

# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

5th September 2024

**Welcome Service on Sunday 1st September at Dawley Christian Centre for Rev Adrian Burdon, Commissioning John and Diane Parkin as Lay Pastors and authorising Jo Kudlacik to preside at Holy Communion**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the service, provided cakes, made the teas and coffees and to those who washed up afterwards. The service was wonderfully uplifting and we hope that everyone could feel God's love in the room.

Chair Rev Rachel Parkinson... on her travels across the District... (Taken from her Facebook post 2/9/24) said..

"Last but not least was a service at Dawley Christian Centre on Sunday evening to welcome Adrian Burdon as Superintendent of the Telford Circuit, in addition to commissioning John and Diane Parkin as Lay Pastors and authorising Jo Kudlacik to preside at Holy Communion.

This was all in worship blessed by the music and enthusiasm of the choir from Dunwell Ghanaian congregation and the whole service being translated into sign language for anyone with hearing impairment. Holding the service at Dawley gave opportunity to see the new garden which the church is working on. It is fabulous - with bags of potential for the future.

Whilst the overall backdrop is undoubtedly decline in energy and people resources, there really are some amazing things happening right across the District. God is good!"



From left to right... John Parkin - New Places for New People Church Pastor, Diane Parkin - Church Pastoral Lay Leader, Rev Rachel Parkinson - Chair of Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Circuit, Rev Adrian Burdon—our new Circuit Superintendent Minister, Eric Boachie and Jo Kudlacik in their role as Circuit Stewards.

**Remember  
whenever you're in a position  
to help someone, be glad and  
always do it because that's  
God answering someone else's  
prayers through you.**

**WHATEVER  
you DO, DO it  
all FOR THE  
GLORY of  
GOD**  
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

**Please pray for...**

**Please pray for the family of Gary Buttery who died suddenly earlier this week.**

**Please keep Jean and Steve in your prayers.**

**Prayers please for Lorna who is recovering from surgery.**

**Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your name, for You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.**



**Online Bible Study** is on a Monday 1.3pm, Monday 7.00 pm and Wednesday 8.00pm

Enjoy a lively discussion as we explore the work of the Holy Spirit in Acts.

Please contact the Circuit office if you'd like to know more. If you're not sure why not give it a go?

All are welcome.

**Circuit Prayer Space (NOT THIS SUNDAY)**

**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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQTQ9>

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

***Prayers please for Jack.....***

Prayers please for Jack who lives in Dover, who has found out this week that he has four brain tumours and had an operation last Tuesday to get biopsies on the tumours. Jack has a wife and two young children.

Although the UK has contributed significantly to global Christianity for centuries until today, only 56% of the population currently identify as followers of Jesus, in line with the increasing secularisation of most European countries. Islam has become a fast-growing religion in the UK, with astrology, New Age, the occult, and old-world paganism also growing in popularity.



With migrants and refugees from nations with little access to the Gospel now living on the doorsteps of UK churches, we have a huge opportunity to reach out through partnerships with individuals, churches and other organisations.

As OM in the UK, we want to mobilise many more Jesus followers to engage in God's mission where Christ is least known. From helping engage more young people in a missional lifestyle, to seeing many more participate in short-term outreaches, training programmes and refugee ministry in the UK as well as globally.

Join with us in praying for the UK. [Pray for the UK | Operation Mobilisation \(om.org\)](https://om.org)

## FAITH SPACE UPDATE

From September we are going to trial All Age services on Faith Space, on the 4th Sunday of every month. If you have some young friends or family members you might invite, please share our link with them and tell them how much we would love to see them! (Under 18s to have adult supervision and agreement)

Just a reminder that there will be no online service this week because we have a Circuit service at Dawley with our Chair of District and New Superintendent Minister at 6pm.

See you on Sunday 8th September!

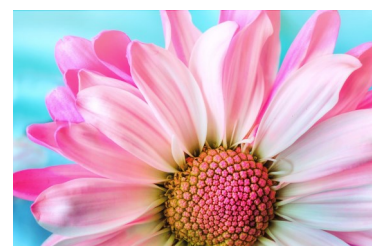
Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love.

Ephesians 5:1-2a

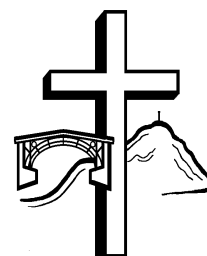


**The Dawley Christian Centre Community Sensory Garden** is taking shape but we are going to need a lot of plants, so if anyone has too many and would like to find new homes for them please let Sharon at Dawley Christian Centre know on 01952 505108.

Thank you.



Our next Circuit Meeting will be at Oakengates United Church 18th September at 7:30pm.





