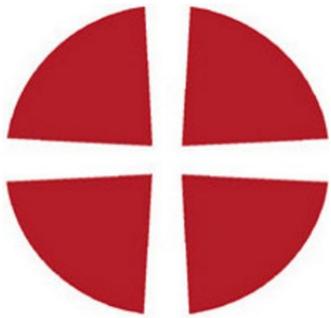
This event is designed for **leaders** who are passionate about making a difference in their communities. It's a chance to connect with like-minded people, seek **God's guidance and wisdom**, and unite in prayer for **young people, schools, and churches** across the region.

Tickets are free, but we'd love to know you're coming so we can plan well for food.

Don't miss this opportunity to be **encouraged, inspired, and equipped**. **See you there!**

From

Nicole Walkley & Pam Spellen, on behalf of Telford Minster & John Prockter, on behalf of Catalyst Youth Trust



Broseley Bible Study

(Friday afternoon group)

Read, ponder, share and grow together at
Broseley Methodist Church.

In 2026 we will base our conversations on
the **Methodist Way of Life**.

How can the Bible inspire and encourage us
in our discipleship?

All are welcome, no previous knowledge or
experience needed!

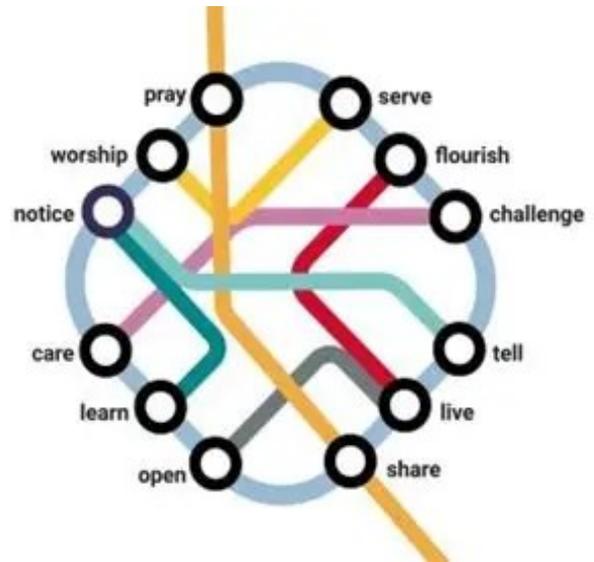
Meeting at 2.30-4pm on

16th January - Notice

13th February - Learn

13th March - Serve

17th April - Tell



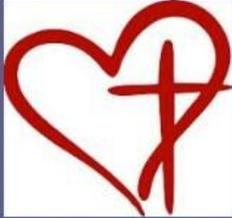
For more information contact Jo on
jokudlacik@gmail.com or 07840 596074

Table Top Sale

**Friday January 16th 2026
at Dawley Christian Centre
9:00am - 12:00 noon
Call 01952 505108
to book a table**

£5 per table *Grab a bargain!*





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**



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 688637



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 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>

Meeting ID: 956 5101 9665

Passcode: 395669

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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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
& 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!

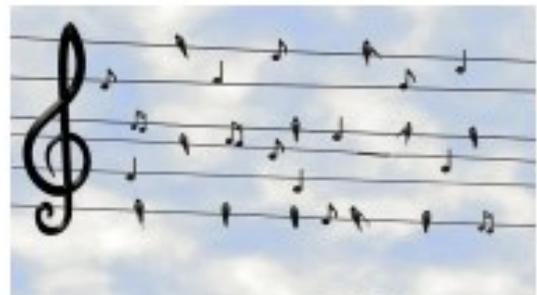
Meet with friends, old and new.



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.

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)

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

Advanced (Leadership) Module

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

Required to attend:

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

Members of the Circuit or District Safeguarding Committee

Warmly invited (but not required):

- Supernumerary ministers not engaged in pastoral roles

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

Safeguarding Training Renewal – Every Four Years

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

Further Information

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

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

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

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

With thanks,

Lauren

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

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

Dear Friends,

Please see latest link for advanced courses -

We have courses on -

- 10/1/26 Tamworth Circuit
- 24/1/26 - Cannock Chase Circuit
- 31/1/26 Hereford Circuit
- 7/2/26 - Birmingham West & Oldbury Circuit
- 7/2/26 The Black Country Circuit
- 21/2/26 Birmingham Circuit
- 18/4/26 Cannock Chase Circuit
- 9/5/26 Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit
- 25/7/26 Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stephanie-bradley-81147774823?msocid=39ddb784e41769a00dcea183e5f8680a

Thank you.

Steph

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Hi all

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

<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:

Wednesday April 29th 10am & 7pm

Any questions please ask.

Thanks

Steph

Stephanie Bradley

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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://methodist-spiritual-abuse-training.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information please contact Christine Kennedy (christine.kennedy@methodistchurch.org.uk)
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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](#)

See the [Spiritual Abuse - The Methodist Church](#) webpage for further details.

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

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