



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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*In this time of worship bring your peace to busy lives, to those who worry, who are afraid or ill at ease. May we all find rest in your presence, hear your gentle whisper and feel your touch upon our lives. 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 28<sup>th</sup> September

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Karen Burridge

Apperley

11.00am – Stuart Hobbs

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am – Wild Green Breakfast Club

10.30am – Revd Jayne Webb – Holy Communion

2.30pm – Baptism

### THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October –

10.30am – Midweek Communion followed by coffee

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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.

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

2.30pm – Choir practice

6.30pm – Tewkesbury Players rehearsal

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

10.30am – Bible Club

10.30am – Coffee morning

### FUTURE DATES –

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

10am – 2pm – “Angel” workshop

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October –

10am – Book Club

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** – many thanks to you all for your contributions for the Food Bank last week, and also for your gifts to the Ripple Effect charity. This amounted to £136.16p. And thank you also for attending the harvest lunch which appeared to be enjoyed by all. A great time of thanksgiving and fellowship.

**MEMBERSHIP** – If you have been attending our church for a while and are not a member you might like to consider becoming one. In brief becoming a 'member' is a way of saying that you belong to and support your local Methodist Church and that you want to do this. Being a member of the Methodist Church means that you can hold certain responsibilities (e.g. steward, pastoral visitor, local preacher). Only members can be on the church council or be elected to the circuit meeting, district synod or the Methodist Conference.

The promise of mutual support is one of Methodism's strengths. When you become a member a pastoral visitor or a class leader is responsible for visiting you and offering spiritual support, encouragement and challenge.

Please see Jean (Davies) if you want further information or speak to Jayne.

**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.

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**ANGELS!!** We need to make 100's of paper angels to decorate the church at Christmas 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 2pm. (Bring a packed lunch if you want to stay for the whole session). 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.

**GREEN GROUP** - The Green Group meeting took place on Saturday 20th September; things are moving on slowly. Dorothy and I will study the ARocha questionnaire to apply for a Gold Award and we will offer thoughts for people to think of in their daily lives. Not just tips, like "switch off lights when you leave a room", but thoughts like "do I really need to buy this". I have also acquired some Green Christian leaflets - they are in and around the church. Take one or two or three (they are different) and read them and ponder them. We thought they were well written and interesting.

The next meeting will be on 11th October, and I look forward to seeing many of you.

Sophie Franklin

**GREEN GROUP TIP** – wash your vegetables in a bowl so you can use it to water the plants instead of pouring it down the drain.

**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.

**NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER** will be prepared by Adrian Shelley [adandgillshelley@gmail.com](mailto:adandgillshelley@gmail.com). The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

The Youth President of the Methodist Church is elected annually by both the children and young people attending [3Generate](#), the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, and from across the Connexion. This way, all our children and young people have an opportunity to vote for who will be their Youth President. Assisted by a team of [Youth Representatives](#), they work full-time for one year as a member of the Connexional Team (*Connexion is what we call the work of the Church across Britain*) to serve the children and young people of the Methodist Church in Britain.

### **Genesis Padgett**

#### **Youth President 2025-2026**

Hi, I'm Genesis (they/them) and I was elected by delegates at 3Generate 2024 and by children and young people across the Connexion to be your Youth President from September 2025 to August 2026.

I'm 19 years of age and a member of Emmanuel Methodist Church near Barnsley. I have been attending a Methodist Church since I was three, but feel I came to faith at around the age of 12 while attending Cliff Festival at Cliff College, where I have recently been studying theology. After the festival, I began volunteering at church, helping serve coffee, doing readings and then becoming a Worship Leader. The more I helped, the stronger I found my faith. I am now in training to become a Local Preacher.

I'm passionate about making sure all young people in the church are heard and valued. I have seen first-hand how much creativity, energy and faith our youth have. I really want to keep experiencing that, and keep guiding everyone to encourage this in all aspects of church life. I want to help encourage all young people to understand that God loves them and to be as excited about their faith as I am and to help them do more in their churches.

I am really looking forward to meeting young people from all over the Connexion, hearing their stories, and especially learning about what matters most to them. I want to visit as many districts as possible this year and to encourage all young voices to shape the future of the Church.

Outside of church life I enjoy playing board games and long walks (but not at the same time!).