

FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends

As I head off on my sabbatical many are curious to know how I will be spending my time so I thought I would share something of this here.



With family roots in South West Ireland, Celtic spirituality has always fascinated me, particularly the transition period when Christianity first came to Britain, and Ireland in particular. Generally it was a peaceful transition as two seemingly different ideologies melded together. There were many similarities though that aided this peaceful transition. For example the theme of light was hugely important for the Celts, the solstices and equinoxes lay at the heart of pre-Christian quarterly celebrations as the sun was the 'great being' to whom they owed their lives. These ancient festivals then became dates which the church came to set as its major festivals. Christ's birth, for example, was set on the third day after the winter solstice, just as the light begins to appear after the darkness of the winter.

The Celts also loved triads - their wisdom sayings that came in threes, and the number 3 was generally thought to be sacred. So the idea of the triune God made complete sense when they first learnt of this. Also they believed that the divine was immanent in all creation, admittedly this would have been in the form of different gods but Christ superseded the old gods to become the divine presence in all. Hospitality too was a key feature of both cultures and in particular care of the stranger.

Sadly much of pre Christian lore and mythology have been lost to the mists of time as these were traditionally passed on down the generations orally, but the incoming Christian monks sought to preserve them in writing as much as they could (though undoubtedly with a Christian bias) and without this there would be very little knowledge of these subjects today.

For my sabbatical I am less interested in what was preserved but rather in what was lost and in particular the intimate knowledge and care and sense of kinship that the early Celts had for the earth; they knew their survival depended on it! But the church was keen to suppress their love of the earth - which was celebrated in songs, stories, poems and rituals - for fear of backsliding into earth worship...but here I wonder if the baby wasn't thrown out with the bath water!

So my sabbatical asks how we can rekindle that sense of kinship through a Christian perspective. What prayers, liturgy, stories, poetry and songs might we use that help us to care with our hearts, as well as our heads and our activism in these darkest of times for our earth. I am not sure yet what the output of this work will be but I am mindful of the words of Jeremiah 6:16 –

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls”.

Have a great summer.

Blessings,
Jayne



June 2022 –

Thank you to those people who rallied to make contributions to this edition – it was looking a bit thin just a couple of weeks ago! We have a nostalgic look at Sunday School outings from Pat Taylor and a nice “earthy” piece from Mike King.

We said our temporary “goodbyes” to Jayne recently as she embarks on her 3 month sabbatical. This is HER time to study, research, refresh and renew and we will look forward to hearing of her experiences on her return. Her introduction in this issue gives us some insight into what she will be doing.

We are beginning to get back to normal post-Covid so our events calendar is slowly beginning to fill up again. We are planning a few things between September and Christmas with the knowledge that if all goes according to plan, the church itself will be closed to us for a few months from early 2023 as our Welcome Space project begins to come to fruition. We will keep you updated as milestones are reached and dates confirmed. Needless to say this is a very exciting time for our church!

Many of us are now looking forward to summer breaks – the first for a couple of years maybe, but as I write I think we’re all hoping we don’t encounter plane cancellations and train strike disruption!

Having just spent a couple of days in the Lake District there’s a lot to be said for the beautiful country in which we live – we are so very fortunate. May you all have a lovely summer whatever your plans.

Blessings

Jean Davies

Church Family News from Tewkesbury

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dianne Harrington and we send our love and prayers to Terry and the family.



We continue to remember and send our love to all the members of our church family who live in Residential Homes:

Joan Bottrell, Nora Booth, Joyce Sanders and Pat Taylor.

We send love to Mary Davies, and to her family and Roger for their great care of her. We all miss Mary's presence with us at church. We think of Mike King and the family at this time as well, and send our love and prayerful support.

We'd also like to send love, prayers and lots of encouragement to Owen Radtke as he embarks on his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. He has already completed his volunteering at church assisting the stewards (we'd like him permanently!) but he now faces the physical challenge of the hike in the summer. Hopefully Owen will share his experiences and a few photos with us in a future edition of Crosspoint.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – we shared a wonderful service in memory of Nesta Harris – our longest serving member – on Thursday 19th May. Pam, Nesta's daughter, wished to thank all the church family for their help and/or contribution on the day, and for all the church community in their love and support of her mum, and her dad, over many years. Pam had asked Jean to speak about Nesta's time at Tewkesbury Methodist Church and a copy of Jean's tribute is later in this issue. Photographs are in the centerfold.

