

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

12th December 2024

A beautiful nativity display from Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth. Don't you just love how simple but effective this is?



Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth, Christmas Coffee Morning.

Unfortunately we had to postpone the Christmas Coffee Morning at Cartway last Saturday due to the storm, but it has been rearranged to take place this Saturday 14th December instead.

There will be lots of goodies for sale, coffee and mince pies, a big draw, please come if you are able.

From 10am - 12 noon

See you there.

Steve Thomas

Faithspace Update

We have come to the end of our 3 month trial of All Age worship and we have talked and listened to feedback. It seems that perhaps this is not the right time for children and we are reluctant to make changes which would mean inconveniencing and perhaps losing our regular congregation. With that in mind we are going to prepare services for those who come but on those 4th Sundays we will do a more discussion based format rather than have a sermon. This is something that members of the congregation tend to find positive. Please continue to send in your thoughts and ideas. Meanwhile, we know that there is some good work with young people going on around the circuit and we could perhaps hold that in our prayers that it might develop and grow into an opportunity for fellowship between young people from right across the circuit - whether online or in person or both.

If you would like to know more about Faithspace please get in touch with Sharon in the Circuit office. Many thanks.

Jo



This week we're thinking all about the prophets and reflecting on what it looks like to be a prophet today.

Prophets deliver messages from God through the Holy Spirit. They point towards God and share visions of a new way. 💡 ✨

Throughout the Bible, we see prophets with a range of experiences and backgrounds. Young and old, men and women, kings and musicians - what connects them is their mission to remove barriers for people to connect with God. Any of us today can continue their legacy by pointing people towards God - being glimmers of hope and light in our communities and aiming to create easy entry points for people to start their journey of faith.

We can spread messages of hope and good news in so many ways, from our actions and hospitality to text messages and emails.

Take a moment to [#HushTheNoise](#) : how could you spread a little bit of light in your community this week?

A prophet is a person who speaks for God, delivering His messages and teachings through the Holy Spirit. They point towards God and share visions of a new way.

Prophets appear throughout the Bible, passing on the messages God has shared with them including John the Baptist, Anna, Moses, Noah and Miriam.

Miriam, from 'Dalziel's Bible Gallery' 1864-81
Medallion with Saint John the Baptist - Byzantine

We can be modern day prophets by continuing to point people towards God - being glimmers of hope and light in our communities. We can also aim to remove barriers for people to connect with God.

We can send messages in many ways - using phones, emails, images, words, emojis.

We can spread good news in all these ways - and in our actions. We can shine light into other communities we are a part of, through a smile, an act of kindness, kind word etc.



Telford Methodists Circuit project with Ajumako Osedzi Community Health Centre



*****UPDATE*****

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 exchange rates)



**Thank you for raising over £800 so far
for this project and for the promises of
more to come.**

Please consider what **you** can do
to support this project.
Can every church in the circuit contribute?

Together we can make a real difference!

A couple of pictures from **Broseley Methodist Church** of their knitted Nativity which is on display in the church and also a Winter display put up by the group who run a Monday coffee morning. This is on display in the conservatory.



Prayer with us today

Loving Lord, who made me for your delight,
bless me with good use of the senses you created:
that I may use my sight to see the injustice in your world,
and respond with my heart;
that I may use my hearing to listen to the voice of suffering,
and respond with my heart;
that I may voice what is your will at all times, in all places
and respond with my heart.
Loving Lord, who made me for your delight,
bless me in your service.
Amen.

Please soak these people in prayer. Together we can make a difference!

Derek

Karen

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



*Hush the Noise
Join the Love Song
this Christmas*



Shared with us from friends serving overseas

Christmas is coming! We see it in the shopping malls where pine trees have appeared, decorations have gone up and the shopping has begun! At this time of year, the nation becomes utterly confused! They are not celebrating Christmas, but the end of one year and the beginning of the next, hoping that perhaps 2025 will bring better things, a new job, a pay rise, a wife for their son, or a grandchild.

