TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES
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A prayer for Remembrance Sunday:
Lord of the ages,
our hope in times of trouble,
and our consolation in grief;
bring us a spirit of renewal,
so that Your people may honour those who have given their lives in service to their country in conflict.
May their service kindle in us the desire for peace and unity,
which is Your hope for all people.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 8th Nov – Remembrance Sunday
Tewkesbury
9.15am – Coffee and croissants
10.55am – Act of Remembrance at the Cross
11.15am – Short Remembrance service – steward led
Apperley
11am – Revd Jayne Webb

Sunday 15th November
9.15am – Praise and Worship
10.30am – Nick Butler

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY
Tuesday 10th November – 7.30pm – Church Council
Thursday 12th – 10.00am – Craft group
Friday 13th – 2.30pm Choir practice (check if running)
Saturday 14th –
10.00am – 11.00 Eco group
10.30am – Coffee morning

FORTHCOMING DATES
Sunday 29th November – 2pm – 6pm – Church open (Lights-on at 5pm)
Saturday 5th December – 10am – Christmas Fete
Tuesday 14th December – 7.30pm - Jubilate choir concert
Sunday 20th December – 3.15pm – Mince pies and punch followed by Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 17th January 2027 – 12.30 – Festive Lunch (tickets available after Christmas)
Saturday 30th January 2.30pm – Quiz afternoon with refreshments

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.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION –
Unfortunately we haven't been able to start this again for various reasons, so no services during November. We will advise the recommencement as soon as possible.

DINNER LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH – I have booked a table for Thursday 10th December at Browns (at Tewkesbury Garden Centre) at 12.00. Copies of the menu are available from me, and if you would like to come along we will have to pay a deposit of £10 each and pre-book our choices. Can you please add your name to the list on the notice board so I can confirm the booking to the restaurant.
Please note ladies - this is open to all –please join us if you are able. Jean Davies

CHRISTMAS FETE – Mugs – if you have any spare mugs Kim would be pleased to receive these to fill and sell at the fete.
Also please start to save suitable prizes for the tombola. We'd also appreciate new items for our gift and craft stall (no bric a brac please). (We won't have room for a book stall this time). Also any suitable items for the raffle hamper would be welcome.

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET – Jackie Dobbs has prepared a Christmas Playtime quiz all about toys and games. Sheets are £2 a copy and are available from stewards. Please return your completed form to church or to Jackie no later than 8th January 2027. The winner receives £10. Proceeds for church funds.

LESSON READERS – It would be great if we could have a few more volunteers for the readings on a Sunday morning. If I haven't already managed to recruit you please speak to me if you'd like to be added to the list. Many thanks! Jean Davies

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.

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

THE GREEN PAGE – Green tips
Rent, borrow and share – Ownership can be overrated Tools in particular are often bought and used only once or twice a year. Borrowing and sharing can be a great way of bonding with neighbours, and there are organisations which will rent clothes, tools and rarely used items such as camping equipment. Before buying anything you won't use every day ask your friends and neighbours, with a promise to lend them something in return. Book lovers, remember your local library and charity shops.

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



In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.