

## Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

21st November 2024

#### Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District Chair's Travels

#### Taken from Rev Rachel Parkinson Facebook page on 20th November 2024

St Andrew's with Trinity is a new community within the Telford Circuit which combines both Anglican and Methodist congregations in flexible use of both their buildings in Shifnal. I'd been looking forward to my invitation to preach and preside, and had already identified that it would be Safeguarding Sunday. However the prospect of preaching in a mainly Anglican setting the Sunday after the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the wake of publication of the Makin report was not something I'd been expecting.

I've spent many hours prayerfully mulling this week, and it's the first time in a long time I've spent the best part of a day producing a full sermon script. However it felt as though God had given me the right words for the right moment and I had lots of conversations about Safeguarding over coffee, all of which felt good and helpful.

I'll be making the whole sermon script available through the District Weekly mailing on Wednesday. However the main

thrust of the sermon was that safeguarding goes wrong when our instinct to protect the institution, or our or other people's status, or the status quo ends up overcoming the instinct to protect people from potential harm. I explored this in relation to today's Gospel reading in Mark, when Jesus fails to be as overawed as his disciples by the scale and splendour of the Temple.

It was so good to be involved in thoroughly ecumenical worship this week so soon after the 21st anniversary of the Methodist - Anglican covenant.

On the note of Safeguarding I just wanted to mention that there's often a bit of resistance to attend safeguarding courses but I just wanted to reassure you that they are actually quite enjoyable to attend. The advanced safeguarding courses are normally on a Saturday morning, in one of our local churches, where you get to meet a lovely lady, Stephanie Bradley who is an ex-police officer and has lots of interesting stories to tell. The course isn't difficult. In the main you watch short videos and a discussion follows, you don't have to speak up if you don't want to, and there's no writing to do. You are given a book with all the information that you need in it. It's more like attending a Coffee Morning with the guest speaker being someone who's talking about safeguarding. And once you've done it, you don't have to do it again for 4 years. As you may be aware we don't have a Circuit Safeguarding Officer and are unable to offer foundation safeguarding courses locally at the moment.

#### You are invited

#### **Christmas Mince Pie and Coffee Morning**

Adrian and Janet Burdon invite you to bring and share your left over mince pies and Christmas biscuits at their home: 11 Silverdale Close, Newport, TF10 9FA Friday 27 December 2024 Between 10am and 12 noon.

#### Please bring a cup/mug for your coffee



#### Please pray for...

Please keep Steve Thomas and his family in your prayers as it's Steve's mum, Jean Thomas' funeral on Friday 22nd November,

#### 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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVIQT0 9

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

#### A prayer for creation

Through your infinite mercy, O God, may we be prevented from destroying your creation. With so many ongoing conflicts, Lord, it can sometimes be a challenge for many people to believe in your existence. Yet, in spite of centuries of violence and hatred, oppression and injustice, all spawned from humankind, it is a miracle indeed that the human race can still recover, and produce people who can, and do, overcome evil with good; hatred with love and greed with open-handedness. This, Father God, can only be possible by your outpouring of grace. Amen.

John Morton, supernumerary presbyter, Kendal Circuit

The Methodist Church

We are called to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking Church

God loves you unconditionally, no strings attached. That's the good news.

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

Some dates and resources to support you:



#### 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.

#### Yamaha Baby Piano - Free to good home

Please see message below from Iris:

"The Yamaha Baby Grand Piano GC1 model used to be owned and played by my husband who passed away last year, the dimension is "151cm by 146cm". It was last tuned sometime last year before he passed. She's about 2 years old and in impeccable condition.

I'm moving my properties to another place and I don't think my husband will be happy if I sell this piano, at the same time, I am settling for a home with less space, so I'm hoping to give it out to someone who is a passionate lover of the instrument. I wasn't going to leave it alone in an empty house.

The Piano is currently in storage with the movers I employed to move my properties from my house. The movers can



deliver anywhere. However, the beneficiary has to pay moving costs. In the attachment are the pictures of the Piano, I look forward to your reply if you are interested, if not I can contact someone else."

If you are interested in the piano please let Sharon know is the Circuit office and she will pass your details onto Iris.



