

# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

10th October 2024

## Dawley Roof Repair has been postponed.

Unfortunately due to the wet weather we have been having and the drop in temperature the contractors who have offered to repair the roof at Dawley Christian Centre have said they will have to postpone the work till the Spring. The temperature has to be warm enough for the rubber adhesive to dry and they will need 4 clear days where they can sure we won't have any rain.



## Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District Chair's Travels

Rev Rachel Parkinson shared the following post on Facebook on 6th October 2024.

" I've come home early from 3Generate as I go on holiday for a week tomorrow, but it's great to know that the fun continues for children and young people at Birmingham NEC. It couldn't happen without the dedication of 3Gen volunteers and youth leaders.



Here's some photos of familiar faces from this District and Birmingham too - I didn't get everyone but captured quite a few. *(I only included one due to lack of space).*

We know each other across the two Districts because of the excellent Amplify youth weekend we hold jointly in the Spring. Next year it's 14-16 March at Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre near the National Memorial Arboretum. **Look out for booking info so that young people in your church or Circuit don't miss out"**

Rachel said, "I only managed to capture one Telford youth leader - John Parkin - but Telford brought 24 young people to 3Gen this time!"

# Albrighton Open Door meets on the first Tuesday of each month 7-30 to 9pm. It is a series of informal and interesting talks and activities in a friendly social setting.

We are planning our programme for next year and invite anyone in the circuit who has an interesting job or hobby to come and speak at a meeting, for about an hour. Open Door is non-profit making so, the takings from the evenings are usually given to a charity of the speakers choosing.

Next month it will be...

**David Corden Tuesday November 5th, 7.30 pm, £2 entrance fee**

If fireworks are not your thing (and even if they are), why not come along to this month's meeting when David Corden will be giving an illustrated talk on "Views of Vietnam". David and Anne spent almost 4 weeks travelling around Vietnam last year and he will reflect on what they saw and experienced of the people, landscape, culture and history of this extraordinary country.

The money will be donated to support the work of the "*Blue Dragon Children's Foundation*"



[[www.bluedragon.org](http://www.bluedragon.org)], set up in 2004 and working to eliminate human trafficking (especially of children) in Vietnam and to create "*A world where every child grows up safe and loved; where we are all free from slavery and exploitation.*" Old friends and new members are very welcome.

On a similar line.

Is your church arranging a fundraising evening and would like some entertainment...

**Albric Folk** is a (5-7 piece) music group specialising in traditional folk songs, sea songs and shanties, mining songs, rural songs, Medieval and Renaissance music. We do not charge, but would welcome a cup of tea and a biscuit!

For speaking at Open Door or if you're interested in Albric Folk, please contact, Chris Harrison [bch23@btinternet.com](mailto:bch23@btinternet.com).

I look forward to hearing from you,

Chris



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL EVERYONE WHO HAS SHARED THEIR HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTIONS THIS YEAR WITH THE DAWLEY FOOD BANK. WITHOUT YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT THE DAWLEY FOOD BANK WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE.**

**GODD BLESS YOU X**

## **Harvest Collection from Horsehay Methodist Chapel**

Horsehay Methodist Chapel has made an amazing effort at the Harvest Festival.

All the food below has been delivered to the Food Bank at Dawley Christian Centre to help local families who really need the support





## News from Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth

On Sunday 6th October, Cartway Methodist Church held their annual Harvest Festival Service, the service was lead by Mr Stephen Dalton from Ludlow, after the service we enjoyed a bring and share lunch which we all enjoyed, the food and produce from the Harvest Festival went to the Dawley Food Bank who were delighted.

On Saturday 5th October Cartway Methodist Church also had a coffee morning which raised over £150-00 for Self Help Africa, alongside side the money raised through the coffee morning there was envelope collections at the harvest festival service and harvest lunch.



## **Please pray for...**

Please keep Jean and Steve in your prayers.

