

# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

16th January 2025

The **Methodist** Church  
Telford Circuit

Online Service for  
**Ash Wednesday**

7pm Wednesday 5 March 2025  
Led by the Revd Dr Adrian Burdon

Zoom link will be available nearer the time

Save  
the  
date!



**soul** FOOD

**40** daily **deliveries**  
of **spiritual nourishment**  
through **Lent**

*We do not live by bread alone*



The Methodist Church

We are excited to share our theme for Lent 2025, 'Soul Food' In the wilderness, Jesus reminded us that people don't live by bread alone. Each week during Lent 2025, we'll reflect on what sustains us, based on the lectionary Gospel passage for Sunday.

Brain teaser.

When you do not know what I am, then I am something. But when you know what I am, then I am nothing. What am I?

Answer on page 25.

# Justice, Compassion & Peace Team

Our next meeting will be  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm  
at Dawley Christian Centre.

**All are very welcome!**

It would be great to have a voice from every church:  
Could that be **you**?

Topics for discussion include:

- Update on our Circuit International Project
- Agree our proposed Circuit Eco Commitment
- Celebrate good news from across the circuit
- Future projects and support to churches

For more information or support with transport, contact Jo  
Tel 07840596074 or Email [jokudlacik@gmail.com](mailto:jokudlacik@gmail.com)



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# Circuit Fundraising Project



**Telford Methodist Circuit in Partnership with  
The Methodist Church of Ghana are raising  
money to support  
Ajumako Osedzi Community Health Centre.**

**What is needed:**

- Hospital beds
  - Sink for the delivery room
  - Chairs for the nurses
  - Delivery equipment
  - A larger fridge/freezer
  - A wheelchair
- Total Cost: £3500—£4000  
(depending on exchange rate)***

**This year we are not raising funds for the Easter Offering  
Service so please support the Circuit's Fundraising  
Project instead—Thank you.**

The Circuit has already raised £2,100, which is  
brilliant... but let's raise an extra £1,900 so we can buy  
everything on the shopping list.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE AND  
SAVE LIVES!**

## Prayer for Peace

Creator God  
Today in a fractured world we pray for  
peace and justice,  
Your peace, not built on our broken  
promises and failing courage,  
But your deep peace, through your  
creative power and embodied in the  
service and sacrifice of Jesus.  
May we follow Christ, seeking your  
justice, acting in solidarity and hope,  
Even when the way seems unclear and  
the powers of our world don't reflect  
your Kingdom,  
Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Kingdom,  
Your world,  
In Jesus name  
Amen.

Please soak these people in prayer.

Together we can make a difference!

**Derek**

**Margaret Reynolds who had surgery on  
15th January.**

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.



## 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**

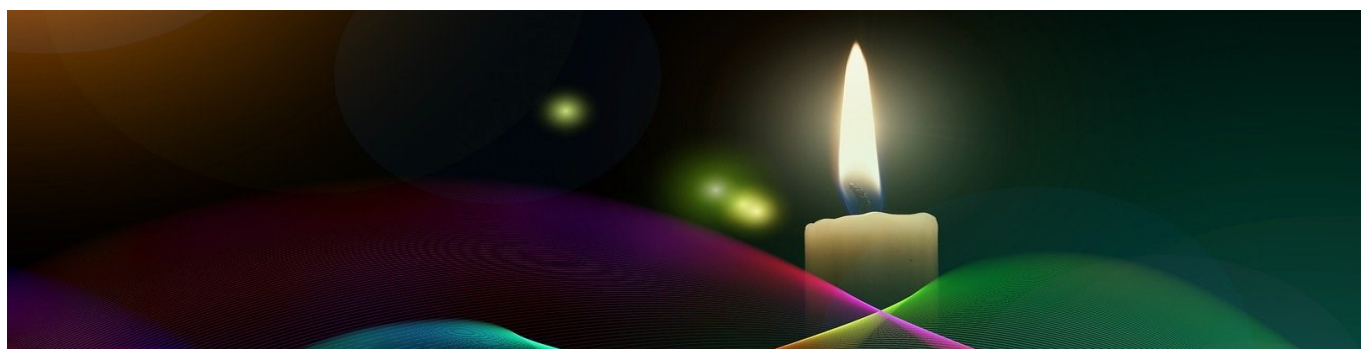
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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.**



## **Bibles Studies in the Circuit**

**Admaston** meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month between 10-11:30am. They currently meet in the home of one of the church family but if the numbers increased they would be happy to transfer the bible study to church.

