

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

20th March 2025

Dawley Christian Centre give their thanks to the Telford Methodist Circuit for Supporting the Dawley Food Bank

At the Circuit Meeting on Wednesday 12th March, the treasurer of Dawley Christian Centre, Rob Yapp, explained that the food bank needs more donations. The Dawley Food Bank has been blessed with generous donations from the Circuit, for which they are very grateful, but the monthly spending is greater than what they have coming in.

Rob asked if the Circuit Meeting would consider a donation of £2000 in one lump sum – the Meeting agreed.

On behalf of the Dawley Food Bank, the Stewards would like to thank everyone in the Circuit for their continued support. Without your help it wouldn't be possible for this valued mission work to take place.

Listen Carefully

Can you listen carefully to someone who is troubled, listen without judgement and without telling them what they should do? Listen compassionately and try to understand the circumstances from their point of view and then help them to work out their own solution?

The people you will listen to come from many walks of life but there are often reasons why they come to the Dawley Food Bank apart from just 'running out of money at the end of the month'. They may be vulnerable victims of violence or other crime, they may have housing problems or be in debt. They may have mental health problems, have been released from prison or have addiction problems.

Your role would not be to find a solution for them but help them to find their own, maybe through you signposting them to other organisations or maybe by talking through the options that they have thought about. And just to keep them going, you can offer them a food parcel to last the next week.

If you can do these things and you are available to volunteer at Dawley Christian Centre on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning (10:30 to 12:30) then we would like to talk to you and invite you to see what we do at the food bank.

You can contact Sharon on 01952 505108. Thank you.



Eco News from the Telford Circuit



Thank you to the Circuit Meeting who agreed our new Environmental Commitments as part of the Telford Circuit journey to becoming an Eco-Circuit. Our commitments affirm our Christian belief that caring for God's earth and loving our neighbour is part of our faith in action and we seek to embed this within our worship, the management of our assets, our common life and our mission.

Tip for those leading worship this week

Over the next few days communities across the world will be marking several international awareness campaigns. Click on the links to find out more and for resources for worship:

- 18 March - [Global recycling day](#)
- 21 March - [International Day of Forests \(United Nations \(UN\) page\); Food & Agriculture Organisation of the UN page](#)
- 22 March - [World Water Day \(UN page\); Twinkl resources](#)
- 22 March - [Join the Biggest Hour for Earth | Earth Hour](#)

Tip for church stewards and property stewards

[360°carbon.org](#) is the recommended online tool under the ECO Church scheme for measuring your church carbon footprint. It is free to use and designed especially with places of worship in mind. Not only will it assist Property Stewards in completion of their Annual return on Methodist online but will also help you to identify ways to reduce your church carbon footprint in line with the Methodist Church UK pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Prayer for World Water Day

by Stephen J Allen (Local Preacher, Black Country Circuit)

Loving Creator,

You have gifted us with glaciers - majestic, life-giving, and pure.

Yet, they are melting before our eyes,
reminding us of the delicate balance of your creation.

We acknowledge our role in protecting the waters that sustain all life.

Grant us wisdom to make choices that value and preserve this precious resource.

Give us courage to speak up for the earth and its people,
especially those most vulnerable to water scarcity.

Fill our hearts with compassion so that we may act, not out of fear,
but out of love for future generations.

May we be faithful stewards of your creation, ensuring that the
waters continue to flow in abundance, purity, and peace. Amen

Who Cares? An introduction to pastoral care



Who Cares?

In response to Our Calling, Methodist people are to help others to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

Who Cares? is a series of four 2-hour online sessions that introduces participants to pastoral practice.

- Session 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care
- Session 2: Discipleship and Hospitality
- Session 3: Listening and Prayer
- Session 4: Pastoral Care in Difficult Times

The **Methodist Church** 

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Session 1: Introducing Pastoral Care (4/6)

Session 2: Welcome and Hospitality in Pastoral Care (11/6)

Session 3: Listening and Prayer in Pastoral Practice (18/6)

Session 4: Care in Difficult Times and Self-care in Pastoral Practice (25/6)

All sessions will run from 7-9pm.

Link to [book](#).