WORSHIP FORUM – as we have 4 locally-arranged services this quarter, and the likelihood of more to come in the future due to the shortage of preachers, we are re-commencing our Worship Forum

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group to discuss ideas for these services. All are welcome to join in if you have any thoughts or observations as to how you would like our worship to be conducted, whether you wish to actively participate or not. Please check the notices for meetings or speak to Jean Davies or Mike Jebson.

FAIRTRADE

Just a reminder that the sales are held in the church after service on the first Sunday and during the coffee morning on the third Saturday each month. Please tell your friends and neighbours about the Saturday morning stall so that we can spread the word about Fair-Trade in a practical way.

Roger and Dorothy Davis



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CROSSPOINT MAGAZINE COSTS

We would appreciate your continued financial support for the production of Crosspoint, which costs about 80p a copy to prepare. There is a box in the church porch for donations. The suggested donation is 80p per copy or £3.20 for the year. Thank you for your support.

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Getting down to Earth in Ledbury!

Ledbury Allotment Association (L.A.A.) owns an area of land, formerly a farmer's field, alongside the B4214 Bromyard Road from Ledbury. It is run as a charity - a social and community based organisation for the people of Ledbury. The aim of the L.A.A. is to enable local people to grow their own vegetables and fruit, (some also keep chickens and grow flowers) in a sustainable and, ideally, organic way.

I am one of nearly 100 members and have had a plot since September 2014. I find the experience very rewarding. There is a unique satisfaction in producing one's own food from seeds and young plants.

The most difficult stage is the initial preparation of the soil - Herefordshire soil is heavy clay, and much soil conditioner, manure and compost is required to produce a suitable loam. Also, weeds are always ready to make claims on previously prepared beds. Sowing and planting, then tending the growing plants, is much more enjoyable. The ultimate reward of finally harvesting the ripe produce makes the whole process worthwhile!

The yearly cycle of growth keeps us in tune with nature, in all its moods and manifestations. I grow a variety of fruit and vegetables, making use of some raised beds, a polytunnel and a greenhouse.

Unfortunately there is no mains water available on the allotment site. We use "water harvesting" techniques to capture rainfall and channel it into 1000 litre tanks. I have three of these on my plot, and provided they are completely full at the end of the winter, I can normally manage to water my crops with just the occasional top up from home, using portable water containers.

There is a warm community spirit amongst allotment holders, and this adds to the therapeutic experience of working with nature in a peaceful countryside setting.

Unexpected delights sometimes present themselves - like the partridge family - mum and six chicks - who waddled across my plot on one occasion. Mother partridge was too preoccupied with her babies to perch in the pear tree under which she had led them - perhaps it wasn't

close enough to Christmas for this to happen!

In 2018, the L.A.A. entered a float in the Ledbury Carnival. The enthusiasm of our members achieved a pleasing result - the judges assessed us as "First in Class", and overall winners in all categories!

Concluding thoughts / advice for would be allotment gardeners

Successful allotment gardening is hard work and time consuming, but for many it is a very pleasurable and worthwhile hobby.

Mike King

A RE-WORDING OF PSALM 23 FOR BUSY PEOPLE!

The Lord is my Pacemaker, I shall not rush
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness
which restores my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency
through calmness of mind,
and his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret, for his presence is here.
His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity,
by anointing my mind with oils of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness will be the fruit of my hours
For I shall walk in the peace of the Lord, and dwell in his house forever.

INCLUSIVE CHURCH



We are delighted to report that we have been accepted on the Inclusive Church Register. This means that those people who may feel uncomfortable in visiting a church for whatever reason be it because of a disability, gender issue, sexuality or feeling socially isolated, can refer to the register to learn of churches where they will be made unconditionally welcome. We are one of those churches. I believe we are well known for our “welcomes” be it to services or to coffee mornings so continuing these welcomes to all who enter our building will not be difficult. The Inclusive Church Statement is as follows:



“We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of **disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexual**. We believe in a Church which **welcomes and serves all people** in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.”

Inclusive Church is a network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision and we are proud to be part of it.

It seems appropriate to share this Welcome notice from Coventry Cathedral.

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THE COVENTRY CATHDRAL WELCOME

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excitable toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself.

You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woken up or just got out of prison.

We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a warm welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery and those who are still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organised religion.

We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the Cathedral.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost in the city centre and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and YOU!

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

We were so excited to hear that we were having a Sunday School outing to the seaside!



