



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Lord God, our light and our salvation, illuminate this place and all who meet here with the brightness of your presence. Melt away all shadows and bring into our hearts the flame of true worship, which nothing can put out.

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 25th January –
Tewkesbury**

10.30am – Locally arranged service for Leprosy Mission.

Apperley

11am – Liz Ledger

Sunday 1st February –

9.15am - Wild Green Breakfast Club

10.30am – Service with Gail Whiting (no holy communion)

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Our Prayer group might not be meeting in person at present but will still be praying 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.

DIARY DATES AT TEWKESBURY

Monday 9th February – Building work will now begin on 9th February in the guildroom and hall. Areas have been cleared in readiness for the builders arriving. Please note the church parking spaces will **not** be available during the building works.

Tuesday 3rd February – 2.30pm Wives and Friends

Wednesday 4th February –

10.30am – Mid week holy communion with Revd Carrie Seaton

Thursday 5th February –

10.00am – Craft group recommences in the church

Men Allowed Meal (tbc)

Saturday 7th February –

10.30am – Bible Club

2.30pm - Da Capo Quartet concert –

AFTERNOON CONCERT - 2.30pm

Saturday 28th February – Book Club

PLEASE READ AND SIGN UP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

SECTION CHURCH AWAY-DAY AT HOLLAND HOUSE - as previously notified we are holding an "Away Day" at Holland House on Wednesday 22nd July between 10.30am and 4.30pm. Jayne will put together a simple programme for this, but you can opt-out or opt-in as you wish, and just use the opportunity to use the house and grounds for a time of quiet reflection.

I now need to know of your interest please, so I can estimate the number attending. There is a £10 non-refundable deposit to be paid but I am not requesting this at present. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you are interested. Thank you.

(lifts can be arranged).

Jean Davies

CROSSPOINT – I would like all material for the next edition of Crosspoint by 28th February please. You can give me paper copies or email to me at jed0606@yahoo.com.

Jean Davies

COBALT CARDS – Wendy would like to thank everyone for their support for the Cobalt Unit – sales of Christmas cards came to over £129, in addition to the collection pots given. Please continue to bring your used greetings cards.

Wendy Allen

PTO

CHURCH GIVING – Many thanks to all for your continued financial support of our church. I am preparing the brown envelopes for regular giving for the next financial year, for those that are able to use Gift Aid for their donations. Please let me know if your circumstances have changed e.g. if you are no longer a tax payer but give via the brown envelopes or by direct debit. We will need to amend our records. Likewise if you are a taxpayer and do not already use the brown envelopes or donate via direct debit, you can complete a form to enable the church to claim an additional 25% on top of your giving, at no cost to yourself. Please see me for further information. Jean Davies

DA CAPO QUARTET - we are privileged that this professional quartet has chosen our church for their first concert in the town. This is a classical choir with a piano accompanist. The concert is on Saturday 7th February at 2.30pm and will be approximately 90 minutes with an interval when refreshments will be served. The performance is free but the church funds the accompanist and then all voluntary donations will go to the church. We would be grateful for your support – as this is something we would like to repeat regularly if the quartet is happy with their audience – so the more the merrier. Please share with friends and family.

ECO GROUP – The 7 “R”s

Rejoice – Let's take delight in Creation – God's free gift to us. This is all we need for our own fulfilment!

Refuse – refuse to believe what the adverts say. You are no less a person because you don't have this gadget or haven't been to that exotic place.

Reduce – By reducing our impact on the planet could we also reduce our levels of stress and anxiety? We can buy less, travel less, and put less pressure on ourselves to have that perfect home and ever-active life.

Reuse – Replace the convenience of single use and disposable items with the love of something which can be re-used for months or years.

Repair – Let's look after our stuff and keep hold of the old skills of sewing and repairing. Find out if there are workshops near you where you can get your electronic items fixed, and donate old furniture to charities which teach people refurbishing skills.

Rent, borrow and share – Ownership can be overrated. Tools in particular are often bought and used only once or twice a year. Borrowing and sharing can be a great way of bonding with neighbours, and there are organisations which will

rent clothes, tools and rarely used items such as camping equipment.

Recycle – Recycling come last on the list because it should be a last resort. Recycling does reduce the rate in which we use natural resources but it still uses a lot of energy for transporting and processing the items.

COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

We would appreciate your help in keeping the church open on a Saturday morning by serving coffee. Also if you can assist with serving coffee after our Sunday service, please sign the appropriate rota. Your support would be appreciated.

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.

EVENT AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY – *we have been asked to publicise this talk coming up in February* – “We are incredibly fortunate to welcome **The Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell**, Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem, to Tewkesbury Abbey. Living and serving in the heart of the Holy Land since 2018, Dean Richard has become a globally respected spokesperson and a regular voice on international media regarding the tragedies in Israel and Palestine. With a background in major inter-faith projects and decades of ministry, he offers a rare, eyewitness perspective on the conflict. His "radical empathy" and deep theological insight provide a unique bridge across bitter divides. In a time of simplified headlines, this is a vital opportunity to hear a nuanced, compassionate reflection on the "way of peace" from someone at the centre of the situation”.

The talk takes place on Sunday 15th February in the Parish Hall at 2pm (refreshments available). For more information please contact: info@tewkisburyabbey.org.uk

NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY will be prepared by Adrian Shelley –

The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.