

TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the Son and the presence of the Spirit gladden our hearts as we meet for worship, and bring peace to our souls today and all days. 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 15th June – Trinity Sunday Tewkesbury 10.30am – Mrs Liz Ledger

Sunday 22nd June – Tewkesbury 10.30am – Mr Robert Carr Apperley – 11am – Mr Russell Buley

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Wednesday 18th June –

10.30am - Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 19th June -

10am - Craft Group

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 20th June -

2.30pm - Choir practice

Saturday 21st June -

10.30am - Coffee morning

10.30am – Eco group – all welcome

7.30pm - Camerata Concert

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.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 15th June -

12.30pm - Joint Dinner Ladies Lunch -

Hunter's Inn, Longdon

Wednesday 18th June -

10.30am - Midweek Holy Communion

Saturday 21st June -

10.30am - Coffee morning

10.30am - Eco Group meeting

7.30pm - Camerata concert

Sunday 22nd June –

9.15am - Praise and Worship

Saturday 28th June -

10.00am – Book Club

Sunday 29th June -

3.00pm - VE/Armed Forces Day service

Tuesday 1st July -

2.30pm - Wives and Friends AGM

Wednesday 2nd July –

10.30am - Mid week Holy Communion

Saturday 5th July -

10am - Church summer fete

Sunday 6th July -

9.15am - Wild Green Breakfast Club

Tuesday 8th July -

7.30pm - Church Council Meeting

TOMBOLA – Rachel and Gerald would appreciate your donations for the Tombola stall at the upcoming summer fete. Please bring to church and leave with any steward or leave labeled "For Tombola". Many thanks.

CROSSPOINT – the summer edition will be ready for distribution next Sunday 22nd June.

PAT MANNING – Pat died peacefully on Sunday 1st June 2025. We send our thoughts and prayers to the family.

CHURCH CHAIRS – We hope you find the new chairs comfortable. As we clear the church for the Fete on 5th July they will certainly be appreciated as they are light and stackable. They cost £175 each, and if you feel you would like to contribute to this cost and/or sponsor a chair please contact Adrian Shelley who would be pleased to talk to you about it. From Your Welcome Space Team.

TEWKESBURY PLAYERS CONCERT

'Aspects of Love' raised just over £500.00 to be split between our two chosen charities 'Choose Love', https://choose.love/, a charity that gets emergency aid & support to refugees & displaced persons around the world and 'Emmaus - https://emmaus.org.uk/glos the Gloucester based charity that supports the homeless through work training with their furniture recycling project.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us.



NOTICES FOR JUNE will be prepared jointly by Adrian Shelley - adandgillshelley@gmail.com or 01684 297411 and Jean Davies – Email jed0606@yahoo.com or 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

Mystical writer of the 20th century

For anyone interested in Christian mysticism, Evelyn Underhill may be a good place to begin. She died on 10th June 1941 after a life full of remarkable achievements: author of more than 30 books that explored the intersection between the spiritual and the physical, the

first woman ever to lecture to the CofE clergy, the first woman to conduct spiritual retreats for the Church, the first woman to establish ecumenical links between churches, and one of the first women theologians to lecture in English universities. Evelyn was also an awardwinning bookbinder.

Born in 1875, the daughter of a barrister from Wolverhampton, and then wife to a childhood friend, also a barrister, Evelyn moved in cultured, educated circles, and travelled widely each summer along the Mediterranean – both her father and husband were keen yachting enthusiasts.

Evelyn's inner, spiritual journey was more complex: from agnosticism to theism, on to Neo-Platonism and then Roman Catholicism she went, until in 1921 she became an Anglican – with a later fascination for the Greek Orthodox church. Her daily life was one of reading, writing, and doing various forms of religious work, from visiting the poor to counselling people in trouble.

Her spiritual search began in childhood, after a number of "abrupt experiences of the peaceful, undifferentiated plane of reality—like the 'still desert' of the mystic—in which there was no multiplicity nor need of explanation". Trying to understand these mystical experiences sparked her passion and lifelong quest.

Evelyn became one of the most widely read writers on mysticism in the first half of the 20^{th} century. Her book, Mysticism: A Study of the Nature and Development of Man's Spiritual Consciousness, was published in 1911, and is romantic, engaged, and theoretical rather than historical or scientific. While writing it she came into contact with Baron Friedrich von Hugel, who became her spiritual mentor for many years. He gradually steered her away from mysticism and towards a more Christocentric view of reality.

During World War I Evelyn worked in naval intelligence, but in later years became a Christian pacifist.