

# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

28th November 2024

## A message from Steve Thomas and Family

Steve, Chris and G would like to thank you all very much for the cards, flowers, emails, text messages, Facebook messages and telephone calls and your kind attendance at mum's funeral service and for your kind donations to Arden Grange Comfort Fund and Highley Companions amounting to £400-00. We have all been overwhelmed by the kindness of you all. Life will never be the same without mum but at least there is no more pain or dementia. Mum always looked forward to your kind visits to see her at Arden Grange. Thanks also to Rev Nik for a lovely service and for the wonderful way the stewards at Much Wenlock Methodist looked after us all and those who took part in the service, Chris, Kathy, Mark, Jean, Jo and then Teri Trickett who read some beautiful poems at the crem.

And a special thanks to Jack, Andy and all At Northwood Undertakers for the wonderful caring and professionalism shown at this very special sad occasion we will be forever thankful.

God bless

Steve, Chris and G

Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District Chair's  
Travels taken from Facebook on 13th  
November 2024

An heirloom adorning the District Manse shelves is this small side plate (or muffin) bearing a picture of Jubilee Chapel in Tunstall along with the cheery phrase "God buries his workmen but carries on his work". These are words of Charles Wesley, also to be found on the memorial to the Wesley brothers in Westminster Abbey. I think that, today, we might find less gloomy ways to express the truth that God's work is greater and more long-lasting than any of us!



## A prayer of blessing

The angels are still singing.  
Prophets are still speaking.  
Hush the noise, hear them sing, repeat the song.  
And the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be yours/ours, now and always. **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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQTO9>

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

## A prayer for peace in the world

Peace is a rose.  
So lovely, so delicate, so fragrant,  
so easily crushed.  
Holy God, let peace flower in our damaged world.  
In parched places, let peace take root,  
in broken places, let peace send forth strong shoots,  
in barren places, let peace bud and bloom,  
that all may see her beauty,  
feel her softness,  
be overcome by her gentle perfume,  
and tend her.  
Amen.

Sally Jones, presbyter, South Warwickshire Circuit

[A prayer for the day](#) - Click out the link to The Methodist Church website to find this wonderful prayer resource.

<b>A prayer that we share one another's burdens</b> 2024-10-31   Prayer	<b>A prayer for God's presence</b> 2024-09-30   Prayer	<b>A prayer for the vision of God's glory</b> 2024-09-30   Prayer
<b>A prayer for the deepening of our faith</b> 2024-09-30   Prayer	<b>A prayer that we see the world through God's eyes</b> 2024-09-29   Prayer	<b>A prayer for unity</b> 2024-09-29   Prayer
<b>A prayer for purity of understanding</b> 2024-09-28   Prayer	<b>A prayer of confidence in God</b> 2024-09-28   Prayer	<b>A prayer of adoration</b> 2024-09-27   Prayer
<b>A prayer for new hearts</b> 2024-09-27   Prayer	<b>A prayer for peace in the world</b> 2024-09-26   Prayer	<b>A prayer for God's guidance</b> 2024-09-26   Prayer
<b>A prayer that God's message dwell within us</b> 2024-09-25   Prayer	<b>A prayer that God strengthen our faith</b> 2024-09-25   Prayer	<b>A prayer of protest at inequality</b> 2024-09-24   Prayer
<b>A prayer for our fruitfulness</b> 2024-09-24   Prayer	<b>A prayer for God's justice</b> 2024-09-23   Prayer	<b>A prayer for strength</b> 2024-09-23   Prayer



**Oakengates United Church**

**Sat. 30th Nov.**

**9.30am. Until 1.00pm**

**Christmas**

**Fayre**

**Various Stalls,**

**Cakes, Christmas Stall, Books,**

**Alladin's Cave Name the Bear,**

**New & Nearly New**

**Tombola & Raffle**

**Cafeteria,**

**Bacon Sandwiches, Toast,**

**Tea & Coffee**

Entrance  
Free



LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

*Invites you to join them*

On

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

At 4 pm

THE GUIDING STAR



When the children & Young People of the Sunday School  
will retell the Christmas Story

*Come and hear this well known story retold*

And join in with the Carols

*Everyone Welcome*

<https://sites.google.com/view/leegomerymethodistchurch>



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

11:00 - 14:00

20+ Independent Stalls

FREE Kids Crafts,  
Face Painting,  
Hot Food & Drink,  
Tea / Coffee & Cakes,  
Raffle & Tombola!

LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH,  
HADLEY PARK ROAD,  
TF1 6QG.

# **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





# 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!

**FREE ENTRY**  
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**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.**







*Please join us  
for a service for*

# *Advent*

**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.

**Everybody welcome**

For further information contact Claire: 07955 688627



Albrighton Methodist Church

# Christmas Coffee Morning

December 7<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Gifts



*Stalls,*



10am -  
12 noon

*Gifts,*



*Special Raffle*

**PROCEEDS FOR ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

Come and enjoy -



**Sunday 1st December**

**from 9:00am - 10:15am for breakfast**

**Stay on for family service at 10:30am**

Reaching out together to share God's amazing faith, hope and love.



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

**5:00pm**



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## 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](mailto: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 carol-singing 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.



# **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**

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

**Join us for Bread Church at  
Dawley Christian Centre**

**On Saturday 14th December 2024**

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

**Wednesday 18th December 2024**

**between 1-3pm**

**(Making our own mince pies)**

**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.**

The Church of  
St Andrew  
& Trinity  
Church  
Shifnal



# 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.

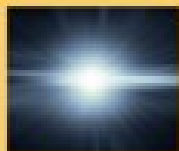


## **Carols in Shifnal - Christmas Eve 5:30pm**

with Salvation Army Band in the town centre



## **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**





**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](mailto:amcenquiries@outlook.com)*

*Mince Pies & Mulled wine served  
during interval*



*Parking Opposite Admaston House  
Off Pemberton 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**

# Christmas

## 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



# LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

(Hadley Park Road)

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### 11 am Morning Worship



**11 am**



### 6 pm Carols by Candlelight

#### Suitable for all ages



*Everyone welcome*

**Refreshments will be served**



Visit our website <https://sites.google.com/view/leegomerymethodistchurch>



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

# LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

(Hadley Park Road)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**CHRISTMAS MORNING**

**FAMILY SERVICE**

**AT 11.15 am**

**Led by**

**Rev Roger Dunlop**



**Come and celebrate the  
Birthday of Jesus**



**All are  
Welcome**

***Refreshments will be served***

Visit our website <https://sites.google.com/view/leegomerymethodistchurch>

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





# The **Methodist** Church

## Telford Circuit

### **CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

Home -based  
12 Hours per Week  
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email: [circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk)  
Telephone: 01952 505108



# 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!



# Ministry Update



Fatima left her country to protect her family from an ongoing war. She soon found one of OM's partners, a church-run community centre that distributes food weekly to refugees. Fatima started coming each week to collect food **and stayed to receive prayer**. Soon, she started bringing some of her friends along, others who has escaped the war.

One day, Fatima shyly invited one of the volunteers to her home. When she and a friend arrived at the home, six of Fatima's neighbours were waiting for them in the small living room! "I invited my neighbours so that you can pray for them!" she said. This was the start to weekly visits and **telling Bible stories** to about 15 ladies.

Then these ladies started having **dreams and visions of Jesus**. "What does my dream mean?" they would ask. The volunteers would listen and explain their dreams and tell them more about Jesus.

**"Jesus is calling you."** They told one of the ladies, "When you are ready to accept him, we would love to pray for you." She very quickly accepted. Then her sister came to faith, then another lady, and another....

Pray: That refugees would encounter the gospel through the kindness of strangers, that they would learn who Jesus is. Pray for more dreams and visions, and for the people to explain them.

*Name and image changed for security*

Give: [www.uk.om.org/give](http://www.uk.om.org/give)  
or call 01691 773388  
quote "37172474"

## 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](mailto:sharon@dawleychristiancentre.gmail.com)



**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 :**

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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 [bch23@btinternet.com](mailto:bch23@btinternet.com).

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.



# **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? Thursday and Friday 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**

