

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

17th October 2024

Further to the Circuit Meeting on 18th September, where the Trustees voted that the Circuit would aim to become an Eco Circuit, the good news is, we have registered with A Rocha, and made our commitment to work towards the Eco-Circuit award.

Our Growth Team 6 (who focus on Justice, Compassion and Peace) are working on the Commitment document and once it is ready GT6 will be able to submit it to our next Circuit Meeting.

To find out more please click on the link below:

[Denominational Awards - Eco Church \(arocha.org.uk\)](https://arocha.org.uk)

Don't forget on 2nd November at Broseley Methodist Church between 2-4pm the Circuit will be having an Eco afternoon. For more details please see details on the next page.

Watch this space!



The Dawley Food Bank aren't doing Christmas Hampers and Gifts this year.

As from May 2024, the Dawley Food Bank have made a few changes. The Food Bank used to support families for as long as they believed clients needed them, but a new policy has been introduced which means clients can have up to 6 food parcels, which gives them time to sort their benefits.

The Food Bank found that clients had become dependant on them and long term this isn't sustainable, as food and money that is received isn't as much as much as it used be.

Also, this year the Food Bank have decided not to do the Christmas hampers and toys. We will of course be generous and provide our clients with selection boxes and a few Christmas goodies, and will direct families towards a charity called Christmas Smile who donates toys to children.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we really do make a difference!

HeartSpace
on Sundays
10:30am

Upcoming dates:
Sunday 20th October
Sunday 24th November
Sunday 15th December

Do come along!

Relaxed contemporary worship
at the Trinity Centre, Victoria Road,
Shifnal

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

The Plant Stall in Priorslee Village will slowly be packed away for the winter over the next couple of weeks but there is still time to plant a few perennials ready to shine next year. A few refurbished tools available but under cover when it rains. Thank you to everyone who supported me in my efforts to raise funds for Oakengates United Church. I really appreciate your custom. The Stall will be in place for business next March 2025. Keep gardening, it is a great way to look after your mental and body health. Regards Sylvia

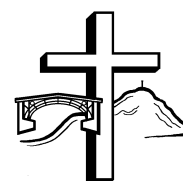


**A BIG THANK YOU TO
ALL EVERYONE WHO
HAS SHARED THEIR
HARVEST FESTIVAL
COLLECTIONS THIS YEAR
WITH TH DAWLEY FOOD
BANK.**

**WITHOUT YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT
THE DAWLEY FOOD
BANK WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO OPERATE.
GOD BLESS YOU X**



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.

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

A Prayer for our Discipleship

Lord, send us out.

Send us out from our buildings, full of history and comfort and meaning, and lead us into your world as your disciples where the story is still being written.

Send us out with our hearts full of love and concern and fear and hope, and lead us into your heart for this blessed and beautiful world where the story is still being written.

Continue to bless places for lonely people to gather; soup lunches and warm spaces; moves and renovations; missions and prayer gatherings; and all the ways we seek to move from where we are to where you want us to be.

Lord, send us out. And remind us – remind me – that the story is still being written. Amen

Sean Turner, MOCC, Isle of Man

**Pop in for a warm
welcome at our**



Cosy Café



Every Monday from

7th October

10.30 to 12.30

Meet friends and chat

Refreshments provided

Admaston Methodist Church,

Bratton Road, Admaston.

TF5 0AH

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 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

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.

Oakengates United Church

Coffee

Morning

Sat 26th Oct

10.00am till 12 noon

**Bacon Sandwiches, Toast,
Tea & Coffee**



FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
At Dawley Christian Centre
On 29th October 2024
Between 1-3pm

Kids Craft Activities

Including:

Glass painting

Make your own lantern

Story telling

Games

Snacks and drink provided

**All are welcome and everything
is FREE!**



28 October 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 June for our Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station, for worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship & great hospitality!

Future dates

- 25 November 2024 •
- 27 January 2025

Main Speaker

Fi Iddon

Fi Iddon is the Associate Vicar at Trinity Churches, alongside a role as Chaplain to University Centre Shrewsbury. She lives in Meole Brace with her husband Simon, who works at Meole Brace Secondary School, and they have two children. She loves being in the Shropshire hills and drinking tea with friends.



More info at...

www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin





*Please join us for a
Memorial
Service*

4pm Sunday November 3rd.

