



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Tewkesbury Methodist Church: Registered Charity no. 11179000

In your presence we find the bread of life that will feed our soul. In your presence we find living water that will quench our thirst. In your presence we find the Lamb of God who forgives our sin. In your presence we find radiance and light in which to worship.

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 30th August

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10.30am – Revd Carrie Seaton – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September –

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NO BREAKFAST CLUB

1030am – Jenny Jackson

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Tuesday 1st – 2.30pm – Wives and Friends

Wednesday 2nd – Men Allowed

Friday 4th – 2.30pm Choir practice (check if running)

Friday 4th – 6.30pm – Methodist Players' rehearsal

Saturday 5th – 10.30am Eco Group meeting

Sunday 6th – Please note there will not be a Wild Green Breakfast Club today.

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.

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION – unfortunately due to Jayne's ongoing sick leave we are unable to hold this at present.

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 AWAY-DAY 2027 – I am pleased to say that this has been booked for Wednesday 21st July 2027. Do put the date in your diary – I will ask for names of those interested later in the year - no commitment just a rough idea of numbers. Jean Davies

BOOK CLUB – Jackie Dobbs runs a book club held once a month on a Saturday morning. New members are always welcome – please see Dorothy Davis or one of the stewards if you would like to try it out and they will put you in touch with Jackie.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 20th September

Followed by -

Harvest Lunch - 12.30pm - tickets are £12.00 each for a two course meal, and are available from Church Stewards from this Sunday.

HARVEST SERVICE – We will be decorating the church at 9.30am on Saturday 19th September if you would like to help out. Donations of just a few items of fresh colourful produce – apples, carrots, peppers etc – together with some suitable greenery and flowers – would be appreciated.

1) We shall be supporting the local **Food Bank** again this year so we would be pleased to receive non-perishable items, particularly jam, rice pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned meat for cooking (eg meatballs) and tinned meat for sandwiches (eg corned beef) either at the service or before that date.

2) We would also like to support overseas mission by donating to the **Harvest Appeal for "Ripple Effect"**. This charity supports families in Africa by teaching sustainable farming techniques that restore and protect soil. These methods help the land retain water and nutrients, enabling families to grow nutritious

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food, improve their livelihoods and withstand future climate shocks. .

There will be a separate collection plate available at the service to make your donation to this charity. If you wish to make a donation prior to 20th September please put in the collection plate in a clearly marked envelope for "Ripple Appeal". Please support as you are able.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – as we are no longer able to go ahead with our Christmas Tree Festival this year we would appreciate our church family helping us with ideas and suggestions – together with practical help nearer the time - to make our church look special for the Advent season and for a successful Christmas Fair (for which we rely on for fund-raising). Please come along for a chat from 10.30am during the coffee morning on **12th September** and bring your ideas.

CROSSPOINT MAGAZINE – today is the last day for any contributions to the autumn magazine. 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.

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

Our appeal for help with coffee mornings on a Saturday continues! We do want to keep the church open on a Saturday for our regulars and visitors. If you are able to help please sign the rota in the vestibule.

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

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

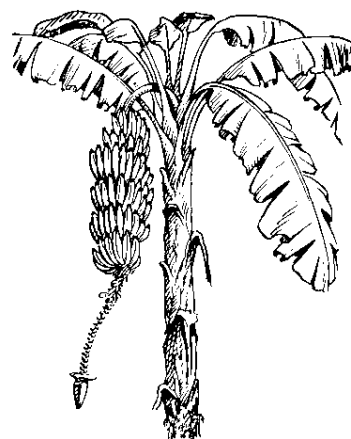
Meet Priscillah - my name's Priscillah, and I live in West Pokot, Kenya with my husband Dixon, five children and two grandchildren. Not long ago, life was very difficult for us. The challenges we faced were the unreliable climate, and we didn't know how to cope with it. We didn't have the knowledge or access to a good variety of seeds. We also didn't know

how to plan our land or where to put what. We didn't understand that there was potential to get so much income from what we had.

Through Ripple Effect's training, I learned how to plan my land better, improve my soil, and manage water more effectively. Today, everything has changed. Now I grow a wide variety of crops, including sweet potatoes, peas, legumes, and avocados. My land is carefully organised so that I can have continuous harvests throughout the year. I like growing nuts as it helps me meet the six food categories.

Growing a variety of crops has improved my soil and strengthened my family's nutrition. Sweet potatoes are now a daily staple in our home, and I make sure that everything from the harvest is used so nothing goes to waste. With irrigation from a nearby river and improved composting techniques, I am able to grow vegetables even during the dry season, when food used to be scarce. This improved harvest has changed our family life. We now eat a wider variety of nutritious foods, and my children are healthier and better nourished.

Our income has also increased through the sale of surplus produce, helping us meet our essential needs. We don't have any financial constraints these days. My husband Dixon has also seen the change. He recognises both the improved harvest and my growing confidence and leadership. Together, we are building a more secure future from our land.



£100 could provide banana seedlings helping to improve harvests and strengthen food security through training and ongoing support.