



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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God of today and all days, be with us as we meet – the love that binds us, the peace that calms us, the touch that heals us, the joy that fills us, the arms that hold us. Be with us as we meet, God of today and all days. 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 14th September

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Local arrangement (steward led)

Apperley

11.00am – Revd Carrie Seaton

Sunday 21st September

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Praise and Worship

10.30am – David Thompson – Harvest Festival

12.30pm – Harvest Lunch

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Monday 15th September - there will be a short act of remembrance on our church lawn at 10.45am on Monday 15th September to remember the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Thursday 18th September

10.00am – Craft group

11.00am – Prayers for the church and community. Please write any special requests for prayer in the book in the vestibule, but please have the recipient's permission to do so.

Friday 19th September

2.30pm – Choir practice

Saturday 20th September

9.30am – Decorate church for Harvest

10.30am – Coffee morning

FUTURE DATES –

Saturday 27th September –

10am – Book Club

7.30pm – Tewkesbury Camerata Choir

Andrew, Julie and the family would like to say a huge thank you to all our friends at TMC who helped us throughout Frances's funeral. The projection, sound, readings, the playing of the hymns and the organisation of the church ran so smoothly for us on the day for the whole of Jayne's meaningful service. We are very grateful to everyone at the church for your support.

Thank you once again.

Andrew, Julie & Becky

HARVEST SERVICE –

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.

£100 would provide farmers with drought-resistant seeds, helping them grow all year round. £250 could train smallholder farmers in climate-smart methods.

There will be a separate collection plate available at the service to make your donation to this charity. Please support as you are able.

HARVEST DECORATION - We will be decorating the church at 9.30am on Saturday 20th 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.

HARVEST LUNCH - Last chance to get your ticket for our lunch following the service. £10 each for a 2 course lunch. Please see Gill today.

5 SWILGATE ROAD (rear of church)

Our next door neighbour, who lives at 5 Swilgate Road, has had scaffolding erected on the front and side of his property which will remain in place for a further 8/10 days. This scaffolding is in the church car park as well as the road.

Swilgate Road will be closed on the hospital side; access to the rear of the church will only be from the Crescent end of Swilgate Road.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – apologies for this early entry but if anyone would like to collect the odd item for a Christmas hamper for our raffle that would be appreciated!

ANGELS!! *We need to make 100's of paper angels for our Christmas exhibition so we are planning to have two workshops to do this on Saturday 18th October and Saturday 1st November between 10 and 12. All materials are supplied and they are very easy to make. Please come if you are able – open to all who like a bit of simple crafting and share fellowship. If you feel you would like to make some at home for us do see Gill Shelley.*

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, will be working in maintaining contact with all our church family. Jean Davies

COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

If you are able to cover a Saturday for our regular coffee morning please sign the rota in the vestibule. Likewise if you can assist with serving coffee after our Sunday service, please sign the appropriate rota. There are only a few

regulars doing this now, so your support would be appreciated.

CHURCH FLOWERS – this is a reminder that for a donation flowers can be arranged in the church in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event. There is a list in the vestibule – please write the date required and see Wendy Allen.

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

RIPPLE EFFECT INTERNATIONAL is a charity registered in the UK.
The Harvest project is “RESTORE”

Focus – Restoring land and protecting natural resources around Lake Cyohoha for future generations, increasing crop yields and improving ways for families to earn a living.

Location – Burundi (Kirundo Province) and Rwanda (Bugesera District) – working alongside communities living around Lake Cyohoha.

Target Impact – 2000 households.

MEET JEANNE - Jeanne lives on the shores of Lake Cyohoha. She has joined the Restore project in the hope that she can restore the land she works on, increase her crop yields, and build a brighter future for her children. “If we don’t take care of the soil and the environment, it may cause us losses such as our soil being wiped away to Cyohoha. Our crops may be washed away too”.

Expected impact at the end of the project –

800 hectares of land will be restored.

75% of women will be more involved in decision-making around the use of natural resources like water.

80% of self-help groups will be food secure.

78% of households will be eating six or more food types.

60% of households will be earning more income each day.