

Dear Friends

Just as we were heading into the longer nights and colder days last year I was saddened to lose a very dear friend. We met many years ago and found mutual interests both as ordained ministers and in a love for celtic spirituality. I miss our conversations in which we would spend countless hours discussing, exploring and writing about the early days of Christianity in these celtic isles. We would ponder on how the indigenous wisdom, which saw the divine in all things and lived so closely with nature, was so receptive to the incoming Christian religion. Christ was seen to be in and through all things - closer to us than our own breathing. He was seen as the Lord of all creation and so the celtic love of nature and its annual cycle of festivals, already celebrated in these isles, were easily incorporated into the new religion (though sadly such celebrations would in time be subdued and even abolished by the established church).



Such was our passion for this subject we would write poetry and prose, lead teaching on the subject and collaborate in online teaching sessions during lockdown - though I always bowed to his extensive and superior knowledge. He was really excited about the research I was planning for my sabbatical and couldn't wait to read the write up on my return but sadly that was not meant to be.

Through the winter I mourned the loss of my dear friend but now that the spring equinox is approaching and the hope of Easter is on the horizon, it seems that the time is right to celebrate all that we shared and stood for in our desire to see celtic spirituality see a revival in the church. To this end I want to share with you one of my friends' prayers. This is perfect for the season and celebrates his awesome talent as a writer able to capture the essence of celtic spirituality.

### **Spring Equinox prayer by Tadhg Jonathan**

Blessed be the One who crosses boundaries,  
who is evident in the lengthening day,

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in the turning of the Great Circle, and  
who is felt in the soft, refreshing Spring wind.

Blessed be the One who is evident in the colour green,  
Viriditas,  
who makes plants grow and flower,  
and the trees to prepare for blossom, and  
who warms the earth as the sun rises higher in the sky.

Blessed by the One who causes nature to stir from her sleep,  
who waters the earth, and calls to the deep,  
and the deep joyfully replies and springs to life, and  
who changes the slow, icy brooks into life-laden babbling streams.

Blessed be the One who speaks to the earth,  
and from decay new life immediately appears,  
who showers the earth with rain from your storehouse of abundance, and  
who blesses the earth, which, in turn, blesses us.  
Lord of the elements, 'Three-Personed' God, we praise you.

*Tadhg Jonathan*

Blessings of the Spring Equinox to you and may the hope and joy of  
our Risen Lord be yours this Easter.

Jayne



March 2023

Dear Friends - welcome to the Spring edition of our church magazine.

And how lovely it is to see the days drawing out, and despite the bitterly cold weather as I write, the sun is shining and there are carpets of crocus and snowdrops everywhere.

This edition brings forth a new series from John Beardsley – “It shouldn’t happen to a minister!” - which promises to be both informative and entertaining. And Eileen has written a beautiful poem based on our visit to Holland House last November.

Also congratulations to the Cobalt greeting cards team at Winchcombe on achieving a huge total of £10,000 raised thanks to their hard work. Also some information from Geoff about their weekly gatherings at Winchcombe to which all are welcome.

And do read about our new scheme concerning church flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event.

We’ve been pleased to be able to open throughout the winter as a designated Warm Space in Tewkesbury on a Saturday morning and are always grateful to those volunteers who regularly give up their time to run these. We continue to welcome both friends and visitors and that warm welcome is often commented upon.

Special greetings to those friends who are receiving this magazine by mail – those of you who have moved away or are not able to get to church anymore. We remember you all with affection and send you warm greetings from Tewkesbury. Do please get in touch if you have news to share.

As we continue our journey through Lent we look toward the sorrows of Good Friday with the suffering and sacrifice of Christ and anticipate the joy and hope of the resurrection on Easter Day .....all blessings and happiness to you all this Eastertide.

Jean (Davies)

## **Church Family News from Tewkesbury**



Sadly we have to report the death of another of our members – Shirley Lowe. Shirley had been unwell for some time and it has been a while since we saw her at church. We send our love and prayers to her friends and family.

We 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 particularly remember Mike and Hilary Jebson, who have both suffered ill health for a while now. We miss seeing them at church and send them best wishes. We hear that Audrey Simpson is getting stronger after yet another set-back and we hope to see her back with us soon.

We send love and best wishes to all those suffering health issues and pray for a speedy recovery. Please reach out to your pastoral visitor if you need support or contact Jean Davies (pastoral secretary).