We had never seen the sea except in pictures (this was shortly after the 2nd World War). Each week we took our 6d (2 1/2p) to our teacher to mark in our book.

When the great day came we went to West Hampstead (London) station to catch the special excursion train. It was a very long train, each carriage marked with different Sunday Schools; ours was Quex Road Methodist – little compartments, no corridor. We had our packed lunches – probably corned beef sandwiches and an

apple – no crisps or biscuits – we were still rationed! All in a paper bag – no plastic then!

We stopped at many different stations to pick up many excited children on this very long journey. I especially remember Black Horse Road – it sounded so foreign!

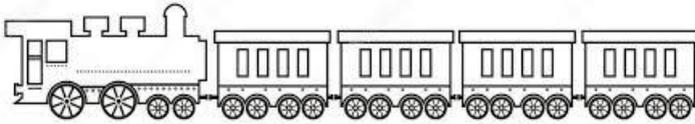
By the time we arrived at Chalkwell Bay (Essex) the lunch had been eaten.....

We found a space to sit on the beach and luckily the tide was in so our girls tucked our dresses in our knickers and rushed down to paddle. Lovely!

I can't remember much else – I know we didn't have buckets and spades, or fancy hats or sunscreen and I can't remember having ice-creams, but we had a lovely time and tea was provided by the café.

Time to go home on the train – not such a long journey back it seemed, but we were probably asleep, and met by our mothers at West Hampstead.

This outing, one of many, was for juniors and seniors. I will tell you about the outing for primary and beginners another time.....



Pat Taylor

(Editor note – please do Pat! I found this fascinating. We’ve had a fair few good Junior Church outings I can recall – and as we reminisced at Nesta’s thanksgiving service recently. If anyone would like to write a piece about one of these that would be great for a future issue).

The Green Group – continues to meet regularly. Please do join the group if you are interested in how we can work together to make a contribution to working towards a greener planet. Meetings usually take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10.15am in the church over a cup of coffee but do check the notices in advance.



This will be held on Sunday 3rd July and Sunday 4th September at 9.15am but NOT in August. Do remember that everyone is welcome at this informal gathering and sharing our breakfast cereals toast and/or bacon baps is an enjoyable time of fellowship.

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NESTA

I have to admit that when Pam asked me if I would say a few words about Nesta's time at Tewkesbury Methodist Church I got rather emotional! Not only was Nesta a much loved member of our church family but she was also a dear friend to me in recent years when she became a resident at Ashchurch View Care Home. My own mum – who developed a contented dementia in latter years - was already resident there and she and Nesta formed a sort of friendship – Nesta was incredibly tolerant of my dear mum who was totally convinced that they had been friends for many years and Nesta happily went along with that!!

It was a privilege to have some of the residents from Ashchurch View visit our church in December 2017 to see our Christmas Angel exhibition and to serve them afternoon tea and this photo was taken on that occasion.

Having been asked by Pam I then contacted many of our church members – and asked for their recollections of Nesta and Harold. Without exception the response was that they were the loveliest, gentles of couples, softly spoken and caring – and though they were deeply involved in church activities it was always in a quiet and unassuming way.

Harold and Nesta joined our church in 1952 having moved from Wales. Nesta recalled that at that time, the congregation was small but welcoming. They met Mary and Jim Lewis – who many of us also remember - and became life-long friends. They appear to have been the first to join in all the activities and groups that were happening at that time, often taking a leading role. The Young Wives Group started in the mid 50's and Nesta became a part of this group (it later became the Wives Group and has remained so to this day (with the inclusion of "Friends" as well) as everyone became not quite so "young"!)

Harold became Superintendent of the Sunday School and Nesta became a leader of the beginners' and primary section – a role later taken over by Irene Tolman (Roger's late wife) in 1963, when it became known as Junior Church. The Sunday School outings were wonderful occasions and Dorothy Davis remembers these with affection.

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Everyone was included and welcomed – and everyone was expected to help prepare the tea, and also to participate in a game of rounders! There was a great little group including Roger and Irene and Myra and Walter Horner who together with Nesta and Harold ensured a good time was had by all. As an aside - I understand both Roger Tolman and Harold sang together in the joint choir with the United Reformed Church, and on one occasion when they were misbehaving on the back row by falling about laughing the lady in charge wanted to turn them out! I wonder what Nesta thought of that!

