



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Tewkesbury Methodist Church: Registered Charity no. 11179000

Sovereign Lord, we meet together to celebrate the gift of your Holy Spirit to the church. Bless us as we seek to serve you today. Fill us with your Spirit, as you filled your followers early one morning in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago, that we might be your voices, hands and presence in the world, and draw others into your kingdom. 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.

Week of Actions - A Million Acts of Hope As mentioned last Sunday please hang your card on the tree or pass to a steward.

Sunday 24th May

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Praise and Worship

10.30am – Revd Jayne Webb – Holy

Communion

Apperley

11am – Andrew Maxwell

Sunday 31st May

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Locally arranged service for the Easter Offering dedication

Sunday May 31st at 6 pm: United Service at Priors Park Community Church (for directions see www.tewkesbury.church)

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Thursday 28th May –

11am – Funeral service for Audrey Simpson. Please note there will be a private burial but friends are invited to Gupshill Manor following the service.

Friday 29th May – 2.30pm – Choir practice in the hall

Saturday 30th May – 10.30am – Coffee morning

We have a supportive and caring prayer group at our church who continues 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 vestibule, but please have the recipient's permission to do so.

UPCOMING DATES –

Tuesday 2nd June – 2.30 Wives and Friends

Thursday 4 June - Men Allowed

Friday 5th June is the 148th Anniversary of our church.

Sunday 7th June –

9.15am Wild Green Breakfast Club

12.00 - Annual Church meeting

Saturday 13 June – 10.30 Eco group

Sunday 14th June – Circuit Assembly at Tewkesbury Methodist Church at 3pm followed by tea at 5pm and worship at 6pm. Evening worship led by Sue Peat.

CHURCH AWAY-DAY AT HOLLAND HOUSE – Wednesday 22nd July

Thank you to those who have paid their balance for the AwayDay. We have to pay this balance to the House by 10th June so prompt payment would be appreciated. Dietary requirements are also needed by 10th June please.

(The church account is “Tewkesbury Methodist Church Society” sort code 40 44 10 account 20800031 and if you could mark the reference as AWAYDAY please).

It would be helpful if you could let me know when you have paid your balance or mark the sheet in the hall.

If you require a lift please check the list on the table and update if you have made your arrangements already. It is best if we take as few cars as possible.

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MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION – though the work in the church is nearing completion we cannot be sure that the church will be available for June dates. Given that Jayne will be recuperating from her knee operation during July and August we have made the decision to cancel this for the summer and recommence in September. We apologise to those who have been missing this special gathering but all should be well by September.

GREEN ISSUES FROM SOPHIE - AI overview in Google searches –

If you regularly search for information on Google, do you get annoyed when an AI overview pops up in your Google search?

If you do, just type ‘-AI’ or ‘-ai’ (i.e. minus AI) after your text and you will get an ‘old-style’ search result, cancelling out the ‘+AI’ that automatically appears, which you may not even have noticed.

It is reported that these new AI summaries are using vast amounts of data, and therefore vast amounts of energy and water - and require entire new data centres to be built.

COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

We would appreciate your help in keeping the church open on a Saturday morning by serving coffee. Also if you can assist with serving coffee after our Sunday service, please sign the appropriate rota. 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

WELCOME SPACE

The contractors continue to work in the church and it is hoped that all work will be completed in June when some tidying and sorting will be needed to prepare the new servery area.

For the time being Coffee mornings will continue in the hall until further notice. We will put a notice outside the front of the church, but please use the side entrance to the link and hall.

CROSSPOINT – a reminder that copy is required no later than Sunday 7th June and preferably before that date. Please submit any articles, or family news you would like to share to me. Suggestions for additions to the magazine always appreciated! Many thanks. 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.

NOTICES FOR MAY will be prepared by Jean Davies –

jed0606@yahoo.com 01684 772178 - The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

John and Charles Wesley were the founders of Methodism. Two of 19 children born to Samuel and Susannah Wesley of Epworth Rectory in Lincolnshire in 1703 and 1707, their father was the local rector, while their mother was a spiritual inspiration to her many children.

Both John and Charles went to Christ Church, Oxford (1720 and 1726). John was ordained, and Charles and some friends formed a ‘Holy Club’ while still at college. It consisted of men who dedicated themselves to Bible study, prayer, fasting and good works. Such regular disciplines soon earned Charles the nickname ‘Methodist’. The name stuck.

Both Charles and John felt called to the mission field, and so in 1735 they sailed to Georgia. Their time among Indians in America was not a success – they struggled for any real spiritual authority in their ministries. Feeling failures, they returned to England in some depression. John summed it up: “I went to America to convert the Indians; but, oh, who shall convert me?”

Then the Wesleys made friends with some Moravians. They stressed that salvation cannot be earned, but must be received by grace through faith in Christ. Charles was the first to experience this ‘true’ conversion, when on Pentecost Sunday, 21st May 1738, he wrote that the Spirit of God ‘chased away the darkness of my unbelief.’

Only three days later, on 24th May, 1738, it was John’s turn. As he wrote in his journal: “In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed.”

John and Charles Wesley then devoted the rest of their lives to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing so, they turned England upside-down. When the established Church threw John out, he took to the fields, preaching to coal miners and commoners. His itinerant evangelism took him 250,000 miles on horseback and to preach over 40,000 sermons. His small ‘societies’ attracted some 120,000 followers by the time of his death.

Charles became the most prolific and skilled hymn-writer in English history, writing hymns that are sung widely today, such as ‘Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.’ In all, he wrote more than 6,000 hymns.

The legacy of the two brothers lives on. As well as Methodism, their teaching has widely impacted the holiness movement, the Pentecostal movement, and the charismatic movement.