



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 21<sup>st</sup> September

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Praise and Worship

10.30am – David Thompson – Harvest Festival

12.30pm – Harvest Lunch

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Karen Burrige

Apperley

11.00am -

### THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

10am – 2.30pm – Superintendents' meeting (Jayne) Church

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

2pm – Angel exhibition meeting

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

2.30pm – Choir practice

6.30pm – Tewkesbury Players' rehearsal

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am – Book club

10.30am – Coffee morning

**FUTURE DATE** - Please join us for the Wild Green Breakfast Club on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. All (ages!) are welcome.....

### HARVEST SERVICE

A reminder that in addition to our usual collection for the local **Food Bank** we are also supporting 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. Can we manage one of these amounts?

**There is a separate collection plate in the vestibule to make your donation to this charity. Please support as you are able.**

### Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Revd Frank Topping

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Revd Frank Topping, author, broadcaster and Methodist Minister, will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm at John Wesley's New Room, The Horsefair, Bristol, BS1 3JE. All are welcome to attend this service and to celebrate his life and work.

To gauge numbers it would be helpful (though not essential) if you could let Anne Topping know if you are planning to attend: [anetopping@me.com](mailto:anetopping@me.com)

For further information please contact Simon Topping:

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR** – Please start to collect suitable items for our fair – new unwanted gifts to re-gift, tombola items, items for a Christmas hamper, books, jigsaws, craft items. **PLEASE** – no bric-a-brac. We don't have a lot of space for additional stalls. Many thanks for your help.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com) or 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

## Ripples of blessings this Harvest Festival

As the days grow shorter and the leaves turn gold, Harvest season reminds us of the power of small things. A single seed, carefully planted, can grow into a tree that feeds a family for years. A simple act of generosity - a prayer, a quiz shared in your church service, a donation - can ripple out in ways we may never see, bringing hope and opportunity to communities across rural Africa.

Every gift, big or small, helps families restore their land, build sustainable livelihoods, and grow a future free from hunger. A small act of kindness or even a single shared Harvest resource can create ripples far beyond what we can see.

### Please pray -

**Pray for our gifts, prayers and actions this Harvest** - that each one will flow outwards, creating ripples of hope, joy and life that will reach communities near and far.

**Pray for the farming families we work alongside** - pray that the knowledge, tools and resources they receive will continue to spread blessings through their communities.

**Pray for our teams across Africa** - that their work, guidance and encouragement will keep the ripples spreading, multiplying impact and transformation.