Nesta was, at various times, a Trustee, a Communion Steward and a very talented flower arranger, an art she encouraged others to take up – always helping with church flowers for weddings and funerals, and the tradition of providing displays for the local hospital – something that continued for many years. In 1978 she organised a Flower Festival to celebrate the church's centenary, and to raise funds for the church. The flowers at that Festival are still spoken about and I'm sorry I couldn't find any suitable photos to show you.

Both Harold and Nesta were very active members of the Wesley Guild – apparently their silver wedding anniversary coincided with a Guild meeting when everyone celebrated with them! Nesta was also part of the Women's' Work group, meeting for fellowship on a Monday.

Nesta was always immaculately dressed so it came as no surprise to learn that she had worked in the clothes industry since leaving school.

So it was a natural course of events that she started pop-up, nearly new shops in the town. Her original idea was to set-up a Nearly-New shop with the intention of possibly making £100 – this turned into a final amount of £630 – quite an achievement in those days! The shops became a monthly stall at the Christian Aid lunches, and at the church monthly markets. Many of the congregation donated and bought outfits and apparently earned the church the accolade of “the best dressed congregation in town!” She was so proficient a sales lady at these markets that she managed to get a very good price for Dorothy's coat, which Dorothy had just taken off to try something else on! Fortunately the buyer realised the mistake when she found a purse and keys in the pocket and quickly returned it! Nesta carried on raising money for Christian Aid in this way for over 30 years. As she said herself – “It was

not only about raising the money, but it was the wonderful people we met and the fellowship and fun we all experienced!”

Nesta was often found behind a stall or helping at church fetes – (and here I shared a few photos with the congregation - taken at the Methodist Circuit fete in June 1990 – one showing Nesta being presented with the trophy for the best stall, by some dashing young man! (Roger Davis!) And one taken in the early 2000's again shows both Harold and Nesta selling their wares at a fete or morning market).

Socialising and sharing fellowship was a fairly frequent event in church life and Nesta was very much involved in setting these up and helping with the catering. (More photos shown of a Guild outing to Monmouth in 1990, and a photo with Ruth and Mavis walking on the Malvern's after a celebration of Roger Tolman's 60th birthday in 1992 - now we all know how old you are Roger! And another showing a Guild outing to Bream in 1992. And a lovely one of Nesta on a summer outing for tea at May Hill in June 2002. There were several (more youthful!) familiar faces in this photo!)

Nesta was also very involved with the work of Mother Theresa – this all started when she read an article in a local Methodist monthly magazine describing Mother Teresa's work with the “dustbin” babies – babies who had been discarded and left to die in the dustbins of Calcutta. Nesta was so moved by this article she felt compelled to do something – so a group was formed from this and other churches in the town and met monthly to pray together and to knit baby vests, squares for blankets and to collect nylon tights to fill mattresses for the dying all to be sent to India. Nesta felt it was so wonderful that this communal work had brought together the different denominations of the town to share together in spreading the love of Christ. She felt a genuine call of Christ to do his work in helping the needy and neglected and dispossessed. I'm sure we can all understand this in Nesta, her being the most caring and kindest of people.

During Nesta's membership here, no less than 14 ministers came and went. Tony Windsor recollects that Nesta and Harold were in the party that travelled with him and Margaret for a very memorable trip to Oberammergau in 1990 to see the Passion Play – a trip that a couple of us in church are in fact making this year. Ann Leathwood, Ron's

widow, remembers popping in regularly to their home where there was always a warm welcome. Their home was open to all, and the kettle was soon on and perhaps one or two of Nesta's tasty Welsh cakes served up! They also opened their home on a Sunday after the evening worship for the youth group to gather and have discussions.

For so many years she and Harold were stalwarts of our church. They both achieved so much – often behind the scenes never wanting to be in the limelight. Well – with the exception of church concerts of course, when their thespian skills came to the fore! It was a regular event to produce a church concert, and Harold and Nesta often contributed to the songs and sketches – everyone loved to dress up! Tony Windsor remembers how they were both so loyal and encouraging to all taking part. (I showed a few more photos here of past productions – the first one quite an early one – date not known – but apart from Nesta centre stage there are youthful versions of Jean Greenslade and Peter Stych to name just two. And one at the church concert of 1997 – with a very obvious Welsh theme. And I couldn't leave out a lovely photo of Nesta and Harold taken at the special service in 2000 to commemorate the refurbishment of the church).

Nesta became was our longest serving member having given so many years of loyal service to our church and to many charities that benefited from her hard work and her kindness and generosity. She was also a good friend to so many.

