



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Bless the worship we present to you, bless the hymns we sing to you, bless us in our offering, bless us in our coming, bless us in our going, and make our lives a blessing on the road we travel. Amen

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 6th September –
Tewkesbury
NO BREAKFAST CLUB
10.30am – Jenny Jackson (No HC)

Sunday 13th September –
Tewkesbury
10.30am – Alison Jackson
Apperley
11.00am – Paul Turner

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Thursday 10th – 10.00am – Craft group recommences

Friday 11th – 2.30pm Choir practice (check if running)

Friday 11th – 6.30pm – Methodist Players' rehearsal

Saturday 12th – 10.30am – Coffee morning and Christmas chat

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.

CHRISTMAS! FAIRS AND FESTIVALS – please come along at 10.30am on Saturday 12th to a chat about our future plans for celebrating the Christmas season.....and how we can share this with the local community.

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

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 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.

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CROSSPOINT MAGAZINE – the autumn edition should be available for distribution from Sunday 13th September. Jean Davies

BAPTIST CHURCH INVITATION – our local Baptist Church is welcoming a new church leader on Saturday 26th September at 2.30pm – Paul Bennett and his wife Nia. The service will be followed by refreshments and all are warmly invited to attend.

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.

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.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebrates 70 years: 1956 - 2026

It was back in February of 1956 that Buckingham Palace released a press announcement outlining plans for a trial period of 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

It was the post-war era, and His Royal Highness wanted to help boys bridge the gap between leaving formal education at 15 and starting National Service at 18. He also wanted them to build self-confidence and a sense of purpose to support them into their future. A youth programme, he believed, would improve their skills and equip them to make valuable contributions to their communities and society.

In 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award pilot was launched to national voluntary youth organisations. It soon expanded to include Local Education

Authorities, the Armed Forces and some schools across the UK.

After the first year, 7,000 boys had started a programme and 1,000 Awards had been achieved. Girls were allowed to join the programme in 1958. Since that first year, millions have joined the DofE Award programme.

The DofE continued to evolve, and programmes took on their current format of Volunteering, Physical, Skills, Expedition, and Residential at Gold level in 1980.

In 2020, DofE participants stepped up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The volunteering efforts of 330,000 young people equated to an investment of almost £8.5 million in a time of need.

The DofE says: "It hasn't been the easiest few years for young people. From the ongoing aftermath of the pandemic to the anxieties of the cost-of-living crisis, the future doesn't always feel certain.

"But, in seven decades of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), we've learnt one thing: never doubt what young people can do. Time and time again, we've seen that when young people are given the chance to prove to themselves what they're capable of, there's no limit to what they can achieve.

"We're here to celebrate and champion every young person. To provide a safe environment of support and challenge that grows as they do.

"Whatever their ability, interest or background, DofE offers young people the chance to strive for achievement, overcome obstacles, and set their minds to a personal challenge. Because when you prove to yourself that you're ready for anything, nothing can hold you back. Our Founder HRH Prince Philip once said: 'There is more in you than you might think.' And, here at the DofE, we help you realise that."

Prince Philip passed away in April 2021, but his legacy thrives thanks to the tireless support of the new Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward.

More info at: <https://www.dofe.org>