DATE

04 June - 25 June

TIME

7:00pm - 9:00pm

ONLINE

This is an online event at On Zoom [Go to event website](#)

TAGS

[Pastoral Care](#)

CATEGORIES

[Open to everyone](#)

ORGANISER

[James Devenish](#)
devenishj@methodistchurch.org.uk
[07799902567](tel:07799902567)

Event website link:

[Who Cares? An introduction to pastoral care Registration, Wed 4 Jun 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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Who cares? Training
for Pastoral Care (4
sessions)

By James Devenish



The Methodist Church

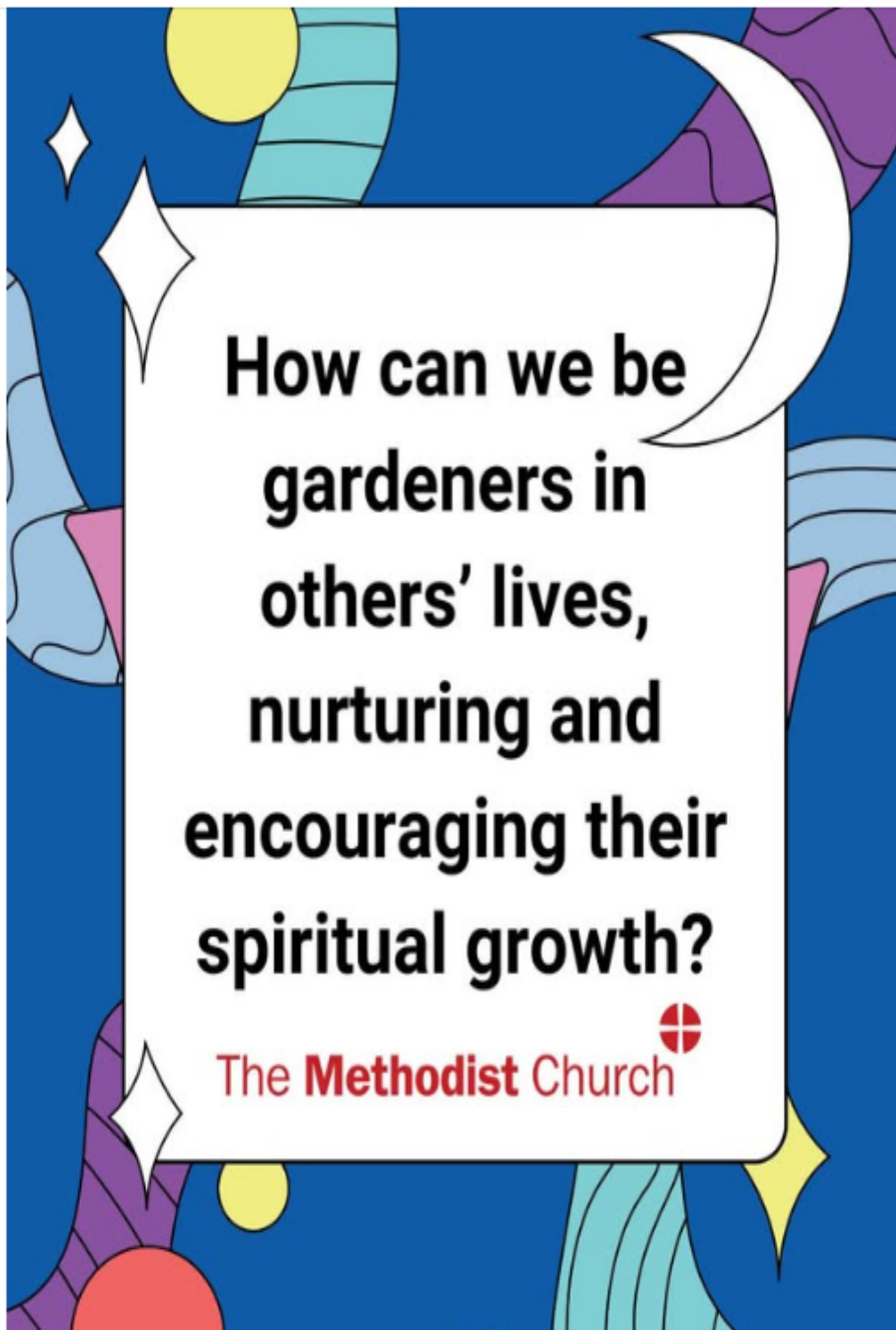
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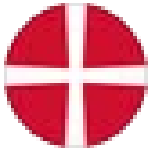


In this week's Bible passage, Jesus shares the parable of the fig tree, and the story of the gardener who responds to the fruitless tree with leniency and care. He approaches the tree with compassion and patience, and creates an opportunity for growth and renewal.

