

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

2nd January 2025

The Methodist Church

Happy New Year!

As we enter 2025, we reflect on where we saw glimmers of God's love in ourselves and those around us, and how we may step into the new year with anticipation of hearing the love song the angels sing all around us.

[#HushTheNoise](#)



Pray with us today.

Dear Lord,

We pray for elderly, housebound individuals, who are often very lonely.

We praise and thank you for their carers, who come into their homes and brighten their

days by showing tenderness, kindness, and giving much needed practical support.

Make us more sensitive to the needs of both groups and move our hearts and minds to

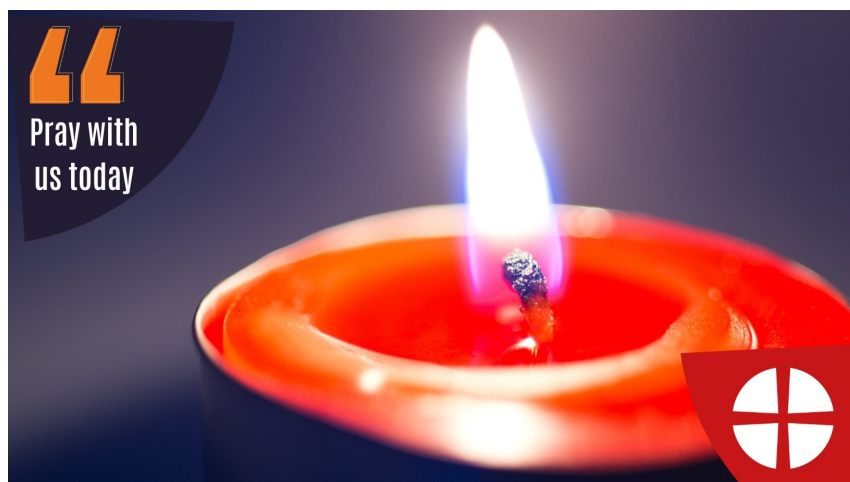
seek ways in which we may become involved.

Increase our awareness of the conditions under which *carers do their work; often earning*

so little for such a valuable contribution and help us seek social justice for them.

Amen.

Find more ways to pray at methodist.org.uk/prayer.





Telford Methodists
Circuit project with
Ajumako Osedzi

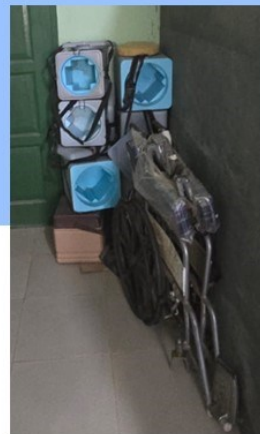


Community Health Centre January Update

What is needed:

- Hospital beds - A sink for the delivery room
- A wheelchair - A larger fridge/freezer
- Chairs for the nurses
- Delivery equipment

Total cost: £3500—£4000
(depending on exchange rates)



GOOD NEWS: We are over half way!
Thank you for raising over £2100 so far... let's keep going!

Please consider what **you** can do
to support this project.

Can **every church** in the circuit contribute?

Together we can make a real difference!

Prayer for Creation

Loving Creator, we pause to marvel at the splendour of Your creation.

Sky, land, and sea declare Your glory;

Plants, animals, and people reveal Your artistry.

Forgive us for the ways we have harmed this beautiful earth through our neglect and through our greed.

Inspire us to be better caretakers of Your world, sowing seeds of restoration and hope.

As we enter this new year, may we walk gently on the earth, mindful of Your presence in all things.

Teach us to live in harmony with creation, reflecting Your love in every choice we make.

Amen



ECO-Friendly Tips for January

Adopt a "Buy less" Habit: Start the year by buying only what you truly need and, where possible, by choosing eco-friendly products.

Save energy and save money: Look round at Church. Where can you save energy, e.g. by insulating doors and windows and reviewing heating systems for energy efficiency?

If you want to talk about becoming an Eco-Church, please contact Jo jokudlacik@gmail.com

The Methodist Church

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

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!

All you keen or would be bakers please
Join us for Bread Church at
Dawley Christian Centre
On Saturday 25th January 2025
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)
Wednesday 29th January 2025
between 1-3pm
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.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born
again
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see
the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.

Amen

Please soak these people in prayer.

Together we can make a difference!

Derek

Karen

Family and friends of Mick Price

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=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09>

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

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

Origins of the Covenant Service

This idea of Covenant was basic to John Wesley's understanding of Christian discipleship. He saw the relationship with God in Covenant as being like a marriage between human beings (both as a community and as individuals) on the one side and God in Christ on the other (cf. Ephesians 5.21-33).

His original Covenant Prayer involved taking Christ as "my Head and Husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, for all times and conditions, to love, honour and obey thee before all others, and this to the death".

Wesley recognised that people needed not just to accept but also to grow in relationship with God. He therefore emphasised that God's grace and love constantly prompts and seeks to transform us, and so we should continually seek and pray to grow in holiness and love.

Over a number of years Wesley gradually saw the need for some regular ceremony which would enable people to open themselves to God more fully. He looked for some means of helping them to hear God's offer and challenge ever more deeply, and to allow God to prompt and enable them to respond.

In 1755 Wesley created a form of service adapted from the works of Joseph and Richard Alleine. These works came from the Puritan tradition of pastoral and spiritual guidance. Wesley therefore insisted that the Covenant Service be located in a framework of pastoral care, preaching and guidance.

This framework dealt with the corporate needs of a particular society of Christian disciples, and within that with the needs of individuals within that group. It therefore linked personal devotion with corporate worship.

There would be a series of meetings about the Covenant involving sermons, explanations and exhortations. An invitation would then be issued for "those as will" to come to the Covenant Service. After a day's "Retreat" for people to prepare themselves in prayer, fasting, reflection and self-examination there would be the Covenant Service itself. This would be held in the context of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Wesley thought that this Sacrament brought into the realm of experience and made real all that was said in the Covenant. He therefore urged Methodists to pay it the highest regard, to put it at the centre of their spiritual life and to share in it frequently.

The process did not end with the Covenant Service. People were encouraged to continue to work out the implications for their lives of the fact that their relationship with God had been renewed in and through Christ. It was accepted that people might find this difficult to do without help, and might "backslide". There would therefore be further pastoral guidance offered to both groups and individuals in the weeks that followed the service.

God promises to be our God
and we His people



Table Top Sale

**Friday January 17th 2025
at Dawley Christian Centre
9:00am - 12:00 noon
Call 01952 505108
to book a table**

£5 per table *Grab a bargain!*



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





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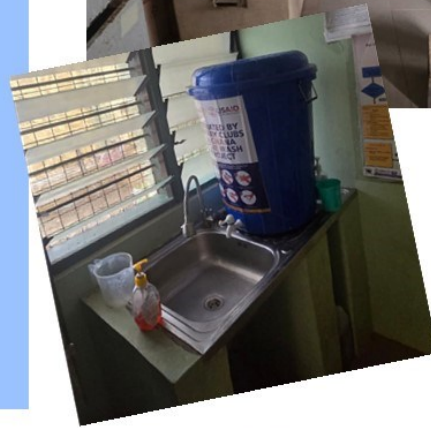


*****UPDATE*****

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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!

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

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.

The post is to commence as soon as possible. Applications will be dealt with as they are received until we find the right person for the role.

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

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

