

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

31st October 2024

The Dawley Food Bank will not be doing Christmas Hampers and Gifts this year.

As from May 2024, the Dawley Food Bank has 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 the food and money that is received, isn't as much as it used be.

Also, this year the Food Bank has 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, but we will leave the hampers to other organisations to provide.

We are accepting donations of brand new toys which will be passed on to CAP (Christian Against Poverty) which are based in All Saints Church, Wellington, as they are doing hampers and toys for their clients and we work together wherever possible.

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



Congratulations to Julie Tomlinson on her new beautiful grandson Oliver Williams Charles who was born on Friday 18th October at 9:31am. Mum and baby are both doing well.



Please hold Steve Thomas and his family and friends in your prayers after the passing of his mum Jean on Friday 25th October. Jean had worshipped her whole life at Much Wenlock Methodist Church and will be sadly missed. The funeral will be take place on Friday 22nd November at 11am at Much Wenlock Methodist Church.



Prayers also for the family and friends of John Lenton who passed way on Saturday 19th October. John was a Local Preacher in the Telford Circuit for many years. He leaves behind his wife Christine and their three children Mary, Esther and William.



Are you leading a service or a Local Arrangement in November?

Some dates and resources to support you:

Sunday 3rd is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Across many parts of the world Christians risk their lives to practise their faith and the war in Syria has increased the pressure on Christians in that region. The following organisations work in regions where Christians are restricted in meeting together and produce prayer resources: **Open Doors**, **Christian Solidarity Worldwide** and **Release International** (who also produce a prayer sheet aimed at children)



Sunday 10th is Remembrance Sunday

The Methodist Church website has lots of different resources to support you: hymn suggestions, prayers, videos, poems and much more!

19th November is World Toilet Day

Water Aid have a great 2 minute video and lots of facts.

Toilettwinning.org (run by Tear Fund) also have lots of facts, stories and offer you the possibility of twinning a toilet (which would also count towards accreditation as an Eco Church!)



Sunday 24th (Feast of Christ the King) is Women Against Violence Sunday

Violence against women and girls, and particularly domestic violence, has increased in recent years and is experienced by one in three women worldwide. The Methodist Website has resources for hymns, prayers, meditations and for how this theme works well with the lectionary gospel reading for the week.

Join us for a Telford Circuit

Eco Afternoon

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



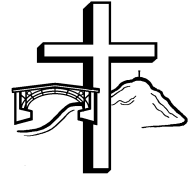
- . Activities for all ages
- . Tips on saving energy at home
- . Find out how to become an Eco-Church
- . Local, Organic and Fair Trade refreshments
- . Chance to meet like-minded people
- . Pray for our planet
- . and more!



All are
welcome



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.



Telford Debt Centre

We invite you to our

Anniversary Celebration

Monday 18th November

7.30pm

Elim Community Church,

(Brookdale, Hadley, Telford TF1 6LP)

Refreshments served afterwards.

Come and hear what's been happening in our centre this year.

Please pray for...

Please keep Steve Thomas and his family in your prayers.

Prayers please for Lorna who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers please for Derek who has recently started chemotherapy.



Please soak these people in prayer. 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

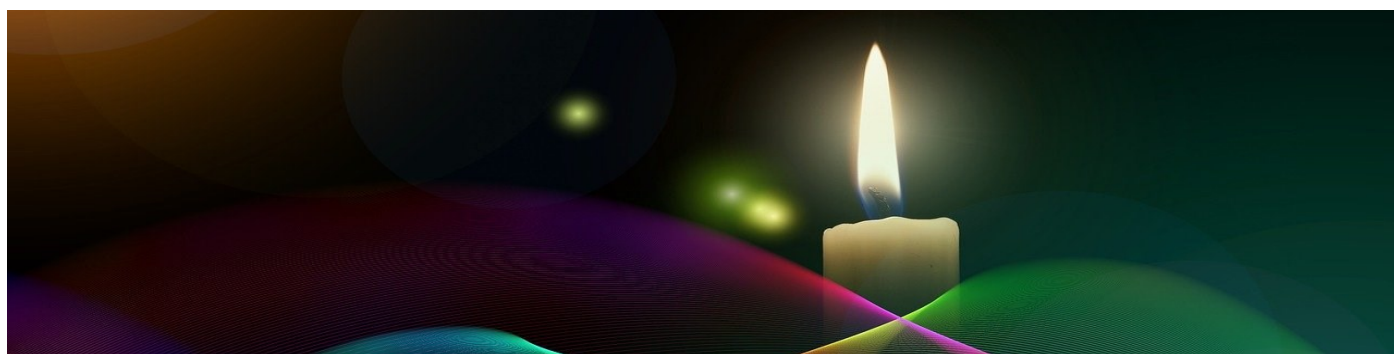
A prayer for God's presence

Dear God, we pray that each one of us feels your presence now and every day, whatever the circumstances, time or place.

