



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Heavenly Father, we bring before you the life and work of our church. We thank you for the fellowship we share. Bless the events and activities mentioned today. May our planning reflect your wisdom, our serving show your love, and our gathering draw us closer to you and to one another. Strengthen our church community to be a light in this place. In Jesus' name, 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 8th March

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Mr. Leo Guttridge

Apperley

11.00am – Mr. Neil Grecian

Sunday 15th March – Mothering Sunday

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Praise and Worship

10.30am – Locally arranged service

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

IMPORTANT - With effect from **Monday March 9th** the path to the rear Link doors of the Church will be **CLOSED** for both entry and exit from Monday to Friday whilst building work is carried out at the rear of the buildings. It is anticipated this will be reopened by Good Friday April 3rd if not earlier. Access to the front of the Church and the single door into the Link can be gained via one of the nearby alleys into Barton Street and then in through the front gates.

Thursday 12th March – 10am Craft group in the church

Friday 13th March – 2.30pm – Choir practice in the church.

Saturday 14th March – 10.30am – Coffee morning

Saturday 14th March - From 9.30am in the church

Help needed in preparing posies for Mothering Sunday. All donations of suitable flowers and greenery welcomed with thanks. Please speak to one of the Steward Team.

GREEN – ECO GROUP

Next meeting SATURDAY 14th March 10.30am



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.

There will be NO midweek holy communion on Wednesday 18th March.

Sunday March 29th

Tewkesbury Churches Together United Service in Tewkesbury Abbey

6.00pm – Wondrous Cross – a meditation based on 'The Seven last words of Christ' by Alan Bullard

Please note change of venue

The Leprosy Mission

The Easter Spring catalogue is now available with some lovely gifts and cards for Easter Please see Gill for your catalogue.

PTO



I am pleased to say we have a good number signed up for our AWAY-DAY at HOLLAND HOUSE - on Wednesday 22nd July between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

I now need to collect your £10 deposits please so I can advise the House of our final numbers. Please can you pass this to me preferably in an envelope with your name and marked "Away-Day". Information re dietary requirements and transport will be sorted at a later date. Thank you.
Jean Davies

ECO GROUP - Free tickets for 'A Town Called to Speak', about the rivers and flooding, at the Roses on 18th March are available at the box office. A brand-new play, *River Stories – A town called to speak*, developed from conversations with local children and elders through *Tewkesbury StoryLab*, followed by creative audience interaction to explore how communities can adapt to change together. Created by the Tewkesbury community, written with *Acta Community Theatre* and performed by Drama students from *UWE, Bristol*, the *Tewkesbury FuturesLab* is an exciting new way to locally envision collective futures. There will be creative activities in the Upstairs Bar from 4.30pm with the show starting at 6.00pm for approx 1hr.

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT – is happening between 9-15th March. If you wish to participate there are some sheets at the back of the church. The deadline for submitting results is 22nd March and must be done online or via the QR code.

COMMUNION STEWARDS - we would be grateful for a couple more volunteers to assist at Holy Communion services please. This involves preparing the bread and wine prior to the service (and clearing away after) and directing the congregation to the communion rail. You would not have to assist the minister - stewards will do this.

Communion is normally held on the first Sunday of the month and on the first and third Wednesday at 10.30am. Please let one of the stewards know if you can help.

BIBLE CLUB - please note that Saturday morning Bible Club will cease with effect from 7th March for the foreseeable future. Thank you to those who have attended in recent months. Jayne.

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

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 MARCH will be prepared by Jean Davies –
jed0606@yahoo.com 01684 772178 - The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

Lent is a time of prayer and inward reflection, when we take stock of where we are with God...with this in mind, the following may be helpful.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-30.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him." James 1:12