I finish with this photo of Nesta taken in 2018 as she cut the cake at the church's 140th anniversary celebrations and with some words from Ann Leathwood –

“They had a lovely serenity about them – a real, genuine mark of Christian love and quietness. We (being Ann and Ron) just loved them as everyone did”.

I think we can echo that here today – you were much loved. May God bless you Nesta – may He hold you in his arms Reunited with Haroldand give you peace.

Jean Davies (19th May 2022)

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS REQUESTING
REFUNDS**

Refunding Purchases made for Tewkesbury Methodist Church

HSBC started charging fees on charity bank accounts last November. Tewkesbury Methodist Church has since paid around £19 each month in bank fees. This includes a charge of 40p per cheque raised or cashed, whereas all electronic payments (standing orders, direct debits and BACS transfers (Bankers' Automated Clearing System)) have no additional charge. To minimise our bank charges, from now on, anyone who has bought anything for the church will be reimbursed by BACS transfer, rather than by cheque. Carol Smith and Julie May will meet twice a month and will together setup the transfers, which will pay straight from the church to the receiving bank accounts in the following three working days.

Please pass all church related receipts and invoices to Julie May.

Please include your bank details with your next receipt or invoice:

- Bank account name (as it appears on your cheque book, bank statement or banking app),
- Bank sort code (6 digits, often formatted 12-34-56) and
- Bank account number.

Do not include the long number across your credit or debit card or the 3 digit number on the back of the card. You only need to provide your bank details once; just update us if you change bank account.

I appreciate this is a change so please contact Carol or Julie with any queries. Thank you.

Julie May

The next issue of Crosspoint will be produced in August – please send copy for the next edition to Jean Davies (Tel: 01684 772178) by Sunday 7th August please.

Articles including family news are welcomed. It helps if you are able to send via email. Send to Jean Davies: jed0606@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM APPERLEY

From Peter Stych

Since Easter Church life in Apperley, like much of our private lives, had begun to return to a recognisable pattern. Services during May and June eventually



settled to a plan similar to the one we were used to pre-covid.

But don't feel too complacent! We now have sabbaticals to accommodate which, along with other staffing changes and holidays, necessitate numerous Local Arrangements in our pulpits during July and August.

So here in Apperley the first of these will be **on July 24th** when we shall worship fairly informally at our normal time of 11 am leading into a **picnic lunch** hopefully in the **Church garden** weather permitting. A further LA on August 28th has yet to be arranged. So if anyone has any thoughts or offers please let me know.

Our various weekday activities have still not yet restarted. We want to get the Bizzy Fingers Ladies together but transport from Tewkesbury is now more essential and achieving a workable regular plan is proving to be a challenge. So as we rebuild safe lifestyles we wish everyone an enjoyable summer perhaps with some relaxing holidays and we wish Jayne a rewarding and enjoyable sabbatical.

WINCHCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH

New Life of Methodism in Winchcombe

The end of April saw a **really positive** and enthusiastic Church Council – **every single** member was present--- the main concern was to decide upon a venue, and date, for the start of the next chapter of Methodism in Winchcombe.



The existing church was built on land purchased in 1884 and it was opened in 1885 – 137 years later we have suffered from the use of soft Cotswold stone on so many occasions. Time marches on and despite many, many thousands of pounds being raised and spent we have been forced into some radical thinking!

Nobody wanted to move from here: but with the two concerns of lack of volunteers to perform duties and the spiralling costs it is becoming impossible to carry on!

The circuit executive has been informed that our last service here will be: - **SUNDAY 16th October 2022 at 3pm** and the following Sunday-- we will meet at Abbeyfields, Cleeve Room, at 10-30am – this is the 60 seater room at the rear.

The recognised Methodist procedures will be followed and by October, with the necessary approvals, new beginnings, new opportunities for us all--- the Church Council have carefully-- **and prayerfully**-- considered what we should do over many, many months.



Suggestions have already been made on public media, such as Facebook, as to what should happen to the building - once the circuit have appointed agents they would be the ones to approach, not us!!

This is OUR chance for new shoots, new energies and growth !

Numbers of years ago a preacher, Rev Dr Reg Mallett, put it very bluntly:-

‘God and Jesus Christ do not live in this bricks and mortar building’ – GOD is simply everywhere!!!