We are delighted to hear that Roy and Jean Greenslade have welcomed another great-grandchild – Reggie, born in January. Congratulations to all the family on such lovely news!

Also congratulations to Claire and Sean Radtke who have celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. (Where did that time go...!??) Incidentally Claire is running a half-marathon on 30<sup>th</sup> April as 2023 is a very special year for her and she is running to raise money for Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity. I know Claire is training really hard for this and if you would like to sponsor her you can do so through JustGiving or see Claire (or any of the stewards) at church.

We also say “well done” to Owen Radtke who completed a weeks’ work experience with the Gloucestershire Police programme recently. He has now enrolled as a Police Cadet – and has the uniform! Good for you Owen!

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## BIG BIRTHDAYS!

Well this is certainly the year of celebration for many with big birthdays (finishing in 0 or 5) with a couple already happened this year. SO – any excuse for a party and we would like to invite everyone, but particularly those with a special birthday this year (and their relatives if they wish), to a tea party on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 3pm. Please put the date in your diary and more details will follow. We have a list of those we know about but if you too, have a big birthday this year, and haven't shared the date with us yet, do let a steward know so we can be sure to officially invite you and yours nearer the time.



**"It shouldn't happen to a ..... ( No, not Vet) Minister"  
or  
Some of the funny, sad or strange experiences during  
my years of Ministry**

In September 1964 I began training for the Methodist Ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge (address - Wesley House, Jesus Lane!). I shall always be grateful for the 3 years there, but have to admit that in comparison with the other Ministerial Training colleges Wesley House was rather behind the times. For instance, there was a Cambridge University statute that no student could travel more than 5 miles from the centre of Cambridge without an "exeat", written permission to do so. Needless to say this was no longer enforced - except at Wesley House! On one of Eileen's weekend visits to Cambridge we decided that we would like to go to London for the day, and so I approached the Principal, a very learned and indeed kindly man, with a request for an exeat. "Oh John, you are a gadabout, you know . You had an exeat last term "!!

Exeats were not required for our Sunday preaching appointments in the surrounding counties, which sometimes involved a lot of travelling and a night away, or even two.

In addition to these, we took it in turn to be on call in case of a sudden request for a preacher, and it was my fortune (misfortune?) to be on call when George Thomas (later Viscount Tonypany, Speaker of the House of Commons, and at that time Secretary of State for Wales) couldn't fulfill his appointments for the Men's Weekend at Wesley Memorial, Cambridge. They found a satisfactory alternative for the morning service, but decided to use the student on call for the evening. All went well until the sermon, when the public address system started picking up messages to and from a local taxi firm. My utterances were punctuated by requests to go to this or that address! My fit of giggles didn't help restore my dignity, nor did the fact that my gown caught in the elaborate metal work of the pulpit steps as I descended at the end

of the service and brought my progress to an abrupt end! A postscript to this - many years later I was recounting this incident when somebody said that she had heard George Thomas once say that he had had a very narrow escape in Cambridge!

My training was completed in 1967, and Eileen and I were able to marry and move to my first appointment, which was in Washington - CD (County Durham) , rather than DC. Our first Manse must certainly feature in this story, with its 13 rooms (including a bedroom for the servant) . We should have realised it would be damp when we were given the address - The Manse, Spout Lane. There was indeed a well in the back garden. The tier of our wedding cake that we had kept for Christmas was mouldy long before then, and when we returned from our first holiday the following summer the carpet in the hall was mildewed. The house was of course far too big for a working couple, and we tended to live in a sort of breakfast room beyond the kitchen, which still had a range and side oven (very useful for warming gloves in a cold North Eastern winter!). The Dining room was so cold that if we were to entertain we had to have a fire in there for a couple of days beforehand - and the fire smoked dreadfully. The remedy for this was to remove a tile from the hearth so that there was a permanent hole there. Even more bizarre, the remedy for the sheets on our bed being damp was to provide us with an electric blanket!!