The Methodist Church's Advent and Christmas campaign for 2024 is called <u>Hush the Noise: Join the love song this Christmas</u>.

"This Christmas we're inviting everyone to hush the noise. To listen for the love song that the angels bring, this and every year."

Your starting point for imaginative ideas and contributions (including the recording of a "How to get involved" webinar) is here

There are so many resources to look at... if you looking for fresh ideas it's worth taking a look by clicking on the links below.

# Christingle and other Advent resources

Worship Resources: <u>Advent and Christmas</u> Also see StF's <u>One stop shop for Advent</u>

#### Christingle

All the details you might need to know for **preparing a Christingle service** can be found on the Church of England's Children's Society website.

#### A detailed history and explanation of the

<u>Christingle</u> tradition, including its Moravian origins, has been included by freelance writer Liz Hearn on the Time Travel-Britain.com website. A further version of the story behind the Christingle is included in the Wikipedia article on Christingle.



## ADMASTON METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 16th November 2 PM - 4 PM

REFRESHMENTS SERVED HOME MADE CAKES / SAUSAGE ROLLS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS, DECORATIONS AND MUCH MORE FREE PARKING

Opposite Admaston House

IAND MADE HRISTMAS CARDS HOME MADE MINCE PIES CAKES JAM CHUTNEY

HAND MADE

ADMASTON METHODIST CHURCH BRATTON ROAD ADMASTON TF50AH



GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS CAKE

RAFFLE TOMBOLA

GAMES

JIGSAWS

ADVENT CALENDAR

# hristmas Fair Saturday November 23

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL AGES 10AM-2PM Bacon & Sausage Sandwiches Plus Tea & Biscuits

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

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Turning on the Dawley Christmas Lights on 23rd November 2024 between 12-4pm

Dawley Christian Centre will be in the Coffee Bar selling hot dogs and bacon baps for £2.50, hamburgers £3.50, teas/coffees £1, hot chocolate £1.50 and cup cakes 50p each.

There will also be a tombola, raffle and Christmas craft stall.



#### **Carol Singing in Lawley**

Would you like to join us and go carol singing around the streets of Lawley? Is so please get in touch with John Parkin on john@telfordmeth.org.uk

We have permission to do it on the evening of Tuesday 10th December. We will do non-invasive carol-singing, so no door-knocking or collecting.

If people come out we would hand out flyers for the coffee mornings.

If you are interested in joining the carolsinging please would you let John know by 24th November. If there are enough volunteers John will publish details of the meeting point and route shortly after that.



# Prayer in the way of **Taizé**

Christ the King

## Sunday 24th November 2024 5pm



## Wellington Methodist Church New St., Wellington, Telford TF1 1LU All Welcome

For more information on Taize see www. taize.fr For more information about this church see www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk

# HeartSpace on Sundays 10:30am

Upcoming dates: Sunday 24th November Sunday 15th December Sunday 19th January

## Do come along!

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



The Church of St Andrew & Trinity Church Shifnal





#### 25 November 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 November for Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station, for worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship & great hospitality!

#### **Future dates**

27 Jan 🔹 24 Feb

#### **Main Speaker**

#### **Steph Warrell**

Steph is an associate leader at Telford Minster. She is passionate about sharing the Gospel and helping people find their identity in Jesus.



Steph is married to Harry and they have a daft labradoodle called Phoebe. In her downtime she loves nothing more than to have a glass of red wine with good friends, or to be taking on her next sewing project.

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



At Dawley Christian Centre on Tuesday 26th, November, 3rd, 10th and 17th December at 7pm.

Join us this Advent to learn more about the greatest gift we've ever received... Jesus Christ.

A time to reflect on the meaning of Advent and prepare and anticipate the coming of Christ.



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & DRINK, SANTA'S GROTTO, TOMBOLA, LUCKY DIP, STOCKING FILLERS, CRAFT STALLS, GIFTS, GINS, ALES AND MUCH MORE

## SAT 30TH NOV 12PM-4PM ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SHIFNAL

OVER 20 STALLS.. GET ALL YOUR GIFTS UNDER ONE ROOF!