As we reflect on this story, and the themes of second chances and the opportunity for restoration after nourishment and rest, take a moment to consider where you might see yourself as a gardener in others' lives. What actions could you take to nurture and encourage their spiritual growth?

[#SoulFood2025](#)



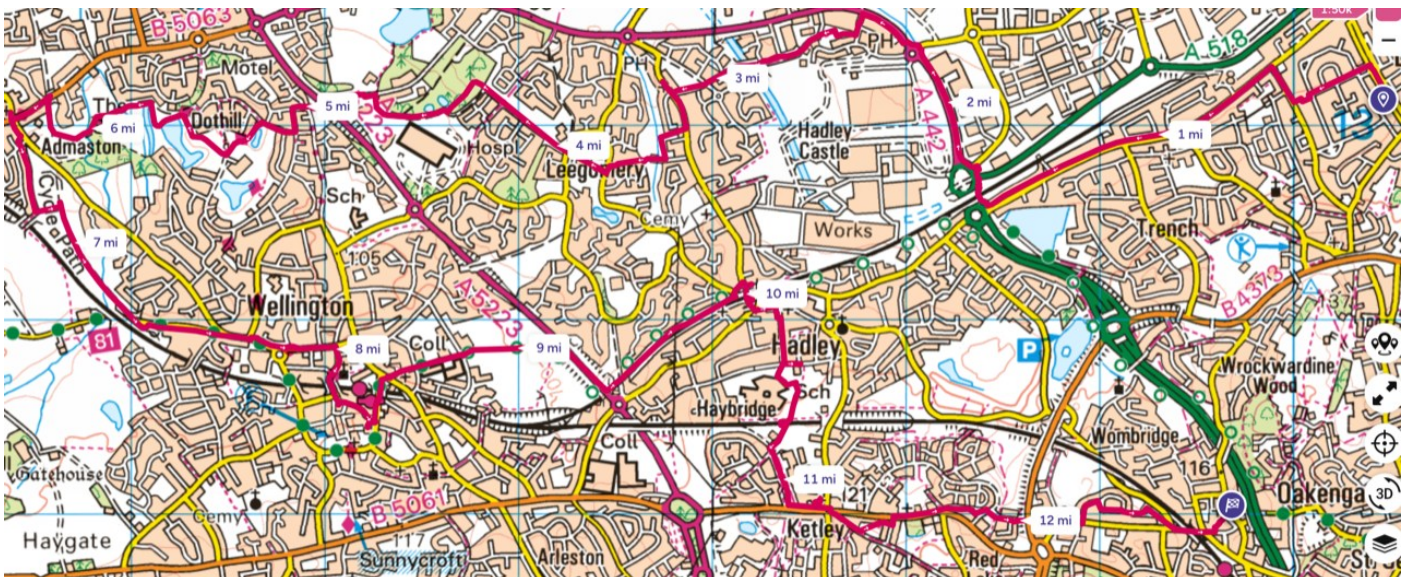


The Methodist Church

Telford Prayer Pilgrimage 21st March 2025

Our Chair of District, Rachel Parkinson, is leading a Prayer Pilgrimage around our Circuit walking 13 miles and praying at 7 of our churches. You are welcome to join her at any point on the route either to walk or simply to meet her at one of the churches at which there will be a short time of prayer before moving on. The walking pace needs to be brisk (around 3mph) to keep to the estimated timings. Rachel expects to reach Wellington at about 1pm and you are especially welcome to share in the prayers and to bring a packed lunch to eat here. Drinks will be provided. For more details contact Roger Dunlop.

Time approx	total mileage	mileage between	Church	Notes
9.30	0	0	Set out from Donnington	Prayer
10.45	3.5	3.5	Leegomery	Refreshment Break. Prayer
11.55	6.3	2.8	Admaston	Prayer
13.00	8.0	2.7	Wellington	Bring your own Sandwich Lunch. Drinks provided. Prayer
14.45	10.0	2.0	Hadley (meet outside)	Prayer
15.30	11.2	1.2	Dunwell	Refreshment Break. Prayer
16.30	13	1.8	Oakengates	Refreshments. Prayer.



