TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES
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It is good to be in your presence, Lord, in this oasis of peace within our busy week. Speak to us through worship and prayer, and in moments of reflection. Speak to us as we read your word and share fellowship together. It is good to be in your presence, Lord.

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 15th November
9.15am – Praise and Worship
10.30am – Nick Butler

Sunday 22nd November
Tewkesbury
10.30am – S Walmsley
Apperley
11am – Revd J McNeill

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY
Thursday 19th – 10.00am – Craft group
Friday 20th – 2.30pm Choir practice (check if running)

FORTHCOMING DATES
Sunday 29th November – 2pm – 6pm – Church open (Lights-on at 5pm)
Saturday 5th December – 10am – Christmas
Sunday 13th December – 3pm – Harmony Praise Christmas Service
Monday 14th December – 7.30pm - Jubilate choir concert
Sunday 20th December – 3.15pm – Mince pies and punch followed by Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 17th January 2027 – 12.30 – Festive Lunch (tickets available after Christmas)
Saturday 30th January 2.30pm – Quiz afternoon with refreshments

We have a supportive and caring prayer group at our church who continue 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 church, but please have the recipient's permission to do so.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION – The Wednesday mid-week holy communion will recommence on 20th January 2027 as part of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. More details to follow.

HARMONY PRAISE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – Sunday 13th December 3pm -The Harmony praise team have re-grouped to prepare a special service for Christmas including hymns, prayers, readings and poems with live music.

DINNER LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Please can you add your name to the list if you intend to come to the meal on Thursday 10th December at Browns (at Tewkesbury Garden Centre). I also now require your deposit of £10 and your choices. If you prefer a smaller portion please state this. I now need to confirm booking to the restaurant. Everyone welcome. Jean Davies

THANK YOU from Tewkesbury Foodbank for the donation of 50.4kg of food from our Harvest service.

CHRISTMAS FETE – Please start to save suitable prizes for the tombola. We'd also appreciate new items for our gift and craft stall (no bric a brac please). (We won't have room for a book stall this time). Also any items for the raffle hamper would be welcome. (Luxury food items). Also if you have any spare mugs Kim would be pleased to receive these to fill and sell at the fete. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET – Jackie Dobbs has prepared a Christmas Playtime quiz all about toys and games. Sheets are £2 a copy and are available from stewards. Please return your completed form to church or to Jackie no later than 8th January 2027. The winner receives £10. Proceeds for church funds.

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LESSON READERS – It would be great if we could have a few more volunteers for the readings on a Sunday morning. If I haven't already managed to recruit you please speak to me if you'd like to be added to the list. Many thanks! Jean Davies

ROAD CLOSURE – Access will be restricted at the rear of the church between 14th December and 21st December so vegetation can be removed and new railings installed along Swilgate. The public car park will be accessible from the hospital end but not from the Abbey end. This doesn't affect pedestrian access.

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.

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.

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

THE GREEN PAGE –

An international team of scientists has discovered how to make clean hydrogen fuel from plastic waste at relatively low temperatures.

This allows them to capture most of the plastic's carbon as solid, re-useable minerals while avoiding the release of carbon dioxide gas into the atmosphere, and collecting clean hydrogen to use as fuel.

The team hope their process can be part of the solution towards easing plastic pollution and increasing clean energy sources.

NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER will be prepared by Jean Davies – jed0606@yahoo.com or 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

SAINTS' DAYS – 16th November St Margaret of Scotland -

Some women have power, and some women are good. When a woman with power is also good, she can achieve an astonishing amount.

Margaret of Scotland has been called 'The Pearl of Scotland', but she began life in Hungary about 1045. She was born to the expatriate English prince Edward the Exile, and so was an English princess. The family returned to Wessex in 1057, when she was 13, and following the death of King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, her brother Edgar Aetheling should have been King of England, but he was never crowned. Instead, the family fled north, to Scotland, where she was married to Malcolm III of Scotland by 1070. As a Scottish queen she went on to become mother of three kings of Scotland, and of a queen consort of England.

Margaret was a Christian, and became a good friend of Lanfranc, a future archbishop of Canterbury. Her biographer tells of how she read narratives from the Bible to her husband, thus helping to 'civilise' him. He was illiterate, but so admired her reading, that he had her books decorated with gold and silver. She was also credited with helping her youngest son, the future King David I of Scotland, towards becoming a just and holy ruler.

Margaret introduced the worship and practise of the Church of Rome into Scotland. She also wanted to help the many pilgrims travelling in Scotland, and so she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, which is where the towns South Queensferry and North Queensferry got their names.

Margaret performed many charitable works for the poor, and she interceded for the release of English exiles who had been forced into serfdom following the Norman conquest. She also began the restoration of Iona Abbey.

In private life, Margaret spent much of her time in prayer, using a cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline as a place of devotion and prayers. St Margaret's Cave is still there today, covered beneath a municipal car park.



Saint Margaret of Scotland - TheCatholicKid.com

Margaret died in 1093, and in 1250 Pope Innocent IV canonised her. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation, but at one time Mary, Queen of Scots, owned her head.