



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Let us be still for a moment as we draw near to worship God. Let us remind ourselves why we are gathered together today. Listen. God speaks even through the background noise of the world around us. Lord God, in this short time together, open our eyes to see your vision for this place and our part within it. Teach us, hear our prayers, and enable us for service wherever you might take us, to your praise and glory. Amen

**We send love and blessings to those amongst our church family and beyond who are suffering illness, loss or loneliness at this time. Our prayers are with you.**

**Love and warm greetings to all our friends who are unable to get to church – you are still very much part of our church family.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tewkesbury**

**10.30am – Service – Colin Pascoe**

**3pm – 5pm – Circuit Assembly**

**5pm – Circuit tea – (thank you to those assisting in serving this!)**

**6pm – Evening service – Sue Peat**

**Apperley**

**11am – Revd Jayne Webb**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**9.15am – Praise and Worship**

**10.30am – Service – Revd Carrie Seaton**

### **THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 10am** Craft group in the hall

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 2.30pm –** Choir practice in the hall

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June –**

**10.30am – Coffee morning in church**

**(Please note there is a booking in the hall this morning 9.30 to 13.30)**

**We have a supportive and caring prayer group** at our church who continues to pray for those both in the church family and the

community about whom they have been notified. Please write any special requests for prayer in the book in the vestibule, but please have the recipient's permission to do so.

### **UPCOMING DATES –**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30pm –** Church Council meeting

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am –** Book Club

**7.30pm –** Camerata concert

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 3pm** Armed Forces Service – **sadly this has been cancelled.**

**MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION –** this will recommence on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **WELCOME SPACE – Saturday Coffee mornings**

We expect to be back in the church for coffee mornings from 21<sup>st</sup> June as the hall and kitchen are booked that morning as part of Tewkesbury's history festival. More information to follow,

**Pat Taylor** would like to remind the church family that she will send cards of greeting and /or support to those who are unwell, unable to attend church or suffering loss. Please keep her updated as to who might like to receive a card sending love and support.

**CHURCH SUMMER FETE –** our fete is just 6 weeks away so we would like to appeal for donations for stalls such as book and jigsaws, unwanted gifts suitable for re-gifting, tombola prizes etc. Please note no bric-a-brac – if in doubt please speak to a steward. If you would like to assist with a stall maybe for an hour or two please see one of the stewards.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING –** Thank you to all who were able to attend the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June. The minutes and reports are posted on the notice board in the Link.

**LARGE PRINT –** if you are unable to read the words on the screen and the large print hymn books are not suitable for you, please see one of the stewards so we can ensure large print copies are available.

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**PASTORAL** – please let me know of any of our church family who are unwell or are in need of some support. Our outreach worker, Jan, is working in maintaining contact with all our church family. Jean Davies

**CROSSPOINT** – the summer edition should be ready for distribution on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### **COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday**

We do struggle to keep the church open on a Saturday morning as we have only a small team now that are able to assist. If you can volunteer an occasional Saturday – maybe a family member would be willing to help out? – it would be greatly appreciated. Also if you can assist with serving coffee after our Sunday service, please sign the appropriate rota. Many thanks.

**NOTICES FOR JUNE** will be prepared by Jean Davies – [jed0606@yahoo.com](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com) 01684 772178 - The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

## **9<sup>th</sup> June – Columba of Iona, missionary to the UK**

In 563 AD St Columba sailed from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands. He brought Christianity with him.

Columba (c. 521 –97) was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and he trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include going into voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have

mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

*Here is a prayer of St Columba:*

Christ With Us  
My dearest Lord,  
Be Thou a bright flame before me,  
Be Thou a guiding star above me,  
Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,  
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,  
Today and evermore.

