

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

6th February 2025

Methodist Conference 2025 - Telford

The 2025 Conference will take place at the Telford International Centre, International Way, Telford TF3 4JH. The nearest railway station is Telford Central, a 15-minute walk or short taxi-drive away. The nearest airport is Birmingham International, with rail connections from Birmingham International Station.

As well as its 225 representatives and 16 associate members, the Methodist Conference welcomes interested visitors and anyone may attend the open Conference sessions, visit the exhibition or attend fringe events. There are very few closed sessions and these are clearly indicated in the agenda.

Visitors do not need a ticket **except** for the Opening of the Conference on the afternoon of Saturday 28th June and Reception into Full Connexion and Sunday Worship on Sunday 29th June. You will also need a ticket if you wish to attend one of the Ordination services on Sunday afternoon.

Tickets are free and you will be able to book online on this website from April.

[Coming to the Conference - The Methodist Church](#)

Taking place at Telford International Centre 26th June – 2nd July 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An exciting opportunity to support The **METHODIST** Conference

Conference Needs

Stewards/Help Desk

Collators and paper distributors

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Memorial Service Chaplains

Please make initial contact with admin@wsmethodist.org.uk

Be part of the team that makes The Methodist Conference work!

Brain teaser. What came first, the chicken or the egg? Answer on page 26



20th February World Day of Social Justice

2025 Theme: Promoting Equality, Inclusion, and Human Rights

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007, this day is all about promoting social justice as a foundation for peace, equality, and sustainable development worldwide. As members of a **justice seeking church**, what can we do to mark it?

- Check out these resources from All We Can to develop practices of justice in your church or group: www.allwecan.org.uk/resources/practices
- Be inspired by 'Baby Steps to becoming an Eco Church' on the Methodist Website: www.methodist.org.uk/action/climate
- Find out about the UN Sustainable Development Goals sdgs.un.org/goals
- Consider having a justice themed time of worship together. The Equality and Diversity toolkit on the Methodist website includes lots of thought-provoking videos, scripture readings and prayers.
- Be open to sharing your experiences of feeling welcome and included (or not) and create a safe space in which to listen to others with compassion.



Cartway Methodist Church Bridgnorth have a group for those with disabilities and illness which meet on the last Thursday of each month from 2-30pm - 4pm.

It's called Stepping Stones.

Please ring Steve on 07544811130 or email Steve on waltomas.goats@gmail.com for further details.



*Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive
for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the
cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives
lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace
of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
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 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.





Circuit Fundraising Project February 2025



**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 **£2,542**, which is
brilliant... but let's raise an extra **£1,458** so we can buy
everything on the shopping list.

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

Please get in touch if you have something to share.



Contact:

circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or 01952 505108



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](#)

A background image of thorns, likely representing the crucifixion or the Lenten season.

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

HeartSpace on Sundays 10:30am

Upcoming dates:
Sunday 16th February
Sunday 16th March
Sunday 27th April

Do come along!

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



Justice, Compassion & Peace Team

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday 18th 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



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at

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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

Come along and pick up a bargain.

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.

FEBRUARY CONCERT OF MUSIC AND SINGING



At

St Andrews Church, Shifnal

Sunday 23rd February at 3.00pm

Featuring

Telford Community Ensemble



and singing group

VOCE



~Refreshments available -

Tickets £5.00 ~ all proceeds to the Church funds.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**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

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*





Bereavement cafe

A support group looking forward, following loss.