## **DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

#### 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.

Methodist Women in Britain

for a service for

Please join us

# PREPARING THE WAY

On Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>. 2pm at Wellington Methodist Church

**Everyone** will be VERY WELCOME



## **Bereavement cafe** A support group looking forward, following loss. **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.

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## Everybody welcome

For further information contact Claire: 07955 688627

Albrighton Methodist Church Christmas Coffee Morning December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Sifts

Stalls,



10am -12 noon

Gifts,





Special Raffle

PROCEEDS FOR ACTION FOR CHILDREN



## **Christmas In Shifnal**



Christingle Service - Sunday 8th December 5:00pm A joyful celebration to make our Christingles, share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.



HeartSpace Christmas - Sunday 15th December 10:30am Contemporary Praise worship at the Trinity Centre



Carol Service - Sunday 22nd December 6:00pm Come and sing well known and much loved carols, and listen to the Choir.

#### **Crib Service - Christmas Eve 4:00pm**



Excited children dressed up as nativity characters, our young choristers singing their hearts out, and a chance to come up to the crib to peer in and see the tiny Christ child.







Trinity Centre Christmas Eve Communion 6:30pm

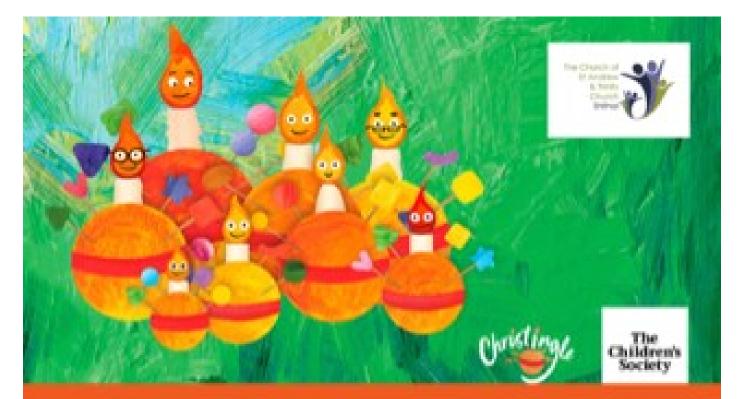


Midnight Mass - Christmas Eve 11:30pm The mystery & majesty of welcoming the new-born child into our world in the darkness of Christmas Eve



Christmas Morning 8:00am Early Communion 10:30am - Family Communion Bring a present to show and tell!

Join us in Church or online



## Join us for our Christingle Service Sunday 8th December



5:00pm Reaching out together to share God's

amazing faith, hope and love





# **Christmas Table Top Sale**

## Friday December 13th at Dawley Christian Centre

Feel free to dress up and have some fun :)

9:00am-12:00noon



Come along and grab yourself a bargain!

To book a table call 01952 505108

# CHIRSTMAS CONCERT WITH JIGSAW CHOIR

**Admaston Methodist Church Juesday 17th December** Doors Open 7.00 p.m. Concert Commences 7.30 p.m. **Ticket Only Event £7.00** Ticket Enquiries' : Thone Jane: 07976 957703 Or amcenquiries@outlook.com Mince Fies & Mulled wine served during interval Parking Opposite Admaston House Off Temberton Road

Celebrating 150 Years

# Christmas Carols in the Dawley Bandstand High Street, Dawley

## Friday December 20th at 10:30am

Come along and join the Dawley Christian Centre as we get into the spirit of Christmas by singing our favourite carols. Complimentary hot drink and mince pie provided.



#### TELFORD CONCERT BAND & THE DARBY SINGERS

ristinds CONCERT

## 7PM

#### SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2024

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE HIGH STREET, DAWLEY TF4 2EX

> Adults £6 Children FREE

Proceeds will go to Telford CAP & Dawley Food Bank 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 OAH Please park opposite Admaston House Off Pemberton Road

## The Methodist Church

## Telford Circuit

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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!

#### **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** 

£1A

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



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 :

circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk



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#### 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.

## 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 <u>bch23@btinternet.com</u>.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Chris



#### **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.







#### 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: circuitsupport@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