Geoff Onions

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Tewkesbury Methodist Players

present



Cascades of Water



An Evening of Songs and Sketches

at

**Tewkesbury Methodist Church
Saturday 18th June 2022 at
7.00pm**



**Light Refreshments
Proceeds to Charity**

Tickets £3 available on the door

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see the weekly notices or our website for more detailed information about events



June

- Saturday 11th Coffee morning 10am – 12.00
Green Group 10am
- Sunday 12th 10.30am – Ann Pearce (Trinity Sunday)
- Saturday 18th Coffee morning 10am – 12.00
- Saturday 18th Concert 7pm
- Sunday 19th 10.30am – Philip Hyne
- Saturday 25th Coffee morning 10am – 12.00
- Saturday 25th Camerata Concert 7.30pm
- Sunday 26th 10.30am – Gail Whiting (MHA)

July

- Saturday 2nd Coffee morning 10am – 12.00
- Sunday 3rd 9.15am Breakfast Club
10.30am Holy Communion – Revd Steve Ward
- Tuesday 5th 2.30pm Wives and Friends AGM and Bring and Buy
- Wednesday 6th 7pm – Safeguarding course (attendees invited)
- Saturday 9th Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00
Green Group 10am
MEDFEST WEEKEND
- Sunday 10th 10am Local Arrangement – NB early start
- Saturday 16th Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00
- Sunday 17th 10.30am – Local Arrangement
- Saturday 23rd Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00
- Sunday 24th 10.30am Trevor Wills
- Saturday 30th Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00
- Sunday 31st 10.30am Local Arrangement

August

Saturday 6 th	Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00
Sunday 7 th	NO Breakfast Club 10.30am – Holy Communion Revd Richard Clutterbuck
Saturday 13 th	Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00
Sunday 14 th	10.30am – Local Arrangement
Saturday 20 th	Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00
Sunday 21 st	10.30am – Revd Carrie Seaton
Saturday 27 th	Coffee Morning – 10am – 12.00
Sunday 28 th	10.30am Revd Rachel Leather

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## FUTURE DATES TO NOTE –

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| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept –   | Circuit Assembly<br>Possible Battle of Britain commemorative service |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept - | Camerata Concert 7.30pm                                              |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct -     | 10.30am HC and Commissioning Service                                 |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct -     | Harvest Festival and lunch                                           |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov -  | Christmas Table-top market                                           |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov -    | Tewkesbury Lights Switch-on                                          |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov -    | Church Away-Day at Holland House                                     |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec -     | Church decorated for Christmas                                       |

## CHURCH SERVICES –

Any alteration to dates and or times will be shown in the weekly notices (also available on our website). The church is generally also open to visitors on Saturday mornings (coffee morning).

*A service is held every Sunday at Tewkesbury at 10.30am service (with occasional changes to times as per the notices).*

*10.30am service **with** Holy Communion is the first Sunday of each month.*

*Breakfast Praise takes place on the first Sunday of the month at 9.15am.*

*We do not have a Junior Church as such, but all families and children are welcome to any of our services though there will be particular emphasis on involving children in our 9.15am Breakfast Club.*

## CHURCH GROUPS AND MEETINGS

**Church Council – Autumn**  
**Worship Forum – tbc**  
**Finance/Property – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**  
**Stewards – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May tba**  
**Tewkesbury Churches Together - tbc**  
**Pastoral – tbc**  
**Publicity – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm**  
**Green Group – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10am**  
**Wives and Friends – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm**

**This is my wish for you:            Comfort on difficult days,  
Smiles when sadness intrudes,    Rainbows to follow the clouds,  
Laughter to kiss your lips,        Hugs when spirits sag,  
Sunsets to warm your heart,      Friendships to brighten your being,  
Beauty for your eyes to see,      Faith so that you can believe,  
Confidence for when you doubt,    Patience to accept the truth,  
Courage to know yourself,         Love to complete your life.**

**(Anonymous)**

# THE METHODIST CHURCH

## Priorities for the Methodist Church

To proclaim and affirm our conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the church.

### **Main contacts for Apperley and Tewkesbury Methodist Churches**

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**Tewkesbury Church phone:** 01684 291101 This is situated in the vestry with an extension to the vestibule kitchen and is intended primarily for use by church officials and for emergency use.



### **IMPORTANT Booking rooms and events**

**If you are arranging any event on the church premises of Tewkesbury Methodist Church, the room and time must be arranged with the bookings secretary, Roger Davis Tel: 01684 293423.**



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