Thursday February 6th

Thursday March 6th

Thursday April 3rd

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



**Come along and join us for our Lent Course with
Lunch and find out more about Jesus!**

Dawley Christian Centre

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March

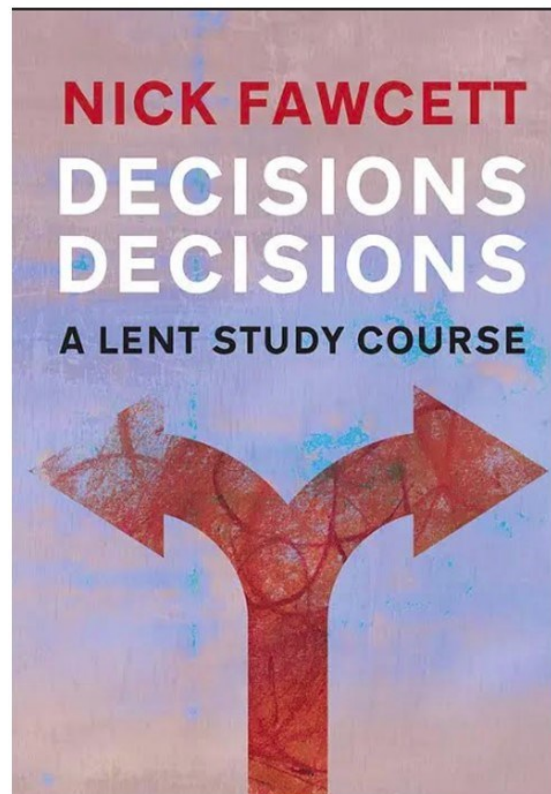
And 2nd and 9th April between 12:30-2:30pm

The Lent course is based on Nick Fawcett's book, Decisions Decisions.

We make decisions every day - big and small, unimportant and life changing, good decisions and bad, easy and hard to make. We can ask God for his help and search the Scriptures for guidance, but ultimately decisions are ours alone. This is the essence of free will, and also the essence of Lent. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we must wrestle with the issues of life and the challenge of faith.

Exploring different aspects of life's decisions through biblical passages and personal experiences, the six weekly sessions include prayers, activities, discussion questions, meditations, suggestions for further reading and ideas for action. This course offers an opportunity to reflect on the challenge of Lent and the decisions God calls us to make.

ALL ARE WELCOME



You are warmly invited to join us for the official
opening of

**Dawley Christian Centre
Community Sensory Garden**

On 9th May 2025 between 1:00-3:00pm

**Our garden has been designed to evoke the five senses: sight,
sound, touch, taste and smell. It's a place to relax.... or if you
prefer, you are welcome to pick up a trowel and do a bit of
weeding. All are welcome.**

Sponsored by:



**The
Grimmitt
Trust**



The **Methodist** Church



**Telford & Wrekin
Co-operative Council**

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 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.





The Church of
St Andrew
& St Peter
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

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**

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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!

**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.

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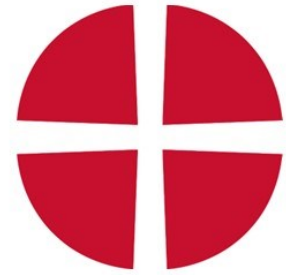
Stay & Play Under 5's Playgroup

at Dawley Christian Centre

High Street

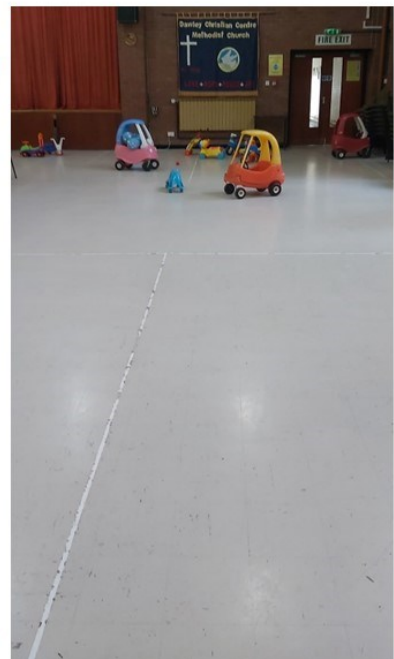
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**Every Monday & Tuesday from
9:30-11:30am.**

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
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** 

Brain teaser: The egg. The dinosaurs laid eggs before there were any chickens.