Oakengates United Church
Saturday 29th March
9.30 – 12.30

Spring Fayre

Cakes, Plants, Books,
Nearly New, Aladdin's Cave,
& Name the Rabbit.

Easter Egg Tombola & Raffle
Bacon Sandwiches, Toast,
Tea & Coffee

Admission
Free



Mothering Sunday Service

30th March

10:30am

Thank God for the gift of
Mothering.



Dear Friends,

I do a lot of "extreme" indoor rowing.

From 11th May, a group from my rowing class, will each be rowing 7 marathons in 7 days in aid of MND and Severn Hospice.

We are being encouraged to seek sponsorship from friends and contact groups etc.

If anybody is able to sponsor me for this event it will be greatly appreciated. I have attached the QR code for the giving page, but if anybody is not familiar/able to use this method, please let me know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Thank you.

Dave

Dave Williams from Admaston Methodist Church

(Please contact Circuit office for Dave's contact details—thank you)



Pray with us today.

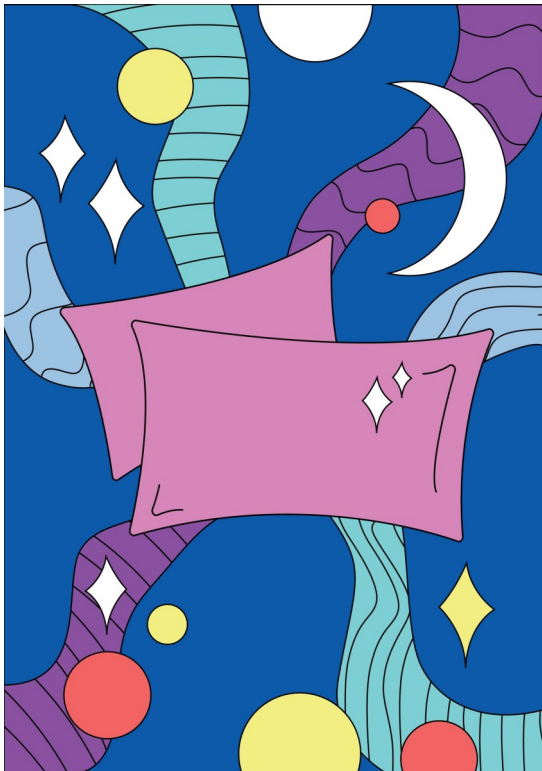
Through your infinite mercy, O God, may we be prevented from destroying your creation. With so many ongoing conflicts, Lord, it can sometimes be a challenge for many people to believe in your existence. Yet, in spite of centuries of violence and hatred, oppression and injustice, all spawned from humankind, it is a miracle indeed that the human race can still recover, and produce people who can, and do, overcome evil with good; hatred with love and greed with open-handedness. This, Father God, can only be possible by your outpouring of grace. Amen.

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



“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave the tree alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilise it...’”

Hello, your Soul Food journey continues here with this week’s theme of Soul Rest: nourished by patience and slowness.



Today’s Bible Study video, hosted by Tim Baker - a local preacher in the Aire and Calder Circuit - looks at a story Jesus tells about a fig tree in **Luke 13:1-9**. You might like to read this passage before you watch the conversation below.

<https://youtu.be/fu1MNYLa10M?si=q808tnb-3KZxlrel>

Conjure in me a hope in you, O God, and in your love for me and all around me, I pray. Amen



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](#)

Advanced Safeguarding Course

Stephanie Bradley, Assistant District Safeguarding Officer is doing Advanced Safeguarding Training in the Telford Circuit on **Saturday 24th May 2025**, starting at 10am at **Wellington Methodist Church**.

If you are unsure as to whether you are due to attend a course please contact either your Church Safeguarding Officer or Sharon in the Circuit Office on 01952 505108.

Registration will be from 9:30am with a prompt start at 10am, finishing around 1pm.

Please book directly with Stephanie by calling 07494 734 473 or email: StephanieBradley@birminghammethodist.org.uk

Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING
Creating Safer Space



Please get in touch if you have something to share.