# Come along to our Repair Café event

If it's broken, don't bin it! Bring it to us and let us try to fix it

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-2pm**

**Wellington Methodist Church,**

**New Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1LU**

**(Please bring any repairs before 12pm)**



## We Fix:

- Clothing, soft toys, home furnishings
- Ornaments
- Household & electrical items

**Sorry no petrol driven items due to event safety**

Our events are held on the last Saturday of the month at various locations, except December  
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England charity number 1202453

Follow us on :



# Friday 6th September, 2024



I know what it's like to use the same teabag twice  
To cut the mould from the bread, to rescue a slice  
I didn't ever think I would be in such a mess  
While working full-time for a living, while suffering from illness  
and stress...

*Words written by a Food Bank client*

## Could you...

- Remember to pray for Food Bank clients and workers in your church?
- Find out more about your local Food Bank?
- Ask a local Food Bank volunteer to come and talk at your church?
- Hold a special Food Bank collection?

***Micah 6:8: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly  
and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.***

# Education Sunday

## 8th September, 2024

Please pray for all those in Education

Could you...

- Give thanks for the gift of Education?
- Ask your local schools how you can pray for them?
- Pray for our work through Julie Tomlinson at John Fletcher School, Madeley?
- Think of a way you can bless your local schools?
- Click on this link for more ideas and resources?

[Education Sunday 2024 – 8 September – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](https://www.cte.org.uk)

Dear Lord God,  
we thank you for the gift of learning.  
Help us to be mindful that learning is a gift from you to be cherished,  
to be used for the betterment of ourselves and others  
and to the glory of your name according to your will.  
Here in our community, we have teachers, learners and places of learning.  
We thank you for them all  
and for the contribution they make to our community.  
Bless them and strengthen them.  
We pray for our places of learning,  
that they are safe and supportive places  
which open up a world of possibilities to all.  
We pray for those who contribute as teachers, lecturers,  
teaching assistants, support staff, chaplains, volunteers,  
leaders and governors.  
May they each know what valuable contributions they bring  
in helping their learners flourish and grow.  
We pray for those who learn,  
whether that comes easily to them or is difficult,  
that they see the opportunities before them  
and grow in confidence and wisdom and flourish.  
We thank you Lord for their curiosity and creativity.  
We ask all these things in your name. **Amen.**

**All you keen or would be bakers please**

## **Join us for Bread Church**

**On Wednesday 11th September 2024**

**between 1-4pm**

**(with delicious tea and scones) and**

**Saturday 19th October 2024 between**

**9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**Everything will be ready for you to make your  
own bread and it's FREE!**

**Please come along and give it a go.**



# BE THE CHANGE

## 9th—22nd September 2024 is Fairtrade Fortnight

### Fairtrade facts and figures

**50%**

**of Fairtrade is owned by  
farmers**

The assembly combines 50 percent producer representation with 50 percent national Fairtrade organisation representation.

**€1bn**

**Paid in Fairtrade premium  
since 1994**

Since 1994, shoppers buying Fairtrade products have generated more than €1bn in Fairtrade Premium for farmers and workers.

**4,800**

**Fairtrade products in the  
UK**

Think Fairtrade is just bananas and coffee? The full list of products includes flowers and gold, chocolate and tea, cotton and beauty.

Could you...

- Share a Fairtrade story?
- Enjoy Fairtrade refreshments at your church?
- Make it a church policy to only purchase Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar?
- Pray for the work of Fairtrade or for a Fairtrade project in a particular country?
- Encourage one another to visit the Fairtrade website?
- Sign the 'Make your Mark' pledge?

You will find lots of resources and videos on their website

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



**FAIRTRADE  
FOUNDATION**





*You are invited to a  
Variety Evening  
Admaston Methodist  
Church, Bratton Road  
Saturday 14th September*

*6.30 p.m.*

*An evening of music, comedy,  
singing, poetry, magic, drama.  
Lots of Acts to make you smile*

*Please come along and bring a friend  
Free entry, donations welcome for  
refreshments*

*Car Park will be open opposite Admaston House  
off Pemberton Road.*



# Disability Awareness Sunday

...is **Sunday 22nd September 2024**, but any Sunday can be Disability Awareness Sunday! This year there's a whole Disability Awareness Week, starting on 15th September. Join the hundreds of churches across the UK to share about church disability inclusion.

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

*In a UK survey, 2 out of every 3 people said they felt 'uncomfortable' speaking with disabled people, and 3 out of every 4 disabled people reported experiencing negative attitudes or behaviour from others (Scope).*

***Together, we can change this!***



Leading a Local Arrangement service?

There are lots of great **free** resources available to support you at

[Disability Awareness Sunday - Through the Roof](#)

## *Prayer*

It's so easy, Lord, to behave in a way that isn't welcoming; to only want people like us; those who talk like us, think like us and act like us. It's hard to truly welcome those who challenge our preconceived ideas. Yet you call us to love all.

Forgive us for the times when we have been unwelcoming, for the times we haven't loved and for the times we have turned your children away. Forgive us, for just as those who we have turned away need the good news of your radical love, so do we.

Help us to remember Lord that you search us, and you know us. Each of us fearfully and wonderfully made. Each of us bearing your image. Each of us celebrating your love! Amen.



# THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond  
& Wrekin

**23 September 2024**  
**7:15pm for 7:30pm - 9pm**



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

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

## Future dates

28 Oct • 25 Nov

## Main Speaker

### Suzan Williams

Suzan is married to Darren and has four grown up children and six grandsons. She lives in Whittington and is the Rector of three parishes. She oversees the rural networks for New Wine and loves seeing what God is doing in our rural communities and beyond.



More info at...

[www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin)



## Advanced Safeguarding Course

Stephanie Bradley, Assistant District Safeguarding Officer is doing Advanced Safeguarding Training in the Telford Circuit on **Saturday 2nd November 2024**, starting at 10am 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 at 10am, finishing around 2pm.

Please book directly with Stephanie by calling 07494 734 473 or email: [StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk](mailto:StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

Thank you.

**Safeguarding**  
Young people and vulnerable adults

### Listen Carefully

Can you Listen carefully to someone who is troubled, listen without judgement and without telling them what they should do? Listen compassionately and try to understand the circumstances from their point of view and then help them to work out their own solution?

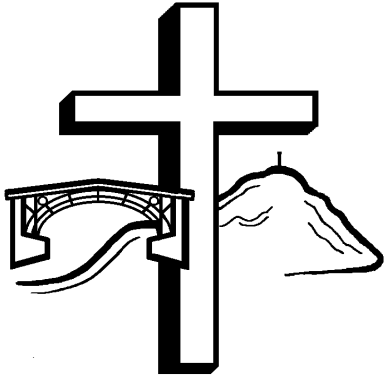
The people you will listen to come from many walks of life but there are often reasons why they come to the Dawley Food Bank apart from just 'running out of money at the end of the month'. They may be vulnerable victims of violence or other crime, they may have housing problems or be in debt. They may have mental health problems, have been released from prison or have addiction problems.

Your role would not be to find a solution for them but help them to find their own, maybe through you signposting them to other organisations or maybe by talking through the options that they have thought about. And just to keep them going, you can offer them a food parcel to last the next week.

If you can do these things and you are available to volunteer at Dawley Christian Centre on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning (10:30 to 12:30) then we would like to talk to you and invite you to see what we do at the food bank.

You can contact Sharon on 01952 505108. Thank you.





## **Telford Methodist Circuit**

### **Part-time Circuit Safeguarding Officer**

The Telford Methodist Circuit is seeking a Safeguarding Officer to support and oversee the Circuit's Safeguarding Practices.

We seek someone with the ability to lead and instruct on all aspects around Safeguarding at Circuit level. To support churches with their Safeguarding needs.

Applicants should have experience in Safeguarding within a volunteer or employed environment with a working knowledge of workplace IT systems.

12 hours per week

Salary: £7,488 per annum

**For Job Description & Person Specification, please contact**  
[circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk)



## **Dawley Christian Centre has a Holy Roof!**

We have a hole in our roof! A big one as well!

As you can see the water is causing a lot of damage and it's gone from a couple of drips to filling buckets very quickly so we can't leave it.

We have received 3 quotes to replace the whole roof:

£90,000

£70,380

£26,400

We have accepted the last one as we simply can't afford not to do it, but we will be emptying our available funds (we are not using an restricted funds eg. Food Bank). If any church have any spare money (unlikely I know) but if you do, can we have some please?

We are very mission minded at Dawley but money is always very tight.

Many thanks.

The Stewards of Dawley Christian Centre

## **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!**



## 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? Monday and Thursday mornings 10.00 - 12.30. £5.00 per session. Ring Dave on 01952 505942 for more info.




**CRAFT AND CHAT**  
2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS EACH  
MONTH 10-11.30

**At Wellington Methodist Church**  
New Street Wellington Telford TF1 1LU  
[www.wellingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.wellingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk)  
Contact Roger Jones 07808344374  
Or the church office 250944

## 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





Church Activities taking place in

**Albrighton Methodist Church** on a regular basis:



Monday (2nd and 4th Monday of the month) **Coffee and T4U 10-12** ( A quiet coffee morning for people who want a bit of time out it's FREE!)

**Open Door** - First Tuesday of the Month - 7.30-9pm. The evening has a variety of speakers ranging from singing, talks about wildlife, travel logs, health related talks.....£2

Weekly, **Thursday cafe 10-12**

**Friday (2nd and 4th Friday of the month) Sing a long**  
**2-3.30pm** (For anyone who likes to sing 'old time'  
songs or from the musicals. £2)



Saturday morning 1st Saturday in the month 10-12. with bric-a-brac and bookstall.



**NEW!!!! Board Games**

**Come and join the fun!**

**The last Saturday of each month  
10am-12noon. This is for all ages.**

**£2 per adult, £5 per family.**

**You are welcome to bring your own game.**

We have a **Quiet Corner** open for prayer/quiet reflection when there are church run events, located in the Meeting Room. Gill is available for anyone who wants to chat on a Thursday morning and has planned a 'Food for thought' time for a short while after

**All are welcome**