I'm not sure whether my next story comes in the category of "funny" or "sad" - when I got in the bad books of an elderly lady, and all because of a prayer. At the Annual Meeting of the Sisterhood at one of my four churches in Washington I made what I thought was a very reasonable suggestion - that when a service was to be held in their church during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on their evening they should join in that rather than have their normal meeting. However, they would have none of it, and I suppose my annoyance about that was just a little obvious. I concluded the meeting with a prayer that I often used at the end of business meetings, that went something like this -"Lord, where we are right, confirm us; where we are wrong correct us; where we are naive, enlighten us etc. etc. " When I realised that Mrs B was staying away when I took services at Edith Avenue, I called on her and

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was greeted with "We are not friends, you know"! It seems that after the Sisterhood Annual Meeting she had asked her niece what "naive" meant. "I'll look it up in the Dictionary ", said Irene, and after doing so informed her aunt that it meant stupid.

"He's not going to call me stupid!" was the response to that. Well, I explained that naive didn't really mean stupid, and that moreover that prayer was one I often used.

I grovelled (I got quite good at grovelling), and friendship was restored. Indeed, she knitted baby clothes for our new baby when she was born.

After four years in Washington amongst some very fine people, some of whom we are still in touch with, we moved down the road to Sunderland - and some more funny, sad and strange experiences, which I hope to write about in the next edition of Crosspoint.

John Beardsley

**WORSHIP FORUM** – we regularly meet to discuss how we can contribute and/or take part in locally arranged and special services. Everyone is welcome at these meetings – it is good to share ideas and suggestions as to how we can best get our message across in an interesting and meaningful way. Our next LA (Locally Arranged) service is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April so if you would like to be involved in the planning of this please let a steward know or check the notices for the date of the next planning meeting.

Unless there is a Good Friday in your life  
there can be no Easter Sunday.

Fulton J Sheen



# CHURCH FLOWERS



We are starting a scheme whereby our members can make a donation for flowers displayed in the church in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion. We suggest a minimum donation of £10 to cover a 2 week period, and we will display a card marking the occasion whether it be in memory or in celebration. There is a calendar on a clipboard in the vestibule for you to choose your date and the wording for the card. We hope you will support the scheme as this will both help with expenses towards flowers and also mark a significant occasion. Thank you to Jenny and Wendy for organising this.

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# **WINCHCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH**

**For a number of years a group of ladies church have beavered away converting used greeting cards into a wide selection of really nice cards for re-sale. Recently they achieved the fantastic figure of £10000 to go towards COBALT equipment in Cheltenham.**



**AS AN ACT OF RECOGNITION THE MAYOR OF CHELTENHAM  
ASKED THEM ALL TO VISIT THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR**

**We all know of people, maybe even ourselves, who have had the  
need to use the Cobalt machines, to our great advantage!**

**Dr Fred Hanna began this remarkable story in the late 1960's and  
Heather Webb was one of those original supporters/volunteers!**

**You can help, too, by buying!!! Call 01242 603163 for details.**

**Methodists may have moved premises but are still very much a  
force in our community.**

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# TRAIDCRAFT

You may have seen in the media that Traidcraft has unfortunately gone into administration and has ceased trading. Since 1982 it has pioneered the promotion of Fair Trade for farmers and suppliers all over the world so that they receive a fair price for their hard work in producing their goods. Unfortunately since the Covid outbreak it was particularly badly hit and never fully recovered.

This means that I will not be able to obtain any more Fairtrade goods and so once the current stock has run out I will not be holding the twice monthly sale. Fair trade goods will still be available in supermarkets and other retail outlets so please continue buying them when you see them on the shelves. Thank you for your support over the years.

Roger Davis

And thank you to Roger and Dorothy (and Sophie) for their work in running the stall over the years. It will really be missed by many.



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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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# OASIS

A WELCOME PLACE

Our Open/Community Engagement Day took place on 21<sup>st</sup> February as was a great success. We were showing our draft plans for the proposed alterations to make the building more community friendly. We were fortunate to have our architect with us to explain the plans in more detail. We were visited by various charitable organisations that have an interest in using our premises and also several council members including the Town and Borough Mayors. Local residents who came in were very interested and very positive about the plans.

We have recently received confirmation that we will receive a grant of £25,000 towards the Changing Places facility to be sited on our premises. (See the press release on the Tewkesbury Borough website). This will enable our premises to be used 24/7 for those with disabilities who would like to visit the town, and/or take part in activities at our church.

We now move forward to the next stage when formal plans are completed, planning applications are made, and tenders are sort. We are optimistic the work will commence later in the year and be completed by early April 2024. Watch this space!

