



Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

18th April 2024

Eco District Registration

Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District is now the first District to have signed up to register its commitment to work towards achieving the status of Eco District.

If your church would like to take part in the Eco Church Award scheme administered by A Rocha, please click the link below to see the questionnaire.

[Eco-Church-Survey-v2-January-2018.pdf](https://arocha.org.uk/Eco-Church-Survey-v2-January-2018.pdf)
(arocha.org.uk)

The District Care of Creation Group is in the early stages and are urging people who care about the environment to help write, live and inspire others shape a care of creation rule of life (or policy if we so choose to call it) for the District. We are also seeking those voices who are not interested in care of creation so that this group can be diverse and engage in meaningful conversations.

If you are interested in being part of the group please email: shalome.macneill-cooper@methodist.org.uk or ring 01743 791267 to express interest.

- Should we as a congregation just ignore the problem of climate change and let others do something about it? Government perhaps.



- Should we be more caring about the beautiful world God has given to us as his caretakers?



Coffee Mornings at Horsehay

Every Wednesday:
10.30am - 12.00 noon

Join us for tea/coffee,
fellowship and lots of
chat and laughter!

Save the date!

You are warmly invited to
attend **Jo Kudlacik's**
Consecration Service for her
role as Pastoral Support Work-
er on **12th May 2024 at 6pm**
at **Broseley Methodist Church**

All are welcome

[Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District Chair Rev Rachel Parkinson's Travels](#) (Taken from Rachel's Facebook page)

Final day on the Easter Pilgrimage - a glorious walk from Pitchford to Church Stretton in strong winds and under scudding clouds. Great to be joined by Persi from Wellington Methodist. This has been such a great week. The weather forecast looked pretty miserable but we dodged all the showers. Telford Circuit turns out to be full of hidden treasures. We've feasted like royalty (and on a budget of £110 per person for the week including accommodation, food and baggage transfer). Having covered 50 hilly miles in 5 days we've given our bodies a thorough workout. But most importantly the fellowship has been deep and honest, we've prayed and shared silence, and each of us is going home with spiritual insights to treasure.



The Resource Hub is home to **Singing the Faith Plus**, **a Word in Time**, **daily prayers** and much more, to help make planning services and accessing content easier.

[The Resource Hub \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://methodist.org.uk) - **PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK TO TAKE YOU TO THE SITE**

We've brought together the most popular resources so that they can be accessed from a single place. We'll also be adding other resources like video downloads and campaign resources going forward.

- **Singing the Faith Plus** can be found under [Worship calendar](#)
- **A Word in Time** can be found under [Bible Studies](#)
- Prayer of the Day can be found on our [Prayer Hub](#)

Hymns

Most Recent

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world (StF 790)
 Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy) (StF 788)
 Holy, holy, holy Lord (StF 789)
 Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, holy Lord; Blessed is he) (StF 785)
 When we eat this bread and drink this cup (StF 786)
[View all](#)

Worship calendar

Most Recent

Hymn suggestions for Sunday 12 May 2024
 Hymn suggestions for Sunday 5 May 2024
 Hymn suggestions for Sunday 28 April 2024
 Hymn suggestions for Sunday 21 April 2024
 Hymn suggestions for Sunday 14 April 2024
[View all](#)

Bible Studies

Most Recent

Friday 19 April 2024
 Thursday 18 April 2024
 Wednesday 17 April 2024
 Monday 15 April 2024
 Tuesday 16 April 2024
[View all](#)

Media

Most Recent

How making your building accessible can transform your outreach
 How to welcome people with sight loss into your Church
 How to include deaf and those with hearing loss in Church activities
 How to welcome neurodiverse people into your church
 Love always. An Easter short film
[View all](#)

Prayers

Most Recent

A prayer for courage to embrace the needs of the world
 A prayer that all people be blessed
 A prayer that God might open our eyes
 A prayer that we surrender to God's will
 A prayer for wisdom
[View all](#)

The Lectionary

Most Recent

Lectionary for this year
 Not just for Sundays
 How does the Lectionary work?
[View all](#)

New hymns

Most Recent

Submit a Hymn
 Recent additions to StF+
 Beyond Singing the Faith
 List of all new hymns only on STF+
 Submitting hymns
[View all](#)

Seasons and themes

Most Recent

Resources for vocation-themed worship
 JMA commissioning
 Bible Month hymns
 Mothering Sunday
 Church Action on Poverty
[View all](#)

Leading worship

Most Recent

Daily Prayer
 Holy Week services
 Marriage and the blessing of a marriage
 Other Methodist liturgies
 Morning, afternoon or evening services
[View all](#)

Prayer in worship

Most Recent

Hymns as Prayer
 Praying with hymns - a guide
 Prayer postcards
 Prayer cairn
 A Creative Prayer service
[View all](#)

Posts

Most Recent

Bible Month 2024 - Genesis: God's invitation to partnership
 Every fallen sparrow (website only)
 Lord give me eyes that I may see (website only)
 Mary in the garden grieving (website only)
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
[View all](#)



THE FILLING STATION
Haughmond & Wrekin

22 April 2024
7:15pm for 7:30pm - 9pm

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

Join us in April for our Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station, for worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship & great hospitality!

