



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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*God of the dawning, you are there when we
awaken and welcome in the day.
God of the morning, you are present on our
journey, our helper on our way.
God of the noontime, you are with us in our
meeting; in friendship we are blessed.
God of the evening, you are in our relaxation,
our lying down to rest.*

**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 28th June

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Locally arranged service

Apperley

11am – Sue Peat

Sunday 5th July –

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Wild Green Breakfast Club

10.30am – Revd Steve Ward – Holy
Communion

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Wednesday 1st July – Men Allowed

Thursday 2nd July – 10am Craft group in the
hall

Friday 3rd July – 2.30pm – Choir practice in
the hall

Saturday 4th July -

10.30am – Coffee morning in church

**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 church, but please
have the recipient's permission to do so.

UPCOMING DATES –

7th July – Wives and Friends

11th July – Choral recital 2pm

11/12th July – MedFest in Tewkesbury

15th July – Safeguarding course

17th July – Tewkesbury Players practice

18th July – Summer Fete 10-2pm

21st July – Property, Finance and Welcome
Space meeting

22nd July – Church Away-Day

24th/25th July – Tewkesbury Live

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION – this will
recommence on Wednesday 2nd September.

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 **3**
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.

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

COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

We are finding it hard to keep the church open on a
Saturday morning as we have only a small team
now that is able to assist. If you can volunteer an
occasional Saturday it would be greatly
appreciated.

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NOTICES FOR JULY will be prepared by Adrian Shelley The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

The story behind the HYMN: **Lord, for the years**

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.*

**Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*

By Timothy Dudley Smith

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His

commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so - 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time - his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, on his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for Queen Elizabeth herself. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday this April, and her 'official' birthday on the second Saturday in June. She did indeed thank God 'for the years Your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen also held true:

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*



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