People wait for the New Year and wonder why we celebrate it a week too early. People around us do not understand what Christmas is at all. They see the movies on TV; romance and snowy scenes, Santa and feel-good stories, but also drinking and wild living. The devout protest 'We don't celebrate Christmas with drunkenness!' as they scribble their graffiti on the walls.

For us it all feels very strange! Commercial Christmas may be in the shopping centres, but there is no Jesus, no Nativity scene. No community gatherings, carols in the square, candles in the windows, or joyful tidings to passersby. No bells ringing out for Christmastime!

For the small number of churches, it is a quieter Christmas. One church hosts a carol concert in its historic building. Another organises a street outreach in a more secular part of town. For the others, it is a simple Sunday service before Christmas day, with interested visitors invited, and a clear gospel message preached. A meal together and silly games follow, and gifts are exchanged. Our visitors are intrigued and some may come again to hear more.

Christmas is the perfect opportunity to share our faith simply with our local friends, to explain the truth of Christmas, and give gifts such as biscuits or a book, and a message of hope from the Bible.

As a family, it also means we have come to enjoy a simpler and quieter Christmas as we serve overseas. We still decorate the tree and exchange gifts, watch Christmas movies and cook a roast turkey. The weather where we are still gets cold like home in the UK, and sometimes it even snows, so in those ways it still feels like 'Christmas' must be near when we wrap up warm or drink a hot cocoa. But despite the beauty of simplicity, we still miss many of the Christmas traditions (and especially the food!).

I think for many serving overseas, Christmas can be a disorientating and lonely time. We are very blessed to have each other and like-minded friends around us.

So, if you have friends living or serving overseas, I encourage you to send a Christmas message so they don't feel so disconnected, or even send a small gift of money so that they can treat themselves to something - whether it is a roast turkey or warm pair of mittens!



On 11th December, Methodist Church House (The offices for the major part of the British Connexional Team) was dedicated to the glory of God by the President and Vice-President of the Conference amongst Connexional Team staff, Methodists, ecumenical friends and other guests.



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.

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



**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.**



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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.

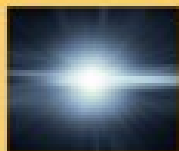


Carols in Shifnal - Christmas Eve 5:30pm

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

*Mince Pies & Mulled wine served
during interval*



*Parking Opposite Admaston House
Off Pemberton Road*



Celebrating 150 Years

Please join us for our

Christingle

6.00pm Thursday December 19th.

Wellington Methodist Church




Enjoy making
your own
Christingle to
take home

FUN

EXCITING

For all the family

All are welcome

A festive border surrounds the text, featuring angels with halos and wings blowing trumpets, golden stars, a manger with a baby Jesus, a donkey, a sheep, and a crown. At the bottom, a larger illustration shows the nativity scene with Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus in a manger, three kings with gifts, a shepherd with sheep, and a camel.

Broseley Churches Together
invite you to
The Walking Nativity.

Sunday 22nd December '24
From 4pm

Starting at the library
making our way to the Birchmeadow
then finally to the Memorial Gardens.

This will be a fun filled family event!

We hope that everyone will get involved.

Be part of the story yourself.

*Come dressed as a character from the
Nativity and be prepared to join in with
some popular Carols.*

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 22nd 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 25th 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>

Trinity Church Newport



Rev. Adrian Burdon will be Leading
sessions of “Conversation afternoons“ at

Trinity on the following dates

Monday 6th / 13th / 20th/ 27th

January and Monday 3rd February

At 2pm

Title: Christmas to Candlemas—

The Songs of the Bible

You are welcome to join us!

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
£7488 (Actual Salary)

We seek a person with ability to lead and instruct on all aspects around Safeguarding at a Circuit Level and to support local churches in exercising their Safeguarding responsibilities.

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For a full application pack
please contact the Circuit Administrator
email: circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk
Telephone: 01952 505108

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

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**

**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

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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.

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:

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

