

# Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

30th January 2025

## A PRAYER FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

To mark HMD 2020, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Senior Imam Qari Asim have come together and written a special prayer which is intended to be used by people of any faith at their HMD activity.

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

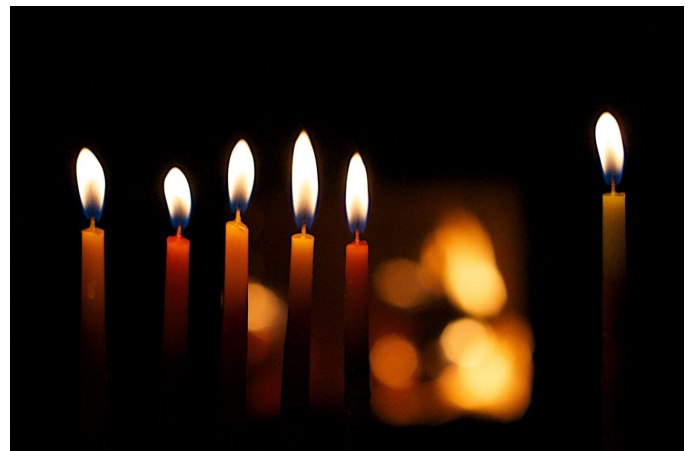
Amen



**HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY TRUST**

*Learning from genocide -  
for a better future*

[Holocaust Memorial Day Trust](https://www.holocaustmemorialdaytrust.org.uk/)



### Brain teaser.

What question can you never answer yes to?

Answer on page 28



A fabulous time was had by all at Dawley's Bread Church on the afternoon of 29th January. If you have an oven and would like to give it a go in your church, please get in touch with the Circuit office. We have the equipment needed which we'd happily loan you, and you'd be more than welcome to come along to one of our sessions to learn how it's done. Marcelle also made delicious scones, made from fizzy pop, cream and flour, which we devoured with scrummy jam, whilst we waited for our bread to cook.





### Wool Wanted

If anyone has any spare balls of wool they don't need, can you let Sharon (01952 505108) in the Circuit office know please?

At Dawley we are making knitted and crocheted blankets for the dementia patients at the Princess Royal Hospital.

The colourful blankets help patients, particularly those with dementia, to find their way back to bed more easily – and also see the edge of the bed more clearly when getting in and out. They also provide a more homely feel to the wards. Thank you.

[Calling all knitters: blankets wanted for patients with dementia – SaTH](#)



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.

[Lent 2025: Soul Food - The Methodist Church](#)

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

## A 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 crea-  
tive power and embodied in the service  
and sacrifice of Jesus.  
May we follow Christ, seeking your jus-  
tice, 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**

**Steve Thomas**

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 spir-  
it, 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.**





**Albrighton Methodist Church**

# **Open Door**

Informal and interesting talks and activities open to all in a friendly social setting.



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.30pm**

**Rev. Roger Dunlop**

**presents an evening of**

**Magic  
with a  
Message**



**£2.00 per meeting including light refreshments  
Proceeds to the charity "Kids for Kids"**



# VE DAY<sup>®</sup>

## 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

### 8 M A Y 2 0 2 5

Just launched....

## Telford & Wrekin Council's VE Day 80 Celebration Fund

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War and 80 years since communities came together on Victory in Europe Day to celebrate peace, mourn those that were lost, thank those that fought and look forward to the future with hope.

To mark this special anniversary, Telford & Wrekin Council is launching a grant fund to help local communities and groups host their own events and activities on or around VE Day on 8 May 2025.

Voluntary and community groups, town and parish councils, schools, and not for profit organisations can apply for small grants of up to £750 or larger grants of up to £1,500 to contribute towards the costs. Groups will need to provide match funding but can seek support for this from local ward members who will also be marking this anniversary through the 2025/26 Councillors' Pride Fund.

Councillor Raj Mehta, Telford & Wrekin Council's Cabinet Member for Inclusion, Engagement, Equalities and Civic Pride, said: "This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and the end of World War II.

"It is important now more than ever that we learn the lessons of the past, celebrate the diversity of our communities and promote international friendships. That's why we're making this fund, which totals £50,000 available to local groups, in grants of up to £1,500 available to help celebrate the occasion.

