



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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*God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.*

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 21st December

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Praise and Worship

10.30am – Revd Carrie Seaton – Holy Communion

3.15pm – Coffee and mince pies

4pm – Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00am – Short family service with Revd Jayne Webb

Sunday 28th December

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Leo Gutteridge

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

Saturday 27th December

10.30am – Coffee morning

Saturday 3rd January

10.30am – Bible Club with Revd Jayne Webb

Sunday 4th January – please note there will be **no** Breakfast Club today.

10.30am – **Covenant Service** with Revd Richard Clutterbuck.

Wednesday 7th January –

10.30am – Mid-week Holy Communion

Sunday 11th January – 10.30am –

Commissioning Service – Revd Jayne Webb

FESTIVE LUNCH SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026

A three course festive lunch will be served on Sunday 18th January 2026 at 12.30pm - the cost will be £15.00 per head.

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 28th December from Church Stewards

Please advise of any dietary requirements when buying tickets.

With thanks

Your Catering Team

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.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS - a big thank-you to those who knitted, crocheted and crafted all our lovely angels. The church looks amazing.....

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CHURCH FAMILY CARDS – please note these are ready for collection. Please take any you are able to deliver to others who might not be at church today.

JUBILATE CHOIR – We were delighted to host the choir's Christmas concert on Monday 15th December. It was a wonderful hour of Christmas music and readings with a few communal carols thrown in! They are a first-rate choir and we are privileged that they choose our church as one of their favourite venues. Please support them when they visit again – you won't be disappointed!

ECO GROUP – *The Eco group met on 13th December and took notes of all the things discovered while visiting Bethesda. The main thing is that the application for the Gold Award must involve the whole congregation. It is no longer the church trying to be more sustainable, it's everyone doing their bit. So, for example, we will ask you to do a carbon footprint. Not to worry, they gave us an easy version of it, but in the meantime, we recommend you act on the tips and thoughts printed each week. Every little bit helps. The next meeting is on 10th January; everyone is invited to come and take part in what we are trying to do.*
Sophie Franklin

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.

WELCOME SPACE – You will be pleased to hear that following a meeting with the architect and builder the start date for the work will be Monday 2nd February 2026. More detail will follow.
Your Welcome Space Team

THANK YOU! – we take so many of our church family for granted so this is a big “thank you” to all of you – those that plan events, organise services, do readings, cover coffee mornings, make cakes, play for us, go up and down ladders, sort our repairs, take care of our pastoral needs, prepare communion, look after

our garden, clean our building, do our Powerpoint presentations, sort out our sound, deal with our lettings, look after our finances, organize endless rotas, maintain our website, prepare our weekly notices, contribute to our church magazine, those that pick up the endless small jobs that “someone” will do, and very much not least – those who pray for the church family and the life of our church. Bless you all – you are SO appreciated!!

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

In this season of expectation

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

Into the bustle of our lives

and the hard to find moments of solitude

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

Into our homes and situations

along with friends and families

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

For beneath the surface of your story

is an inescapable fact

You entered this world

as vulnerable as any one of us

in order to nail that vulnerability to the cross.

Our fears, our insecurities and our sins

all that can separate us from God

exchanged by your Grace for Love.

We cannot comprehend the reasoning

only marvel that Salvation comes to us

through a baby born in a stable,

and reaches out to a world in need.