Prayers please for Julie Tomlinson's daughter who is due to have a baby on 21st October. Please pray for a safe delivery for both Mum and baby.

Prayers please for Lorna who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers please for Josie Carter. Please pray that her tumours do not return.

Prayers please for Wes. God knows what Wes is going through.

Prayers please for Jack. Jack has recently seen an Oncologist with a view to radiotherapy and chemotherapy to try and shrink the tumours. Please keep praying.

Prayers please for Derek who has recently started chemotherapy.

Please soak these people in prayers... together we can make a difference!

**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**

**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>

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

## **Prayer of for Discernment**

Invitational God, we celebrate the times when we know we are in the right place at the right time.

Thank you for your presence, sometimes quiet and sometimes noisy.

Help us to know the difference between doing lots of things to make us feel of value, and fullness of life.

Incarnational God, thank you for standing alongside us when we don't know where we are meant to be or what we are meant to do.

Help us to discern what is of you, and what is a distraction. May your kingdom come. Amen.

**Alison Ransome, Learning and Development Manager**





A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

MWINB ADVENT SERVICE ON  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH at 2PM AT  
WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH  
A warm welcome is extended to all



Telford

Concert Band

**Date for the Diary: Evening of 21st December 2024**

(Time and price of tickets to be confirmed).

**Telford Concert Band and The Darby Singers** will be performing together  
to bring us some Christmas joy!

If you've been before you'll know what a fabulous time we all have!

**Another date for the diary.... Friday 20th December at 10:30am—Carols in the Bandstand.**

Dawley Christian Centre will be singing our hearts out in the Dawley bandstand (weather permitting)  
(In the Coffee Bar if it's raining).

Come and share in our Christian witness to remind passers by, the true meaning of Christmas.

Rev Nik Wooller will be taking the service and John Addison will be playing his guitar. Mince pies and hot refreshments shared after the service.

## Do you know of a home available for short term rent?

You may have heard that David and Jenny TARRIER from Horsehay are moving but there has been a disaster. The house they were buying has flooded for the second time in 8 months and they have realised they can't live with that threat.

However the sale of their home is going ahead so they are therefore looking to rent for a while until they find a suitable home to buy.

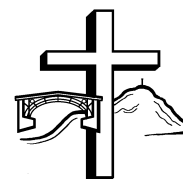
Does anyone has a rental that is available to use... or does someone go away for the winter and their home is left empty?

As you can imagine, they are pretty upset, as the prospect of living in a hotel and then renting is pretty devastating.

Hopefully they will find something to buy sooner rather than later. They can't do anything on that until the sale of their home is completed, hopefully at the end of this month.



## Circuit Service on Sunday 3rd November 2024



### The details are as follows:

Location: Dunwell Ketley Methodist Church

Date: Sunday 3rd November 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

A service to recognise Charles Nsowah and Samuel Boakye having become accredited Local Preachers in the Methodist Church in Britain and to celebrate 60 years of service of Margaret Mantripp as an accredited Local Preacher. The service will be led by the Revd Dr Adrian Burdon, Superintendent Minister, and the Preacher shall be Bob Bartingdale, Connexional Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Secretary.

**All welcome. Please come and make this a great celebration.**

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# Telford Fundraiser

# Curry and Quiz Night!

with Santander Telford branch



**All Saints Wellington Parish Centre**

**7pm—9pm**

**Saturday 12th October**

**Adult tickets: £17.50**

**Under 12's: £7.50**

**Bring your own drinks!**

Tickets available from:

Hugh - [hugh.ant.burton@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.ant.burton@gmail.com) / 07932 981039

Lizzie - [lizziebrown@capuk.org](mailto:lizziebrown@capuk.org) / 07791 701999



# Are you leading worship in October?

Dates you should know about:

- Sunday 13th October is **Homelessness Sunday AND Prisons Sunday**
- 14th-20th October is **Challenge Poverty Week**

## Homelessness Sunday

This year's theme is 'Homelessness ends with Communities'. The ecumenical charity 'Housing Justice' have facts and resources on their website to support churches who want to make a difference and the Methodist Church Website has links to other resources such as appropriate Bible Studies and hymns.



