

TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Tewkesbury Methodist Church: Registered Charity no. 1179000

Father, we come to you in the certain knowledge that the door is always open and you will already be coming to meet us. We come in the midst of our joys and sorrows, with our victories and our defeats. We come knowing we shall be accepted. We come because you are the Lord. Amen.

Sunday 14th April -**Tewkesbury** 10.30am - Revd Steve Ward Apperley -11am - Jenny Jackson

Sunday 21st April -**Tewkesbury** 9.15am - Praise and Worship Group 10.30am - Alan Jackson

Sunday 28th April -**Tewkesbury** 10.30am - Easter Offering Service "Let Justice Roll" – local arrangement.

Apperley

No service – see notice below

THIS WEEK Wednesday 17th -3pm - Desert Soul Thursday 18th -

9am - Open the Book rehearsal

10am - Arts and Crafts in the Guildroom

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.

2.30pm - Choir practice Friday 19th -7.00pm - Methodist Players rehearsal Saturday 20th -Coffee morning

EASTER OFFERING - we shall be dedicating the monies collected, at our service on 28th April so kindly make your offering prior to this date (envelopes available in the church).

APPERLEY - please note Apperley folk will join us on Sunday 28th at 10.30am to share in the Easter offering service so no service at Apperley that day.

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE - once again a big thank you from the local organiser here in Bredon, for the donations you have all made. Sadly there seems to be no end in sight to this war so donations of knitted hats, socks (for the soldiers), new duvets, warm coats and in date prescription medication and toiletries would be appreciated. They are not accepting household items at the moment (eg bedding).

In addition children's toys and clothing, small packets of sweets, arts and crafts materials, packs of cards, packet soups and packet food would be appreciated. Incidentally real fur coats are appreciated – no longer morally acceptable to wear in this country but well received for the severe winters in Ukraine. Jean Davies

DINNER LADIES – I have arranged another lunch for us on Wednesday 24th April at 12.00. This is at Browns again, as they always look after us well, but please bring your suggestions and your diaries for future dates. Menus are available to pre-book your choices. Please sign up on the notice in the vestibule or give me a call. Jean Davies

WELCOME SPACE - MOVING FORWARD

Over the next few weeks, the seating area in the church will be repositioned as part of a test to see how much space may be required for a proposed new scheme within the church.

With thanks -

Your Welcome Space Team

CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS - new dates up for coffee mornings on Saturday and Sunday in the summer, so please sign up whilst you are available!

CHURCH FINANCES - as you're aware the church finances are not very healthy at present so we are trying to arrange some fund-raising activities. So here are some dates for you We'll also be selling some quiz sheets at £2 a sheet which will be available shortly. If you have any ideas for fund-raising, bearing in mind we have little man-power to organize large events, do please let the stewards know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

Sunday 2nd June - Church Annual meeting at (continued -) 12.00 Saturday 8th June - Quiz with a Ploughman's

Supper. £5 per head – get your teams together!

Saturday 22nd June – Afternoon tea at Wendy's house in Bredon. All proceeds for church funds.

Saturday 29th June – 7.30pm Camerata – the music of Rogers and Hammerstein.

Saturday 13th July – Med Fest weekend. Church Summer Fete 10am.

Saturday 10th August – Afternoon tea for our section churches.

GREEN TIP – Reduce your cotton wool usage. 1 kg of cotton takes 20,000 litres of water to make. Try to use washable reusable make-up cloths and pads.

NOTICES FOR APRIL will be prepared by Jean Davies email jed0606@yahoo.com. Telephone 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

(taken from actual church notices)

Year 7 will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend the tragedy.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The preacher will preach his farewell massage, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy".

Thursday night: Potluck Supper - Prayer and medication will follow.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Evening massage - 6 p.m.

The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

During the absence of our minister, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J. F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.