**Cartway, Bridgnorth** has 3 bibles study groups.

Shambles Group meet on 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30am

Orchard House Group meet on 3rd Monday in the month at 10:30am

Greenfields Group meet 3rd Tuesday in the month at 10:30am.

**Dawley** - Bible study group meets for two 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One during Lent the other during Advent.

**Dunwell** - has a bible study before church service each Sunday which (service starts at 10am)

**Oakengates** Bible Reflections Group meet for two series of 5-6 weekly sessions each year. One of these is in Lent and the other in the autumn.

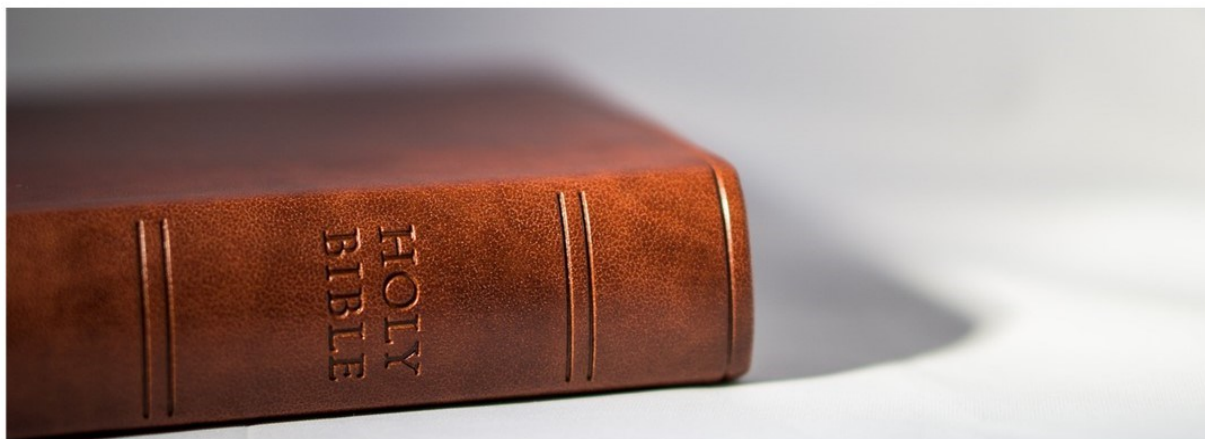
At present they meet in homes on a Wednesday afternoon (2-3:30pm) and the next session will be their Lent Study starting on Wednesday, 12 March 2025. The venue and the topic are both yet to be confirmed.

If anyone wants to attend, they should contact Andrew Evans on email [andrewevans20@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewevans20@btinternet.com) or telephone 01952 292684.

As they usually meet in someone's home, we do not include the venue in general publicity.

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**Online Courses: Monday afternoon at 1:30am, Monday evening at 7:30pm and Wednesday evening at 8pm. Please contact the Circuit office for the Zoom link. All are welcome.**



The **calling** of the  
**Methodist Church**  
is to respond to the  
gospel of **God's love**  
in **Christ** and to live  
out its discipleship in  
worship and mission

Our Calling

The **Methodist 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!

# 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!*







## Churches Together in Shifnal & District

All Welcome

**St Andrew's Church, Shifnal**

**Join for Prayers and Lunch**

**12:00 Noon**

**Tuesday 21st January**

**Tuesday 28th January**

Reflections based on Jesus' question to Martha "Do you Believe this?"