**HOUSING  
JUSTICE**

## Prisons Sunday

In addition to the suggestions of resources on the Methodist Church Website, [www.prisonswalk.org](http://www.prisonswalk.org) has videos and prayers to support your worship. The theme this year (taken from the lectionary) is 'Jesus looked at him and loved him'.



## Challenge Poverty Week

Check for resources coming soon on the websites of:



**JOINT PUBLIC  
ISSUES TEAM**



**Church Action  
on Poverty**

**LET'S END  
POVERTY** 





**Dawley Christian Centre**

**Service at 10:30am led by Val Smith**

**Lunch following the service**

**HARVEST**

**Service & Lunch**

**Sunday 13th October**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



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**Don't stand out in  
the cold!**

**Come in and join us on  
Friday 18th October  
here at the Dawley  
Christian Centre.**

**Hire a table  
yourself and turn  
those unwanted  
items into cash -**

**only £5 per  
table.**

**Ring 505108 to book a table!**

# **DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

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

## **Join us for Bread Church**

**Saturday 19th October 2024 between  
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)**

**On Wednesday 30th October 2024  
between 1-4pm  
(with delicious tea and scones)**

**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.**



Join us for a Telford Circuit

# Eco Afternoon

at Broseley Methodist Church  
2-4pm, Saturday 2nd November



- . Activities for all ages
- . Tips on saving energy at home
- . Find out how to become an Eco-Church
- . Local, Organic and Fair Trade refreshments
- . Chance to meet like-minded people
- . Pray for our planet
- . and more!



All are  
welcome



## Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

**Thursday October 3rd**

**Thursday November 7th**

**Thursday December 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: 017955 688627







# Telford Methodists Circuit project '24-'25 with



## Ajumako Osadzi Community Health Centre in Central Region, Ghana

The current  
situation:



What is needed:

- 4 new hospital beds
- A sink for the delivery room
- A larger fridge/freezer
- A wheelchair
- Chairs for the nurses' station
- Delivery equipment

Total cost: £3500—£4000  
(depending on the exchange rate)



Please consider how **you** can support this project.  
Together we can make a real difference!

# Short-Term Outreaches: Options to Join OM



Short-term outreaches, previously called short-term mission trips (find out [why we're no longer talking about short term missions](#)), are a great way to get a taste of God's work around the world.

## What we offer:

Outreaches from 1 week to 1 year

- in the UK
- overseas
- for individuals, couples, families and church groups
- for a Gap Year in one place or a mix of 3-month opportunities

## Not found what you're looking for? Check out:

<https://www.uk.om.org/poland-serving-war-refugees-warsaw>

<https://missions.uk.om.org/opportunities/job>

<https://www.uk.om.org/student-placements>

[Support OM Workers Around the World | Operation Mobilisation](#)





## 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?

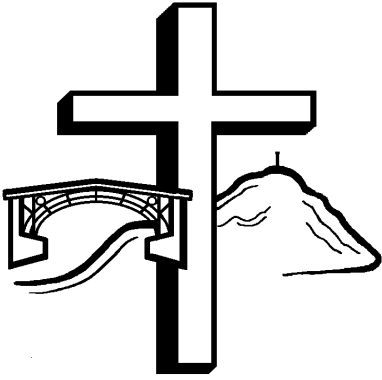
The people you will listen to come from many walks of life but there are often reasons why they come to the Dawley Food Bank apart from just 'running out of money at the end of the month'. They may be vulnerable victims of violence or other crime, they may have housing problems or be in debt. They may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



## **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.



**Please get in touch if you have  
something to share.**

Contact:

[circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk)

or 01952 505108

## **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**

