



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Jesus Christ, light of this world, you came into our darkness as the dawning of a new day, the warmth of your love burning through morning mist, scattering clouds, revealing all that had once been hidden from our eyes – the beauty that surrounds us, the earth that sustains us, the heavens above us, our place and purpose, the one who made us. As the dawning of a new day you came into our darkness, light of this world, Jesus Christ.

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 18th January

9.15am – Praise and Worship

10.30am – Philip Hyne

12.30pm – Festive lunch served (please enjoy coffee in the church whilst preparations for lunch are completed).

6pm – Tewkesbury Churches Together United evening Service at Holy Trinity for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 25th January –

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Locally arranged service for Leprosy Mission.

Apperley

11am – Liz Ledger

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Wednesday 21st January –

10.30am – Mid-week Holy Communion (with Revd Jayne Webb)

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.

DIARY DATES AT TEWKESBURY

Sunday 1st February – 9.15am Wild Green Breakfast Club in the hall. All are welcome.

Monday 2nd February – Building work begins in the guildroom and hall this week. Please note the church parking spaces will not be available during the building works.

Tuesday 3rd February – 2.30pm Wives and Friends

Wednesday 4th February –

10.30am – Mid week holy communion with Revd Carrie Seaton

Thursday 5th February – Men Allowed Meal (tbc)

Saturday 7th February –

Da Capo Quartet concert – AFTERNOON CONCERT - 2.30pm (see notice)

SECTION CHURCH AWAY-DAY AT HOLLAND HOUSE - as previously notified we are holding an "Away Day" at Holland House on Wednesday 22nd July between 10.30am and 4.30pm. Jayne will put together a simple programme for this, but you can opt-out or opt-in as you wish, and just use the opportunity to use the house and grounds for a time of quiet reflection.

I now need to know of your interest please, so I can estimate the number attending. There is a £10 non-refundable deposit to be paid but I am not requesting this at present. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you are interested. Thank you.

(lifts can be arranged).

Jean Davies

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

– In addition to the united service at Trinity Church tonight, there will be a prayer walk tomorrow on Monday 19th January commencing at 6.30pm at the Baptist Church stopping outside all the town centre churches. For other activities and daily reflections and prayers during the week, please visit www.tewkesbury.church

PTO



DA CAPO QUARTET - we are privileged that this professional quartet has chosen our church for their first concert in the town. This is a classical choir with a piano accompanist. The concert is on Saturday 7th February at 2.30pm and will be approximately 90 minutes with an interval when refreshments will be served. The performance is free but the church funds the accompanist, and then all voluntary donations will go to the church. We would be grateful for your support – as this is something we would like to repeat regularly if the quartet is happy with their audience – so the more the merrier. Please share with friends and family. Hopefully we will have some flyers and details of the programme in the next week or so.

NOTICE FROM THE ECO GROUP - *At our meeting on 10th, we talked about the garden and how to make it wilder, greener, more sustainable and bio-diverse.... all long words, but in short, we will look at both front and back garden space to see how we can make the gardens in line with the application for the gold award.*

To secure the gold award we also mentioned the household products used in the church and hall which are not always biodegradable and sustainable. This is because those products are still more expensive, and, as you know, the church is struggling financially, so we wondered whether members of the congregation who can, would be willing to donate green products. The church uses an awful lot of the various liquids, but every little helps, and if some of us can buy an extra bottle of washing up liquid or hand wash liquid, or whatever, it would go towards our Gold goal. Thank you very much in advance.

Our next meeting will be on 14th February, 10.30am in church; all are invited and will be made welcome.

(Note from Jean Davies – I order the cleaning products on behalf of the cleaners from Spot-On who don't give us many options for eco-friendly products. If anyone has the time and inclination to source competitively priced alternative products suitable for bulk ordering please do so!!!)

COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

Rotas are now up including dates into the summer (now there's a nice thought!) so if you are able to cover a Saturday 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.

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.

One Body, One Spirit

For 2026, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

Paul's epistles stress the importance of unity within the Church, urging us to live lives worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience and love (Ephesians 4:1-3). Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising here, too, that the followers of Christ represent 'one body and one Spirit', united in a single hope. This metaphor signifies the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. Paul uses the metaphor of the Church being the Body of Christ to describe its unity within the diversity of its members.

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