Contact:

circuitssupport@telfordmeth.org.uk

or 01952 505108

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!

Prayers please for the family and friends of Mavis Lamb who is in Princess Royal Hospital and isn't very well at all.

Please pray for the family and friends of Gail Hocking who passed away on recently. Gail was a Steward at Wellington Methodist Church. Her funeral will be on 24th March.

Please pray for Wes and James who are brothers and are both are having treatment for cancer at the same time. The rest of their families are struggling with their illness too.

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.

Lent



**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

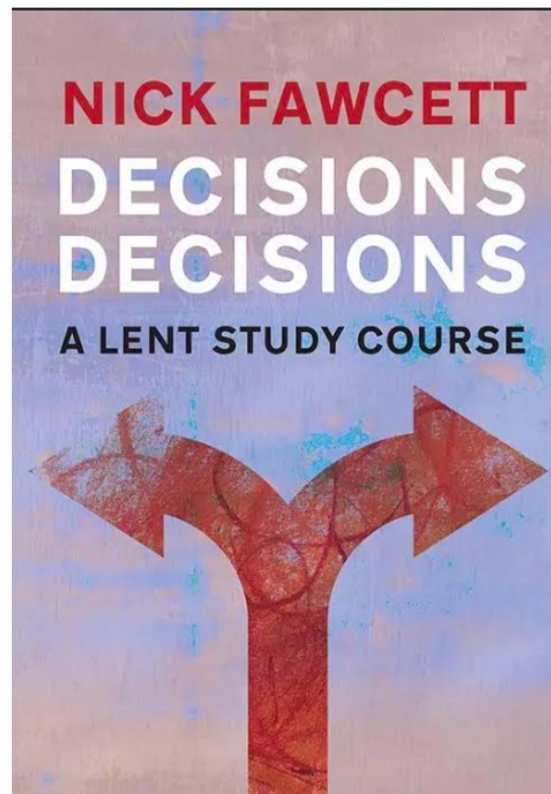
And 2nd and 9th April between 12:30-2:30pm

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



Wellington Methodist Church

Easter



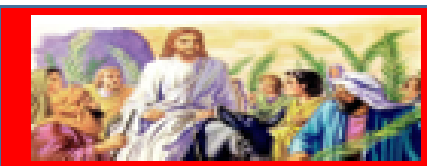
Services

Mothering Sunday



Sunday March 30th.
10.15am All Age worship
led by Mr. John Parkin

Palm Sunday



Sunday April 13th.
10.15am Service
led by Rev. Roger Dunlop
Palm crosses will be distributed.

Maundy Thursday



Thursday April 17th.
7.30pm Communion in the form of an
AGAPE MEAL
Led by Rev. Roger Dunlop

Good Friday



Friday April 18th
10.30 Service
led by Rev. Roger Dunlop
Hot cross buns following the service.
12noon Walk of Witness

Easter Sunday



Sunday April 20th.
8.45 am Communion in an Easter
Breakfast setting. Rev. Roger Dunlop.
10.15 service
Led by Mr. David Corden
Please bring flowers to the service to
dress the cross.

All Welcome

Come along to our Coffee Morning Admaston Methodist Church



Bratton Road, Admaston
TF5 0AH

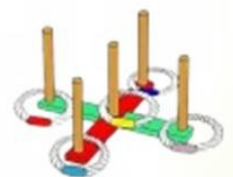


Saturday 22nd March
10.30 until 12.30



Cakes
Preserves
Refreshments
Chocolate Tombola

Games
Raffle
Jigsaws
Bring & Buy



Car Park Opposite Admaston House off Pemberton Road



Telford Methodists Circuit project with Ajumako Osedzi



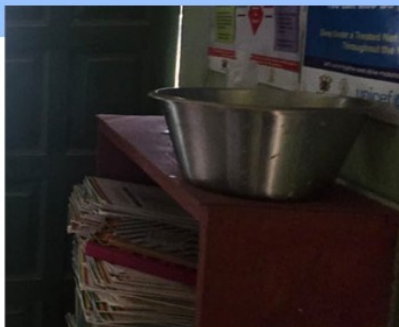
Community Health Centre March Update

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)



GREAT NEWS: We have raised just over £4,015 so far... let's keep going!