If you have any suggestions as to how you would like to see our new space used– now called Oasis – or for more information please contact Jean Davies – [jedo606@yahoo.com](mailto:jedo606@yahoo.com) or Adrian Shelley [adandgillshelley@gmail.com](mailto:adandgillshelley@gmail.com) or speak to church stewards.

# SAM AND HIS BLUE BADGE CAMPAIGN

In the November edition of Crosspoint Pat (Taylor) told us how her family were getting on. Her grandson Sam, has been doing really well at the Star College at Ullenwood and last year he launched a campaign to get the blue disabled badge changed to make it more inclusive.

Sam has a chromosomal condition that often leaves him fatigued and in pain and this can affect his mobility meaning he needs to use a wheelchair on occasions. The syndrome that Sam has (DiGeorge syndrome) gives him a cleft palate, affecting his speech, and scoliosis, which affects his back, but he has no learning difficulties and has normal intelligence.

However because he can walk some of the time he, and others with similar conditions, find they are challenged as to why they need a disabled badge as their disability is not always obvious.

He is calling for the disabled badge to include a standing figure together with one in a wheelchair, to represent unseen disabilities and he is lobbying MP's to get this changed. His college are backing his campaign and applaud his determination.

Many of us have followed both Sam and Evan's progress since they were little, and it is heart-warming to see how much Sam has achieved against all odds – all credit to his bravery and determination. We wish him well with the campaign and look forward to hearing more of his endeavours.

## A Prayer for Easter

Jesus, we thank You for the sacrifice You made on the cross. Because of You, we are no longer bound to sin. Thank You that we no longer fear death and eternal separation from You because of what You've done for us. Thank You for making us righteous before You. We are grateful for Your grace and this incomparable gift. Thank You, God. Amen.

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## ENVELOPES SCHEME FOR GIVING

If you give regularly via the envelope scheme these will be available shortly for 2023/24. You will be aware that we have asked our members if they would consider making their gifts to church by standing order to help cut down on bank charges. (A monthly donation is very acceptable rather than weekly). Many of you have now chosen to contribute your gifts in this way, and we are very grateful.

The **blue** envelopes are for those people who pay income tax and we are therefore able to claim tax back from these donations. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax but have blue envelopes please let me know as soon as possible. If you normally have orange envelopes we shall not be distributing these again so please just make your donation in the collection plate. However if you prefer to have dated envelopes to maintain regular giving please see me and I can give you dated manila envelopes to enable you to do this.

If you are still considering your giving by standing order and need to speak to someone about it, please contact Julie May (Treasurer 01684 291457), Carol Smith (01684 295303) or speak to me.

Thank you for your continued support especially in these economically challenging times.

Jean Davies (Gift Aid Secretary)



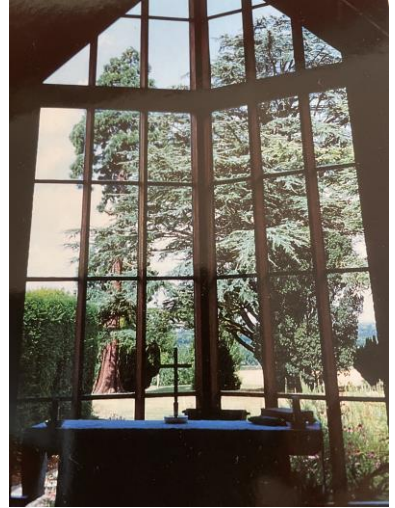
## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Next Breakfast Club is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome at this informal gathering and to share breakfast cereals, toast and bacon baps together with some activities and an enjoyable time of fellowship.

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# CHURCH AWAY DAY

Set in the amazing village of Crophorne, centre of manors, farmhouses, thatched roofs, blackened beams and whitewashed walls, Holland House is a delightful conference and retreat centre. The original 17<sup>th</sup> century house, now expanded to include a beautiful modern chapel, has extensive gardens around the house. Comfortable with airy rooms and cosy corners it makes an ideal retreat. Activities varied – prayer walks, book discussions, craft and just sitting! Friendly staff and good food made the day complete and relaxed. On a future occasion, if you are able, do come and share conversation, fellowship and quiet.



## THROUGH THE WINDOW (- of the chapel at Holland House)

Clear glass panes lead the eyes outwards and upwards.  
Azure blue! Overhead the clear blue sky  
Frames dark conifers, green against blue.  
Bluetit, blackbird, robin, sparrow flit among the firs;  
Across the garden a fox brushes past the window.  
Magpie strutting, causing a commotion,  
Makes his presence known.

