



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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A prayer that our faith may ever increase

Let our faith in you, O Lord, be ever stronger, our life with you ever deeper, our praying ever more awake to your glory, our hold on you ever firmer and our love for you ever increasing. **Amen**

William Bramwell, Methodist itinerant preacher (1759-1818)

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 2nd August

Tewkesbury

9.15am – No Breakfast Club

10.30am – Revd. John Kime – Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Steward led worship

Apperley

11.00am – Mr. Stan Brown

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Friday 7th August

2.30pm – Choir practice

6.30pm – Methodist Players rehearsal

Saturday 8th August

10.30am – Coffee Morning

10.30am – ECO group meet

DIARY DATE

SONGS OF PRAISE AT TEWKESBURY

Sunday 23rd August

Please see one of the Stewards and take a voting slip to write your favourite STF hymn on. We need these returned by **Sunday 16 August** please.

THE METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

2026/27 is now available to order. It's a great accompaniment for daily prayer and bible study. The initial cost is £4.99 plus postage and I'm hoping by ordering a quantity we may get a discount. **Please see Dorothy to order your copy.**

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 – 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.

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

PRAYER GROUP

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.

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

CARDS OF SUPPORT

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.

SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Summer Fair a huge success. Nearly £1200 was raised for Church Funds.

CRAFT GROUP

Craft group is not meeting until September, date to be arranged.

CHRISTIAN AID are appealing for donations to help the people affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela. Please give as much as you are able. Thankyou.

GREEN GROUP ISSUES –

Next meeting

8th August

ECO CALENDAR

AUGUST

Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See our blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips:
arochoa.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat/.



GREEN WAY OF LIFE

Use your **LOAF** Support local shops, try to buy British fruit and vegetables in season, grow some of your own food. Eat less meat and dairy, buy free-range eggs and meat and sustainably-caught fish. Suggest communal church meals based on the **LOAF** principles

Locally produced,
Organically grown,
Animal friendly,
Fairly traded
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Beyond **LOAF**, saying grace at mealtimes will remind us to appreciate food and the people and environment who provide it.

To fast as a discipline can, change attitudes to eating. Reflect on developments such as gene editing and lab-grown meats. Sharing food can build and strengthen communities.

Travel light – Walk, cycle, take the bus, tram or train, use local shops, noticing the beauty of nature. Don't fly; a transatlantic passenger blows your annual fair share of carbon in one go. If you must fly, offset it. Most European travel is possible by train.

TEWKESBURY CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM

Wednesday. 12th of August 7.30pm at the Baptist Church.

Come along and hear about activities in the last and coming year:

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.

NOTICES FOR AUGUST will be prepared by Adrian Shelley– adandgillshelley@gmail.com or 01684 297411 - The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.