"Grants can be used to cover a range of costs including venue and equipment hire, entertainment, resources and materials, and successful applicants will also be able to apply, free of charge, for temporary road closures for street parties or community gatherings.

“Some match funding will also be available from local ward members through our Councillor’s Pride Fund, to help local communities celebrate this special anniversary.

“The grant is open for applications from Friday 24 January and closes at 9.30am on Monday 24 February.”

For more details about VE Day 80 Celebration Fund and how to apply, visit <https://www.telford.gov.uk/ve80grant>

**For more details about the fund and how to apply, visit <https://www.telford.gov.uk/ve80grant>**



**Shropshire Council** · Follow

3d · 🌐

⚠️ Scam alert ⚠️

We've had reports of people receiving a phone call from a company called Eco Save, claiming that it's 'working with Shropshire Council to provide free replacement windows'.

⚠️ This is a scam. If you get such a call please don't share any personal information.

📘 For further advice about phone scams follow the link in the comments.



**SCAM  
ALERT**



**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**





# 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!**

# 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!

# 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)



ECO  CHURCH  
AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT





**All you keen or would be bakers please**  
**Join us for Bread Church at**  
**Dawley Christian Centre**  
**On Saturday 22nd February 2025**  
**9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)**  
**Wednesday 26th February 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.**

# Table Top



at

**DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

**On Friday 21st February 2025  
9.00am - 12 noon**

**Come along and pick up a bargain.**

# 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





The background of the entire page is a vibrant tropical illustration. At the top, there are large, stylized flowers in shades of pink, white, and orange against a teal sky. On the right side, a red boat with a white cross on its sail is shown on a blue sea, with a palm frond and a string of black beads in the foreground. At the bottom, three women are depicted in traditional attire, sitting on a colorful floral patterned mat. One woman on the left wears a white fringed dress and a white hat. The woman in the center wears a yellow and red dress with a large floral crown. The woman on the right wears a white dress with a black beaded necklace and a floral headpiece.

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

**A Women-led, Global, Ecumenical  
Movement**

**FRIDAY 7th MARCH 1pm at  
St George's Church, Telford**

The annual service has been prepared  
this year by Christian women from the  
Cook Islands with the theme  
"I made you wonderful".

See the website for information and  
for local details contact:

[catharine.dixon@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:catharine.dixon@blueyonder.co.uk)





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!**

## **Dawley Christian Centre**

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## **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 2pm.

**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 [andrew.evans20@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.evans20@btinternet.com) or telephone 01952 292684.

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

T 01952 292684

**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.**





## 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



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)

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**



2025

2025



## 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!**

**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**



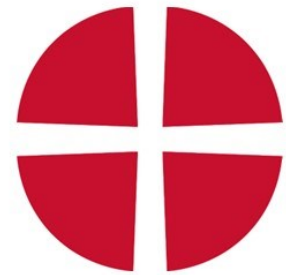
# Stay & Play Under 5's Playgroup

at Dawley Christian Centre

High Street

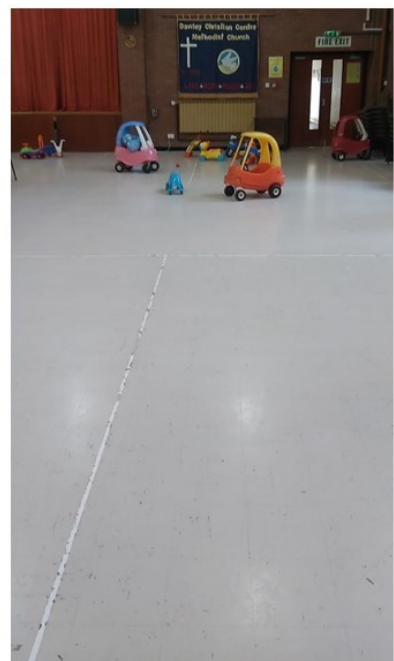
Dawley

TF4 2EX



**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 10-12non.**

(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.**

We have a **Quiet Corner** open for prayer/quiet  
reflection when there are church run events,  
located in the Meeting Room.

**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** 