Please consider donating your Easter Offerings this year so that our fundraising can start making a difference by the summer!



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



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**



Table Top

sale

**Friday March 21st 2025
at Dawley Christian Centre
9:00am - 12:00 noon**



**Come along and grab yourself a
bargain!**



THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

Sat 22nd March 2025
2pm - 4pm



Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station,
Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury,
SY4 4QS. 7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

Join us in March when the choir from St John's Muxton will be with us for worship, teaching, prayer & great hospitality!

Future dates

- 28th April
- 26th May

Main Speaker

Roland West

Roland worked in the aerospace and automotive industries for over 20 years. He led a team to start Hope Community Church in Admaston in 2012.



Roland loves his wife and his three children, his grandchildren and the outdoors. He has a passion for Jesus, God's word, the church and winning the lost.

More info at...

www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin



IONA WORSHIP

An evening reflection
in Lent

inspired by the Iona Community, Scotland

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

New St., Wellington

Telford TF1 1LU

Sunday 23rd March 2025

5pm

ALL WELCOME

www.wellingtonmethodist.org.uk

www.iona.org.uk

All you keen or would be bakers please
Join us for Bread Church at
Dawley Christian Centre

On Wednesday 26th March 2025
between 1-3pm

And Saturday 29th March 2025
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)

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.

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
& Trinity
Church
Dorset



Dementia
Friendly Church

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 07983 248949 or
sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

LEEGOMERY METHODIST CHURCH

Are looking for volunteers to assist

With the Children and Young peoples activities at the Church

If you could spare an hour or so on a regular or occasional basis, or know of someone who might be interested

please contact:

Shirley via email Shirley.stevens@stevens92.plus.com

Or

Rev Roger Dunlop

roger@telfordmeth.org.uk

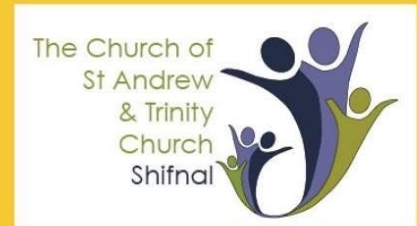
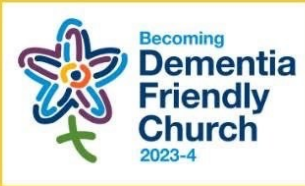
For further information

VOLUNTEER



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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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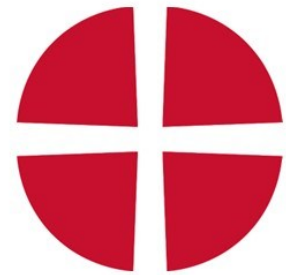
Stay & Play Under 5's Playgroup

at Dawley Christian Centre

High Street

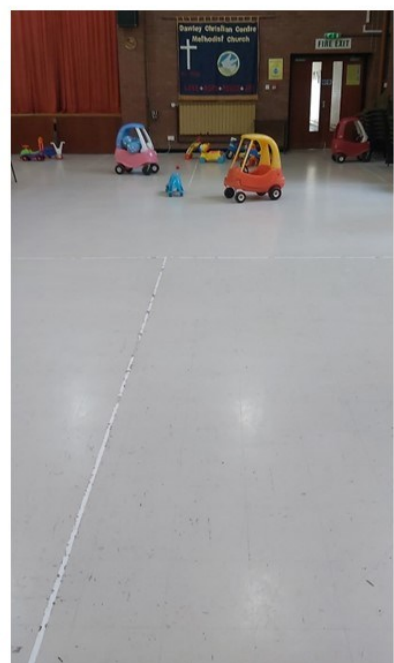
Dawley

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!



**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.

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](#)



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





Albrighton Methodist Church

Regular church activities

Cafe Central

Every Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Excellent coffee!

Meet with friends, old and new.



Sing a Long

2nd and 4th Fridays in the month.
2.00 to 3.30

Join in with "Old Time" songs
and songs from the musicals.

£2 per head.



Monthly Cafe

Last Saturday in the month 10.00 to 12.00

With high quality bric-a-brac and
book stalls.



Open Door

First Tuesday in the month
7.30 to 9.00

Wide variety of speakers
ranging from singing, wildlife,
travel logs, health related.....



£2 per head. Speaker usually puts fees to a charity.

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** 