



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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### HE IS RISEN – He is risen indeed

**C**ome all the faithful, let us worship God,  
for through the Cross, joy has come to all  
the world.

Ever blessing the Lord, we sing  
His Resurrection, for having endured the  
Cross for us,  
He has destroyed death by death.  
Oxford Prayer Book

**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.**

*It is with sadness that we share the news that Viv Hallett died last weekend. We are unable to hold her Thanksgiving Service at our church due to the extensive work starting in the church in the next week, so Viv's family has asked us to let friends at our church know that this will be held at Sycamore Chapel at Northway at 1pm in Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. All are welcome.*

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

**Tewkesbury 9.15am** – Wild Green Breakfast Club held in the church.

**10.30am** – Revd. Jayne Webb – Holy Communion

**Apperley 11am** – Deacon Sue Peat

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Tewkesbury 10.30am** – Deacon Sue Peat

#### THIS WEEK IN TEWKESBURY

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – Wives & Friends

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April** - Craft Group

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Choir practice

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30am** – Coffee morning

**UNVEILING OF THE BILL SHAKESPEARE PLAQUE – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

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We are hosting an event organised by Tewkesbury Historical Society on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Following the unveiling of a Tourist Plaque at Riverside House at 4pm there will be tea and cake served in our church at 4.30pm followed by a presentation by John Dixon (finishing about 6pm).

All are welcome to this event celebrating the life and achievements of a local hero.

#### MID-WEEK COMMUNION

**Due to the continued building work, we will not be able to hold mid-week Holy Communion on 15<sup>th</sup> April. The next one should be 6<sup>th</sup> May but we will assess nearer the time if we can proceed.**

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**1.00pm** Viv Hallett's Thanksgiving at Sycamore Chapel.

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Book Club

**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.

#### WELCOME SPACE

The contractors will be making a start in the church from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 for approx. six weeks

#### IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

Although some activities will be booked into the Hall after Easter the builders will be working in the carpark and Guild room as well as starting in the Church itself.

Please avoid entering from Swilgate road in the daytime. Access will be from the front down the side passage. This arrangement may have to continue for two weeks or so.

We thank you all for your assistance.

Your Welcome Space Team

If you have any queries please speak to Peter or Adrian

**BIBLE CLUB** - please note that Saturday morning Bible Club will cease with effect from 7th March for the foreseeable future. Thank you to those who have attended in recent months. Jayne.

### **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.

### **THE HISTORY OF EASTER**

**E**aster commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, although the word 'Easter' actually has nothing to do with Christianity. Jesus had been crucified on a Friday and rose from the dead on the following Sunday. For Christians, the resurrection of Jesus is a foundation of their faith. The Bible book, Acts, records the words of Peter, one of Jesus' closest followers and an eyewitness to his resurrection. He tells a crowd,

*'You handed him over to be killed and you disowned him before Pilate.... You killed the author of life but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.'*

Because the resurrection took place on a Sunday, the first Christians soon adopted Sunday as the day of the week when they gathered to pray together and worship God. But it took much longer for Easter Sunday to emerge as an annual day to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. And Christians in different countries marked it at different times and in different ways.

### **HOW EASTER GOT IT'S NAME**

**I**n most countries, the name for Easter is derived from the word Passover. In French it is *Paques*; in Spanish, *Pascua*, and in Italian, *Pasqua*. The word 'Easter' comes from the name for an Anglo-Saxon pagan goddess, Eostre, who was celebrated in Spring. In Germany, the festival is called *Ostern* because there the goddess is named Ostara. The association of eggs with Easter is very ancient and the origins are not clear. But eggs – and rabbits – are thought to be symbols of new life at springtime and Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the new life or fresh start that people receive when they become Christians.

Source <https://www.christianity.org.uk>

### **GREEN GROUP ISSUES**

Next meeting Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**I**n November last year, more than 1,200 MPs, peers and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media gathered at Westminster Central Hall for a landmark national briefing delivered by leading UK experts. The event opened with broadcaster Chris Packham, who called for clear public understanding of the risks facing the UK. Experts addressed the implications of climate and nature breakdown for food security, health, national security, infrastructure and the economy, alongside practical evidence on how risks can still be reduced.

Chris Packham has said:

*"I'd encourage people everywhere to attend a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing*. It creates exactly the kind of honest local conversation we now urgently need, both about what these changes mean where we live, and about what we can do together to address them."*

**NOTICES FOR APRIL** will be prepared by Adrian Shelley – email [adandgillshelley@gmail.com](mailto:adandgillshelley@gmail.com) Telephone number 01684 297411. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.