The Church of  
St Andrew  
& Trinity  
Church  
Dorset



Dementia  
Friendly Church  
2022-23

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

# **Forget me not Group** for people affected by dementia. **Third Thursday of** **the month at 2:00pm**

**Come and join us - there's a warm  
welcome and a friendly atmosphere.**

For more information, or for if you want to have a  
conversation about memory difficulties or  
dementia, contact Sarah Thorpe on 07982 248949 or  
[sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com)

# IONA WORSHIP

An evening reflection  
inspired by the Iona Community, Scotland

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 26th January 2025

5pm

ALL WELCOME

[www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk)

[www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)

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## Everyday Welcome

**We will re-open on Monday 13th January  
at St Andrew's Church.**

**Wishing all our visitors and volunteers a blessed  
and Happy New Year, and looking forward to  
providing a warm welcome for everyone in 2025.**

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
10:30am - 2:00pm

Tuesdays 10:30-12:30pm

Come and join us for a friendly chat &  
refreshments. Delicious light lunches served  
from 12 Noon each day except Tuesday.

**It's free. Donations welcomed!**



# HeartSpace on Sundays 10:30am

Upcoming dates:  
Sunday 19th January  
Sunday 16th February  
Sunday 16th March

**Do come along!**

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



**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.**



# THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

## 27 January 2025

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 January for Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station, for worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship & great hospitality!

## Future dates

24 Feb • 24 March

## Main Speaker

### Andy Ackroyd

Andy has recently moved to become the Vicar of Madeley in Telford. He is married to Sandra and has a 19 year old called Jacob who helps at FS.

Andy has many aspirations in life - seeing his team Leeds United back in the Premier League, seeing Yorkshire Cricket win a trophy, but most of all he is passionate about making Jesus known and equipping the church to do the same.



More info at...

[www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin)



**Taize Service for  
Candlemas  
Sunday 2nd February  
6:00pm**



*A Light in the darkness*

**Please get in touch if you have something to share.**

**Contact:**

**[circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk)**

**or 01952 505108**





Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and reflection that many Christians observe in preparation for Easter.

Lent is a time to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert, ask for forgiveness, and prepare to celebrate his resurrection. The word "Lent" comes from an old English word meaning "lengthen" because it takes place when the days start to get longer.

**Come along and join us for our Lent Lunch and find out more!**

**Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March  
And 2nd and 9th April between 12:30-2:30pm**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## 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](mailto:jokudlacik@gmail.com)

The Methodist Church

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



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**



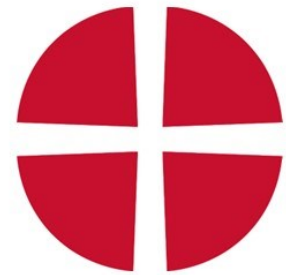
# Stay & Play Under 5's Playgroup

at Dawley Christian Centre

High Street

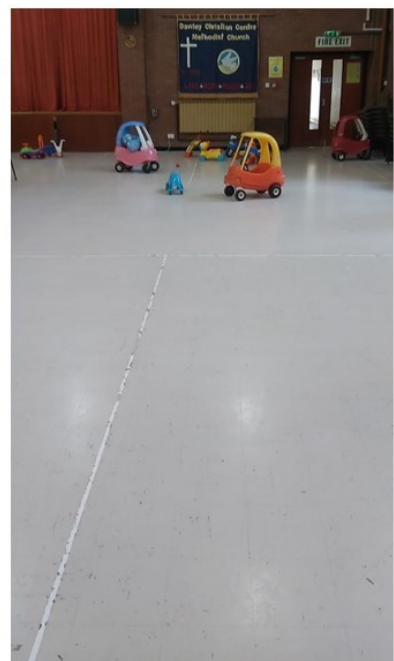
Dawley

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**Every Monday & Tuesday from  
9:30-11:30am.**

We have lots of space and plenty of toys so  
bring the kids and let's make some noise!



# 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](mailto:circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk)  
Telephone: 01952 505108

## **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.

## **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.**

**All are welcome.**

## **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**



Brain teaser: A riddle :)