At Wellington Methodist Church

In a simple service of hymns, prayers and readings, we shall remember and give thanks for those who have been special to us. The names of those we wish to remember are read and an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance will also be given.





Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

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: 07955 688627



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**

**ADMASTON
METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 18th November
2 PM - 4 PM**

ADMASTON
METHODIST
CHURCH
BRATTON
ROAD
ADMASTON
TF5 0AH

**REFRESHMENTS
SERVED
HOME MADE
CAKES /
SAUSAGE ROLLS**

**FREE
PARKING**
Opposite
Admaston
House

**HOME MADE
MINCE PIES
CAKES
JAM
CHUTNEY**

**GUESS THE
WEIGHT OF
THE
CHRISTMAS
CAKE**

**CHRISTMAS
GIFTS,
DECORATIONS
AND MUCH
MORE**

**HAND MADE
CHRISTMAS
CARDS**

**HAND MADE
ADVENT
CALENDAR**

**RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
GAMES
JIGSAWS**

Christmas Fayre

Wellington Methodist Church

**Saturday
November 23rd.
10am - 12noon**

Cakes

Books

Puzzles

Bric-a-
Brac

Toiletries

Crafts

Refreshments

We'll see you there >>>





Christmas Raffle Prizes

Raffle to be
drawn on 13th
December

A HUGE Thank you to our
neighbouring shops for
supporting us in raising
money for the **Dawley**

**£1 A
TICKET**

Food Bank, High Street, Dawley TF4 2EX

We have some wonderful prizes to give away!

1st Prize: **Tesco Gift Voucher for £50**

2nd Prize: **Chocolate Hamper**

3rd Prize: **Turkey**

Other Prizes:

A voucher for **The Flying Fish**

A meal voucher for the **Elephant & Castle**

Sweet Tray from **Thomas Allsorts (Sweet Shop)**

A hamper from **Dawley Pet Supplies**

Cards & diary from **Dawley Card Shop**

Box of Cakes from **Amanda's Ow Bistro**

Voucher for **Golden Rolls**

A samosa from **The Indian Van**

Voucher for **Tattoo Studio & Hair Shop**

Voucher for **Sweetcheeks**

Voucher for **Tribe Hairdressers**

PLEASE CONTACT SHARON IN THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY A TICKET—THANK YOU :)

01952 505108 OR EMAIL: sharon@dawleychristiancentre.gmail.com

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.



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!

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], 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.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Chris

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

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?

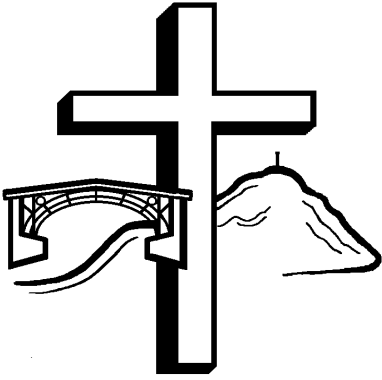
The people you will listen to come from many walks of life but there are often reasons why they come to the Dawley Food Bank apart from just 'running out of money at the end of the month'. They may be vulnerable victims of violence or other crime, they may have housing problems or be in debt. They may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

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

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





SOUTHERN SHAOLIN WUZUQUAN KUNG FU

Every Wednesday 7pm-9pm

Shaolin Kung Fu in Telford. Classes every Wednesday 7pm-9pm at the Dawley Methodist Church (TF4 2EX).

Classes offer a complete study of a traditional Shaolin battle system with a realistic study on martial application and technique for self-defence, martial fitness and personal wellbeing.

Classes will include a fitness regime, traditional forms and hands on practice with partners to develop skill and condition the body.



IMPROVE YOUR
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&
LEARN REALISTIC
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MARTIAL ARTISTS

WORK AT YOUR
OWN PACE TO
DEVELOP
SHAOLIN SKILL

TRADITIONAL
SHAOLIN
WEAPONS
TRAINING

£40 PER MONTH &
½ PRICE FOR
YOUR FIRST TWO
MONTHS

Family offers
available:
12-17 years = £30
18+ = £20

Where to find us: Dawley Methodist Church (TF4 2 EX)
next to George Street Parking

When: Wednesday 7pm-9pm

Looking for more information?

www.facebook.com/Telford.KungFu/ Email: ShaolinTelford@gmail.com

Call/WhatsApp/Text: 07817257652