



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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*As streets fill with shoppers  
Bright lights and tempting offers  
Christmas songs and children's laughter  
You lead us along a different path  
To a desert river and a Prophetic voice  
A call to repentance  
A call to service  
A call to immerse ourselves  
In living water that will never run dry  
A call to prepare a way in our own lives  
For the Saviour of the world to enter in  
To know the touch of tender mercy  
And rest in your forgiving love  
For your faithful prophets  
And your Living Word  
We give you thanks. 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> December  
Third Sunday in Advent**

**Tewkesbury**

**10.30am – Robert Carr Theme - Life**

**Apperley –**

**11.00am – Revd Jayne Webb**

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

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Tewkesbury**

**9.15am – Praise and Worship**

**10.30am – Revd Carrie Seaton – Holy Communion**

**3.15pm – Coffee and mince pies**

**4pm – Carols by Candlelight**

### THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December –**

**7.30pm – Jubilate Choir**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.00am –** Prayers for the church and community. Please write any special requests for prayer in the book in the vestibule, but please have the recipient's permission to do so.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.30pm – NO** Choir practice until 2026.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am –** Book Club

**10.30am –** Coffee morning

**10.30am –** Eco church meeting

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10am –**

**Christmas Day service (note early start)**

**APPERLEY Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December –**

**Carols at 7pm followed by coffee and mince pies. All are welcome.**

### DIARY DATES

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January –** please note there will be no Breakfast Club in January.

**10.30am – Covenant Service** with Revd Richard Clutterbuck.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am –**

**Commissioning Service – Revd Jayne Webb**

### COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

If you are able to cover a Saturday for our regular coffee morning please sign the rota in the vestibule. Likewise if you can assist with serving coffee after our Sunday service, please sign the appropriate rota. There are only a few regulars doing this now, so your support would be appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS FETE –** a huge thank you to all those who supported our Christmas fete last Saturday – Over £1200 was raised!! ~Apart from all those who helped on the day, with the set-up in the week, the dismantling on the day and those that came and parted with their cash – a big thank-you to those who knitted, crocheted and crafted all our lovely angels. The church looks amazing.....

**CHURCH FAMILY CARDS –** please note Thursday 18th is the last day to post cards in

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our box. The cards will be available for collection from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please be kind enough to deliver to those that are not at church if you are able.

**FESTIVE LUNCH** – Advance notice that we will be preparing a 3 course Christmas lunch on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January following morning worship. Tickets will be available in due course.

**ECO GROUP – Eco group meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Bethesda**

Dorothy, Gerald and Sophie had a very interesting meeting with the leaders of the A Rocha Gold Award at Bethesda Methodist Church in Cheltenham.

They started by showing us around the building, including the display that shows how much electricity they are getting from their solar panels, and how many kilos of carbon they have saved since installing the solar panels... very interesting. It is a much bigger building than ours, and used for all sorts of community activities. We are a bit weak on that, but will see what we can do.

The main thing they stressed on is that the application for a Gold Award is very much a “whole parish” business. We will all have to look at our lifestyle, and, for example, do a carbon footprint for our personal life. So we really need you to be on board, please, in the limits of your ability of course. We then started talking business. They explained that their biggest hassle had been to do things for nature. They do not have a garden, and they are in a conservation area, so they could not put plants crawling on the building, or boxes of any sort. We will not have this problem, and Gerald took ideas of what he could do in our beautiful front garden.

There will be several things we must pay attention to, serving the community and heating the building will be the main ones. Installing solar panels on the south and west facing sides of the roof should be possible. We will need to raise some of the money and apply for grants.

One of the things we will need to look at is having solar panels on the church hall roof. We will have to look for grants and raise funds for that, but it will be worthwhile in the long run. Nature is also very important, and we will look at raised beds at the back of the church, and nature-friendly plants in the front garden.

At any stage, we can fill in bits of the application form for the Gold Award, and A Rocha will make comments as to how many points we are getting. This is a bit technical, but I was very pleased to hear how to go about applying, so I will start on that. Everyone is welcome to join me.

We had a meeting yesterday (13<sup>th</sup> December), and will feed back our discussion to the church family later.

Sophie Franklin

**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, will be working in maintaining contact with all our church family. Jean Davies

**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.

**WELCOME SPACE** – You will be pleased to hear that following a meeting with the architect and builder the start date for the work will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026. More detail will follow.

Your Welcome Space Team

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

