



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Gracious God, we praise you for your goodness and your generosity, and for your care of us.

At this time of harvest, we thank you for the bounty and abundance of food that we enjoy. Thank you for the sunshine and the rain, and for the farmers and workers who help grow and provide our food.

Help us to be thankful for our many blessings, and teach us to share with those in need. In your name, we pray. 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 20th September –
Tewkesbury**

9.15am – Praise and Worship

10.30am – Harvest Service – Deacon Sue Peat

12.30pm – Harvest lunch and fellowship

**Sunday 27th September –
Tewkesbury**

10.30am – Liz Ledger

Apperley

11am – Revd Steve Ward

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Thursday 24th – 10.00am – Craft group

Friday 25th – 2.30pm Choir practice (check if running)

Friday 25th – 6.30pm – Methodist Players' rehearsal

Saturday 26th – 10.30am – Coffee morning

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.

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.

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

CAMERATA CONCERT – Saturday 26th September at 7pm. Please join us and let friends and family know. The programme is Mayer's Overture No 2 in D Major, Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in E Flat Major and Beethoven No 8 in F Major op.93. These concerts are brilliant! – admission is by donation – pay what you are able. Refreshments served in the interval.

CROSSPOINT MAGAZINE – the autumn edition is now available. Do pick up a copy if you have not received one. And note that material for the next (Christmas) edition will be required no later than 8th November. Your contributions are welcome. Jean Davies

“MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS”

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Tewkesbury Players' Concert on Saturday 3rd October at 7pm, price £3.

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.

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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.

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

If you are able to help serve coffee please sign the rota in the vestibule. Because of health and hygiene regulations we should not be using tea towels to wipe dishes – the dishwasher is very easy to use and if you need to be shown how to use it please see one of the stewards. (Clear instructions are near the machine).

THE GREEN PAGE – *The global economy isn't working for everyone. It's driving inequality, environmental damage, and concentrating wealth in the hands of a few.*

Amazon – the world's largest online retailer – sits at the centre of these concerns.

Despite enormous global profits, Amazon continues to face serious questions over the amount of tax it pays, poor employment practices, and its impact on local businesses and the environment.

Tax can be a tool for paying for the services we need to flourish as a society and to tackle inequality. But Amazon doesn't pay its taxes fairly or transparently. Amazon's tax avoidance is estimated to cost the UK hundreds of millions (at least) every year.

*That's why the JustMoney Movement is launching **Challenge Amazon – Break the Habit, Fix the Rules.***

Reduce reliance on Amazon where possible and choose ethical, local, and sustainable alternatives.

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

By the Revd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.

You've got the wrong person!

At church recently, we stood to sing Charles Wesley's hymn 'Come Holy Ghost our hearts inspire'. Except the organist was playing the tune which normally accompanies the Christmas carol 'While shepherds watched their flocks by night'. (No, not 'On Ilkley Moor bar t'aht' - the other one).

I had never sung Wesley's hymn to this tune before, and it took a bit of believing that it was possible, a bit of getting used to. Some hymn tunes are what I call 'portmanteau tunes' - we can sing a number of hymns to the same tune, and we are usually quite happy about it. But we mess with carols at our peril! Most people know them, and they have become identified with very particular hymn tunes. Give us what we expect, please, organist!

We can all be a bit fixed like this. The Bible is full of examples of 'Who me? You've made a mistake there, God!' Or it comes down to 'Here I am, Lord, send him!' Perhaps the most well-known example is Jonah, who was so convinced that God had made a mistake in calling him to go and tell the citizens of Nineveh to turn from their wicked ways, that he set off in entirely the opposite direction to Nineveh, and took a ship going west, until he was ambushed by God and ended up in the belly of the great fish. But once Jonah realised God was serious, and that God would be with him, he set off as God had asked him to.

Moses is another example. 'Me, tell Pharaoh to let my people go? Me? You cannot be serious, Lord!' But again, once Moses was convinced that this was the way God wanted him to go, he submitted to God's plan, and became the great leader of his people, bringing them out of slavery in Egypt to the boundary of the Promised Land.

God's plans for us are always bigger than our horizons can presently accommodate. If you have a niggling feeling God is calling you to a particular task, or to abandon a particular something, it may take time to come round to God's point of view, but it will ultimately turn out to be a better way. When God calls, He does not leave us at that point; He will always resource us for the task, often in surprising ways.

'Who, me, Lord?' Yes, YOU!