

To: Lay & Ordained Synod Representatives – West Midlands District

28 July 2025

REPRESENTATIVE SYNOD

Telford Minster, Southwater Square, Telford, TF3 4HS Saturday 13th September 2025, 10 am – 3.30 pm

Dear Synod Representative,

We are delighted to be inviting you all to the first Representative Session of the West Midlands District Synod on Saturday 13 September, 10 am at Telford Minster. Tea and coffee will be available from 9.15 am.

The overall theme of this Synod will be visionary and looking forward to the new thing that God will be doing with and through us. Therefore, alongside all the business matters which will need attention, Synod will be couched within the atmosphere of participatory worship and prayer. We are especially looking forward to hearing from our newly appointed District Chair, Revd Dr. Rachel Deigh, who will bring the word and challenge to us!

One of the aims of this Synod is to help us to start getting to know one another and discern together the missional, justice-seeking and evangelistic priorities of our District. We have a gospel to proclaim, in word and action, which is good news for all. How will the District help us all to proclaim this?

Please familiarize yourself with your new Circuit number, i.e. 3/-, for registration purposes. A number of District Officers and Trustees will need to be appointed at Synod, and we will be voting on our Representatives to Conference 2026. Please let us have your completed nomination form for Representatives to Conference to the District Office – info@wmmethodists.org.uk by Monday 25 August 2025.

Soap-box – items that you may want to publicize, are invited in the form of .pdf posters or powerpoint slides which will be posted on the rolling screen throughout lunch-time. Please let us have your soap-box items to info@wmmethodists.org.uk by Friday 5 September the latest. If you would like to set up a stall at Synod, please contact the Synod Secretary at synod@wmmethodists.org.uk

Refreshments will be provided on this occasion at Synod in the form of sandwiches. Please let us know, by 25 August if you require gluten-free or vegetarian sandwiches.

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We encourage you to travel by public transportation or in shared vehicles. Telford Minister shares a common entrance with Meeting Point House. From Telford Central train station 0.9 miles (20-minute walk); From Telford Bus station 0.3 miles (5-minute walk). From the station, there is a pedestrian footbridge over the M54 and then follow signs to Telford Centre – the shopping centre - skirting the Aldi car park. Once you have walked through or round the shopping centre, cross over Southwater Way as the Minster is part of the Leisure and Entertainment block which west of the shopping centre.



There are several car parks, for example the Telford Centre multi-storey car park (next door) TF3 4EJ. Many spaces and height restrictions are in place. When exiting the car-park on foot, turn left and walk 50 yards to Telford Minster. The

Cinema and Restaurant Car Park (access off Northfield Street and Southwater Way by the library and Town Park) is the nearest.

For more travel information please see - Find us - Telford Minster - A Church Near You

We look forward to you all joining with us on Saturday 13th September.

Yours sincerely,

Revd. Novette Headley, Chair of District

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