



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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God of the journey, in our walk with you may these times of rest be an oasis in your company. Grant peace and refreshment, that in these moments we might find sustenance for the road ahead.

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 10th May

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Neil Grecian

Apperley

11am – Revd Jayne Webb

Sunday 17th May

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Colin Pascoe

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Thursday 14th May – 10am Craft group in the hall

Friday 15th May – 2.30pm – Choir practice in the hall

Saturday 16th May –

10.30am – Coffee morning

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.

AUDREY SIMPSON – It is with great sadness that we hear of the death of Audrey, long-serving member of our church and a dear friend to so many. She will be greatly missed. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 28th May – more details to follow.

UPCOMING DATES –

Sunday 7th June –

9.15am Wild Green Breakfast Club

12.00 - Annual Church meeting

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

Sunday 31st May – Easter Offering Service.

Envelopes have been available in the church for a few weeks and our service of dedication will be on 31st May. As a church this is the only time we collectively support World Mission so if you have not yet made a donation and would like to do so, please use the envelope provided and return by 31st May. If you can donate with Gift Aid that will help the charity even more.

Many thanks.

CHURCH AWAY-DAY AT HOLLAND HOUSE – Wednesday 22nd July

The House now require the balance of the payment for your place on the AwayDay which will be £32 - together with any dietary requirements. It would be helpful if you are able to make your payment to the church account via bank transfer or if you prefer the cash can be given to me in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your name and AwayDay. Also do let me have your dietary requirements either via email or in a note to me – many thanks! The church account is “**Tewkesbury Methodist Church Society**” sort code **40 44 10** account **20800031** and if you could mark the reference as **AWAYDAY** please.

It would be helpful if you could let me know when you have paid your balance or mark the sheet in the hall. Many thanks – Jean Davies

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

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WELCOME SPACE

The contractors continue to work in the church and will shortly be completing the work on the rear access to the Guildroom. It is hoped that it will be completed early in June.

Coffee mornings continue in the hall until further notice. We will put a notice outside the front of the church, but please use the side entrance to the link and hall.

We thank you all for your understanding.
Your Welcome Space Team If you have any queries please speak to Peter or Adrian

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

Prayer of hope from Christian Aid

God of resurrection, we turn from the cross of death towards the tree of life,

And dare to imagine another possible world where violent conflict becomes peaceful reconciliation,

Where hunger and thirst are filled and quenched, where barriers of exclusion become bridges of opportunity,

Where pain and tears are healed and tenderly wiped away, where world-weary hearts are strengthened and re-energised,

Where the leaves of the tree heal all the nations,

In a time of inequality and division we are united by hope,

Anticipating the flourishing of creation and fullness of life for everyone,

*To the glory and praise of your Almighty name.
Amen*

A MILLION ACTS OF HOPE

In Christian Aid Week (13-16 May) community and faith groups, plus charities big and small, are being encouraged to come together to celebrate and inspire “A Million Acts of Hope” across Britain.

Our news overflows with fear. All around us we see the stark failure to find peace and justice. But every day, across our global neighbourhood, people step up and show up for each other. There is far more that connects us than divides us. Christian charities such as Christian Aid, CAFOD, Church Action on Poverty and Green Christian are urging churches to take hope-filled actions to tackle pessimism. They are asking us to share our stories and shine a light on the love lived out in our communities.

Hope is an action – this is about the things we do, not just talk. It’s the un-glamorous, everyday stuff happening locally. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and thank all those who live and act in hope and to do something hopeful ourselves. Why? Because hope always counts. From litter picking in parks to donating stuff to food banks, coaching the kids’ football teams to working together to make our streets safer – acts of hope and kindness happen all the time.

In addition to what is already happening, “A Million Acts of Hope” suggests we plan something special for the week: a group action such as hosting a nature walk or a litter pick. Celebrate the natural beauty of your area and encourage people to get outside. Create a bake sale. Encourage people to bring and share food. Run a thank you event to celebrate volunteers. Bring together local volunteers to celebrate their work and say thanks. Host a “Hope Happens Here” event. Run a street party or picnic in your local park centred on hope, fun and celebrating where you live.

In our church we are not planning to do anything special because we already have too much on, but many people in our own church community carry out small acts of kindness like having a cup of tea and chat with a neighbour, or making an effort to talk with someone over coffee we might not have spoken to before. Others help out on lots of duties in church.