



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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O Christ of the dove, grant us the purity of the Spirit. O Christ of the sparrow, grant us the Father's protection. O Christ of the mother-hen, grant us shelter beneath your wing. Amen.

St Bonaventure (c.1217–1274)

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 11th October

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Steward Led Service

Apperley

11am – Mr. Neil Grecian - Harvest Festival

Sunday 18th October

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Mr. Leo Guttridge

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Thursday 15th – 10.00am – Craft group

Friday 16th – 2.30pm Choir practice (check if running)

Saturday 17th –

10.30am – Christmas Workshop

10.30am – Coffee morning

DIARY DATES –

Sunday 25th October – 9.15am Praise & Worship. Note change of date

Sunday 17th January 2027 12.30pm
Festive Lunch

Saturday 30th January 2027 2.30pm
Quiz afternoon with refreshments.

THE LEPROSY CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Is now available from Gill.

Order returned by Sunday 11th October please.

METHODIST PLAYERS CONCERT. The magnificent amount of nearly £500.00 was raised and this will be donated to Mindsong, a

Gloucestershire charity reaching people with dementia through music and song

POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

Poppies - if any knitters/crocheters would like to make some poppies to decorate the church for Remembrance Day Wendy would be delighted.

She has washed all the existing poppies and will be putting them together for the display. If you are unsure of the design please ask a steward who will direct you to the right person!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS – as part of the nativity display we are going to have two workshops on Saturday 17th October and Saturday 7th November from 10.30am, to make a variety of stars and other nativity symbols – maybe a sheep or two...! The workshops were enjoyed last year and they are for ALL abilities – designs will be simple but effective. Our craft group and Di Jones are helping prepare these.

CHRISTMAS – We were planning an extravagant Tree Festival for 2026 but due to our big building project this year, and time restrictions we have put this on hold until 2027. However, for 2026, we will have a mini nativity festival (some may recall we did this a few years ago). **SO –** if you have a nativity scene that you are willing to loan to the church to display from early December, we will arrange these on the communion table and surrounding area. We will do our best to take care of these but please loan at your own risk

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

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.

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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.

COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

If you are able to help serve coffee please sign the rota in the vestibule. We have quite a few gaps.

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 GREEN / ECO GROUP

Next meeting **Saturday 24th October at 10.30am**

Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm.

Social & Climate Justice Group



I'm writing to you as the new co-leader of our Social & Climate Justice Group, along with Rev John Kime. I'm attaching a poster advertising our next meeting, **Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm** to be held on Zoom

Here is the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95450201752?pwd=138Aax3oogxXbSaBnT7WNmf7HlTlnw.1>

and I would be very grateful if you are able to publicise this meeting within your church community

Following Jayne's story on Sunday about a New Zealand Aborigines group who managed to sue the company who was not looking after their local river, on the ground that a river was just like a person, had to be protected, it reminded me that there is such a law, the Ecocide Law, which is aiming at doing just that, and the promoters of it are trying to have it recognized in all countries. The UK has not

adopted it yet, very few countries have, but writing to your MP or the government would help. Here is an extract from their website, with the address at the end, for you to go and find out exactly what they are doing. **Imagine a world where our Earth's vital ecosystems are legally protected from the severest harms.**

This is the vision behind ecocide law: providing an **enforceable framework** to deter destructive practices, **safeguarding the natural world** and all our futures. We develop **recognition of ecocide as a serious crime**, working at diplomatic level and across all sectors of civil society to **share knowledge and inspire positive legislative change**. <https://www.stopecocide.earth/breaking-news>

An ecocide law would help a lot but the government might know more than they want to say for not adopting it.

SHOWING AT TEWKESBURY METHODIST CHURCH



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Tewkesbury Churches Together



Tewkesbury Methodist Church
19th October 2026. 1.30pm - 3pm

Come along watch the film
and join the discussion

www.nebriefing.org

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