



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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O Christ of the dove, grant us the purity of the Spirit. O Christ of the sparrow, grant us the Father's protection. O Christ of the mother-hen, grant us shelter beneath your wing. Amen.

St Bonaventure (c.1217–1274)

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 4th October

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Revd. Jayne Webb – Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Steward Led Service

Apperley

11am – Mr. Neil Grecian - Harvest Festival

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Tuesday 6th - 2.30pm - Wives & Friends

Thursday 8th – 10.00am – Craft group

Friday 9th – 2.30pm Choir practice (check if running)

Saturday 10th –

10.30am – Coffee morning

DIARY DATES –

Sunday 25th October – 9.15am Praise & Worship. **Note change of date**

Sunday 17th January 2027 12.30pm Festive Lunch

Saturday 30th January 2027 2.30pm Quiz afternoon with refreshments.

ROAD CLOSURES - Just a reminder that the Mop Fair will be in Tewkesbury on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October.

POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

Poppies - if any knitters/crocheters would like to make some poppies to decorate the church for Remembrance Day Wendy would be delighted.

She has washed all the existing poppies and will be putting them together for the display. If you are unsure of the design please ask a steward who will direct you to the right person!

THE LEPROSY CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Is now available from Gill. Order returned by Sunday 11th October please.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS – as part of the nativity display we are going to have two workshops on Saturday 17th October and Saturday 7th November from 10.30am, to make a variety of stars and other nativity symbols – maybe a sheep or two...! The workshops were enjoyed last year and they are for ALL abilities – designs will be simple but effective. Our craft group and Di Jones are helping prepare these.

CHRISTMAS – We were planning an extravagant Tree Festival for 2026 but due to our big building project this year, and time restrictions we have put this on hold until 2027. However, for 2026, we will have a mini nativity festival (some may recall we did this a few years ago). **SO** – if you have a nativity scene that you are willing to loan to the church to display from early December, we will arrange these on the communion table and surrounding area. We will do our best to take care of these but please loan at your own risk

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, is working in maintaining contact with all our church family. Jean Davies

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

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Pat Taylor would like to remind the church family that she will send cards of greeting and /or support to those who are unwell, unable to attend church or suffering loss. Please keep her updated as to who might like to receive a card sending love and support.

COFFEE ROTAS – Saturday and Sunday

If you are able to help serve coffee please sign the rota in the vestibule. We have quite a few gaps.

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.

THE GREEN / ECO GROUP

Next meeting **Saturday 24th October at 10.30am**



<https://zoom.us/j/95450201752?pwd=138Aax3oogxXbSaBnT7WNmf7HLTlnw.1>

Good Money Sunday 4th October 2026

What we do with money, how wealth is shared, including through our tax system, and how money is used by investors, banks, and companies, determines the kind of world we live in. As Christians, we know Jesus had lots to say about our use of money and that we are called to act justly and speak out for change.



Fossil fuel companies are responsible for significant environmental and social harm and have displaced entire communities. They have also caused more extreme weather alongside other negative impacts, and often worked

behind the scenes to stop or delay climate legislation.

Green Christian, Just Money Movement and another Christian organisation, Operation Noah, ran a successful campaign to persuade church bodies to divest out of investments in fossil fuels. Many of the UK's national and regional Church bodies have now divested. This reflects a growing recognition that investing in fossil fuels is now no more of an ethical investment than investing in tobacco, arms or gambling.

In order to encourage more people to get involved, the World Council of Churches (WCC) has come up with the Ten Commandments of Climate-Responsible Banking!

They are calling on individuals, churches, and faith-based organisations to align their financial choices with climate justice and the well-being of future generations.

Find out how much your bank invests in fossil fuels.

Write a letter to your bank urging it to end investments in fossil fuels.

Share *Save Children's Live: Responsible Banking Survival Guide*.

Take legal action to address your bank's role in worsening the climate emergency.

Consider switching your money to a greener bank.

Learn if your pension is invested in fossil fuels.

Check if your insurance is in fossil fuels.

Consider investing with a values-based investor.

Watch videos illustrating how financial decisions influence the climate emergency

Move to a greener pension fund.

It is a moral duty of faith communities to protect God's creation and act in solidarity with vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by the climate emergency. Churches have both spiritual and societal influence, enabling them to advocate for transparency, accountability, and ethical finance while responding to scientific warnings and the appeals of young people for climate solutions. Frederique Seidel, WCC senior programme lead for Children and Climate add

NOTICES FOR OCTOBER will be prepared by Adrian Shelley – adandgillshelley@gmail.com or 01684 297411. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.