Future dates
27 May 2024 • 24 June 2024

Main Speaker
Chris Densham
Chris is married to Lyn and they have two adult sons. Following a call to Baptist Ministry he trained in Oxford and then spent 22 years as a Baptist Minister. He started as Ecumenical Mission Enabler for Telford and Shropshire in September 2016. He retired in 2023.



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




Friday 26th April

CRAFT FAIR

Donnington Methodist Church

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Stalls £10 each Book a Stall

To book a stall contact Kath no:-
07986490027 Text only

Oakengates United Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th April
10.00am until 12 noon

Bacon Sandwiches, Toast, Tea & Coffee





IONA WORSHIP

An evening meditation for EASTERTIDE
inspired by the Iona Community, Scotland

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH
New St., Wellington
Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 28th April 2024
5pm
ALL WELCOME

www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk
www.iona.org.uk

Save the date!

Marcus will be moving on in August but we have Rev Adrian Burdon coming to join us from September. Adrian's Welcome Service is on 1st September 2024 at 6pm at Dawley Christian Centre
All are welcome

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through fellowship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Foundation Safeguarding Course

Margaret Reynolds is doing a Foundation Safeguarding Course on Saturday 11th May at Dawley Christian Centre.

If you are unsure as to whether you are due to attend a course please contact either your Church Safeguarding Officer or Sharon in the Circuit Office on 01952 505108.

Registration will be from 9:30am with a prompt start 10am, finishing around 12:30pm.

Please book directly with Margaret on 01952 505233.

Thank you.

Safeguarding at
Young people and vulnerable adults

Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth

On the 1st Saturday of each month between 10am and midday there is a Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church. There's going to be a raffle, cake and biscuits too.

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.



Methodist Women
in Britain

Easter Offering Dedication Service

On Wednesday May 1st.

2.30pm

At Albrighton Methodist Church

All are welcome



Advanced Safeguarding Course

Stephanie Bradley, Assistant District Safeguarding Officer is doing Advanced Safeguarding Training in the Telford Circuit on **Saturday 22nd June 2024**, starting at 10am at **Wellington Methodist Church**.

If you are unsure as to whether you are due to attend a course please contact either your Church Safeguarding Officer or Sharon in the Circuit Office on 01952 505108.

Registration will be from 9:30am with a prompt start at 10am, finishing around 12:30pm.

Please book directly with Stephanie by calling 07494 734 473 or email: StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk

Thank you.

Safeguarding
Young people and vulnerable adults

Advanced Safeguarding Courses arranged 2024

20/4 Dale Street Leamington Spa - **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE**

11/5 Sutton	8/6 Wednesbury Black Country
21/5 Droitwich	19/6 – Birmingham West & Oldbury
25/5 Coventry	22/6 Telford
1/6 Solihull	13/7 – Bromsgrove & Redditch
	5/10 – Vale of Stour

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Please contact **Stephanie Bradley** | Safeguarding - Birmingham Methodist District - 07494 734473 <StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk>



The Methodist Church

The Black Country Circuit (28/12) *"Being Christ in Community"*

We are seeking to appoint a FAMILIES' WORKER (Part time 16-20 hours per week depending on suitable applicant - days to be agreed with some flexibility needed)

Salary: £14.00 per hour

We are looking for a creative and passionate individual to take on a new role of Families' worker to support the vision of the circuit in engaging with families in the church and wider community:

Are you:

A committed Christian who is passionate about youth and family work?

Good at encouraging people to join in, take part, and have fun together?

Brave enough to try new things, reach out and meet new people, and run a range of exciting community and church-based activities?

Able to work alongside people of all ages and diverse backgrounds?

Do you:

Know how to use social media to promote our work and reach more people?

Want to help model a fully inclusive culture where children and families are integrated throughout the church and community?

If you think this might be you, contact us for more information and a job application pack:

revruthchilds@gmail.com

07456 268771

Closing date for applications 30th April 2024 at 5pm

Interviews 15th May 2024