May we all reflect you, in our own particular words, thoughts and deeds, in such a way that others too can come to feel and know your presence throughout the whole world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Croft House Theology Study Group, Fair Isle, Shetland





*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.



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



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 658627

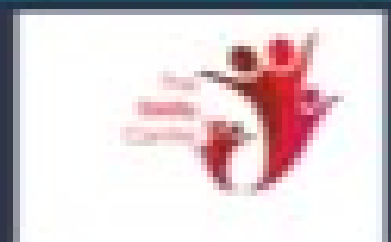


TABLE TOP SALE

at

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On Friday 15th November 2024

9.00 am – 12 noon

Come along and pick up a bargain.



**ADMASTON
METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 16th 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**



Ministry Update

Murat first encountered the gospel through a **Discovery Bible Study** project. While scrolling through his social media, he saw a post that caught his attention. It was a short gospel message with an invitation to find out more. After a short period of communication online with a local believer, he was **asked if he would like to find the truth for himself in the Bible**. Did he have any friends, colleagues, family or neighbours, who might like to explore with him? He agreed to start meeting with some friends and study the Bible together.

Over time **he came to see who Jesus is** and decided to follow him. Through his obedient application of God's Word, Murat has grown in his faith and has developed a heart to see his family, friends and community changed by the gospel, just as he has been.

Over the past few years, Murat has gathered many people together to study God's Word in Discovery Bible Study groups. People coming to faith in these groups have gone on to share within their own networks and form yet more new groups as **people discover Jesus and choose to follow him**.

Pray: New believers to grow in faith as they apply God's Word to their lives and share Jesus with others around them.

Give: www.uk.om.org/give or call 01691 773388 quote "37172474"

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Christmas Fair

**Saturday
November 23**

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL AGES
10AM-2PM

*Bacon & Sausage Sandwiches
Plus Tea & Biscuits*

- Stalls
 - Raffle
 - Jams & Cakes
 - Meet Santa
 - Tombola
 - Crafts
 - Bric Brac
 - & More!
- Santa's there for all children**

At
**Donnington
Methodist
Church**

WREKIN DRIVE DONNINGTON

Christmas Fayre

Wellington Methodist Church

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

Cakes

Books

Puzzles

Bric-a-
Brac

Toiletries

Crafts

Refreshments

We'll see you there >>>



All you keen or would be bakers please

Join us for Bread Church

Wednesday 27th November 2024

between 1-3pm

(with mince pies)

On Wednesday 14th December 2024

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.



*Please join us
for a service for*

Advent

PREPARING THE WAY

*On Thursday December 5th.
2pm at Wellington Methodist
Church*

Everyone will be VERY WELCOME



CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH JIGSAW CHOIR

Admaston Methodist Church



Tuesday 17th December

Doors Open 7.00 p.m.

Concert Commences 7.30 p.m.

Ticket Only Event £7.00

Ticket Enquiries' :Phone Jane: 07976 957703

Or amcenquiries@outlook.com

*Mince Pies & Mulled wine served
during interval*



*Parking Opposite Admaston House
Off Pemberton Road*



Celebrating 150 Years



A fresh new way of
experiencing
church...

On 23rd December 2024

From 1-3pm

Dawley Christian Centre

**FREE Crafts and activities.
Stories, festive games and
snacks.**

**For families and individuals
of ALL ages and stages.**



ADMASTON CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A FAMILY
FRIENDLY SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE REAL MEANING
OF CHRISTMAS. FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES AND HOT
DRINKS

CHRISTMAS EVE

A KING IS BORN



ADMASTON METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 24TH, 2024
SERVICE STARTS @ 6.00 p.m.

Bratton Road, Admaston. TF5 0AH
Please park opposite Admaston House Off Pemberton Road

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

MWIB 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 Elim and All Saints presents

COMEDY AT CHRISTMAS



Tickets via Eventbrite

Sunday 24th November, 6pm at All Saints, Wellington



Mark
GREENWOOD



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 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!



**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**

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**



**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

**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



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

