



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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*In the meeting of our lives, Lord be the unity that binds us. In the opening of our hearts be the mercy that forgives us. In the speaking of our prayers be the comfort that restores us. In the singing of our hymns be the joy we share between us. In the journey of our lives be the guiding light beside us. 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 31<sup>st</sup> August

#### Tewkesbury

10.30am – Local Arrangement Service

6.30pm – TCT joint service (see notice)

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

#### Tewkesbury

9.15am – Wild Green Breakfast Club

10.30am – Service with Holy Communion –  
Revd Diane Clutterbuck

### THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

11.30am – Thanksgiving service for Frances May (see notice)

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

2.30pm – Wives and Friends

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

11am – 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 5<sup>th</sup> September

2.30pm – Choir practice

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am – Coffee morning

10.30am – Bible Club

### TEWKESBURY CHURCHES TOGETHER

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

6.30pm - A Combined service will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Chance Street Tewkesbury. All are welcome.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 11.30pm

A thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of Frances May will be held in the church and from 1.30pm at The Gupshill, to which all are invited

We send our thoughts and prayers to the family.

### MID-WEEK COMMUNION

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Please note that there will be no midweek communion service on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 10.30am. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

### DIARY DATE

#### Harvest Lunch

Sunday 21 September 2025 at 12.30pm

Tickets are £10 each to include a 2 course lunch and are on sale today from the Steward Team.

### 5 SWILGATE ROAD (rear of church)

Our next door neighbour who lives at 5 Swilgate Road, will be erecting scaffolding on the front and side of his property, on Monday 8th September 2025 for approx 14 days. This scaffolding will be in the church car park as well as the road.

Swilgate Road will be closed on the hospital side, access to the rear of the church will only be from the Crescent end of Swilgate Road.

### WELCOME SPACE UPDATE

The Welcome Space building contract is hoping to start at the end of September. More details to follow shortly.

If you have any queries or concerns of the above, please speak to Adrian Shelley or Peter Styck.

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**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

**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.*

#### **RIDE AND STRIDE**

**Saturday and Sunday 13th/14th September**



**W**e are planning to keep the church open for “Historic Churches Trust” heritage weekend on Saturday and Sunday 13th/14th September from 9am to 4pm.

A few people have mentioned they are willing to help so I have put a rota in the vestibule if you would confirm the time you are willing to be at the church. 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.

#### **TO RECYCLE OR TO REUSE**

**STOP!!      THINK!!**

**What “is” in your hand that you are about to “throwaway”?**

**Is it to RECYCLE or to REUSE?  
and not just rubbish?**

**Put it in the correct bin!**

**STOP!      THINK!**

**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.

#### **1st September – St Drithelm, vision of the after-life**

St Drithelm is the saint for you if you have ever wondered what lies beyond death, or have had a near-death experience. He was married and living in Cunningham (now Ayrshire, then Northumbria) in the 7<sup>th</sup> century when he fell ill and apparently died. When he revived a few hours later he caused panic among the mourners, and was himself deeply shaken by the whole experience.

Drithelm went to pray in the village church until daylight, and during those long hours reviewed the priorities of his life in the light of what he had seen while ‘dead’. A celestial guide had shown him souls in hell, in purgatory, in paradise and heaven... suddenly the reality of God and of coming judgement and of what Christ had done in redeeming mankind became real to him, and his life on earth could never be the same again.

Next day he divided his wealth into three: giving one third to his wife, one third to his sons, and the remainder to the poor. He became a monk and went to live at Melrose, where he spent his time in prayer and contemplation of Jesus.

Drithelm’s Vision of the after-life is remarkable in that it was the first example of this kind of literature from England. It was SO early: seventh century Anglo-Saxon England! Drithelm has even been seen as a remote precursor of Dante.

On a lighter note, Drithelm can also be a saint for you if you didn’t get abroad this summer, but ventured to swim instead off one of our beaches: he used to stand in the cold waters of the Tweed for hours, reciting Psalms.