So often we forget to pause and be still,  
Enjoy the moment, feeling God's vibrant creative spirit.  
Just like the magpie we are busy making our presence felt,  
Forcing our ideas, needing to be noticed.

A gong sounds, resonating across the quiet air,  
Reminding us that silence and stillness are needed  
To see beyond the immediate sights  
And become aware of the life-giving Spirit,

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Throbbing through all of us.  
Wonder and wisdom waiting to be harnessed  
Settling in serenity of soul.

Eileen Beardsley

*(We do hope to arrange a further retreat day to Holland House in the not-too-distant future. JD)*

## OPEN THE BOOK

Our Open the Book team restarted sessions at Tirlbrook school on Thursday, 2nd of February after 3 years of not being able to go because of Covid!

It was lovely to be back and Simon (the Head) and the whole school make us very welcome and the church has made a good relationship with the school by going there regularly.

We liaise dates with them but generally go to take their assemblies every 2 weeks.

We have some new members on the team, (who all seem to be enjoying taking part!) as well as some “seasoned” members. We take bible stories to the children and have shared 2 of them so far, - “In the Beginning “and “A Sad Day”. We will be doing the story of Noah and the Ark next, then finishing this term with the Easter Story.

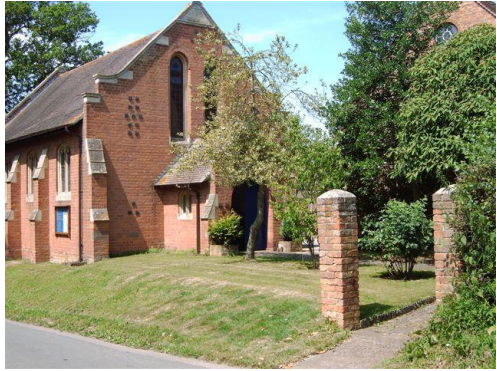
Anyone who would like to join us either taking part or helping with costumes and props will be very welcome. Please see Gill Shelley if you are.



## NEWS FROM APPERLEY

*From Peter Stych*

So as we all seem to say every year - 'Christmas came and went so quickly'. But after the previous two years when so many of our traditional celebrations did not 'come ' or 'go' at all, because of covid restrictions, it was a delight this



year to be able to rekindle events such as our 'Carols by Candlelight' on the Wednesday evening just before Christmas. The weather was clear by then and we were delighted to welcome a good congregation back to the Chapel. It was a wonderful atmosphere just like old times.

Into January we found a local arrangement on the plan for one Sunday morning. It so happened that our Tewkesbury Harmony Worship Group had prepared a Christmas Special Harmony Praise for the Sunday afternoon of December 11<sup>th</sup> at Tewkesbury but as many of you will recall that was the weekend of the snow and most services were cancelled. So with some adaptation we were able to bring a 'Belated Christmas Harmony Praise' to Apperley in late January. It appeared that the congregation thoroughly enjoyed revisiting the Christmas message whilst not having to worry about the turkey in the oven at home!

Sadly, later that same day, we received the very sad news that John Lewis, of Elmstone Hardwick, had passed away. John had been ill since the end of last year and was unable to withstand the more concentrated infections rife over the Christmas period. At the age of 96 John had served the Chapel at Coombe Hill tirelessly until it closed in 2005 and then became a well loved stalwart here at Apperley. He, with Helen and the Family, had farmed at Copse Green all his life leaving the local farming community missing one of their best loved sons. We were all privileged to have shared in John and Helen's Diamond Wedding anniversary celebration at the Chapel on a Sunday morning late in November last year. It is planned to hold a thanksgiving service in the Chapel in the spring when we will be able to celebrate his life and give our final farewells.

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## NEW LIFE OF METHODISM PART 3

**Q.** 'How are you managing to survive now that you have moved after around 17 weeks in your new home?'

**A.** The atmosphere that has been apparent, even before day 1, has been truly positive, the explanations given at depth with slides shows, facts and projections demonstrated how difficult life appeared to be just around the corner if we remained in our 133 year old building!



The church family has been truly wonderful throughout this time, and although there have been many regrets; it would be false not to say so; the positive attitude has been tangible and real.

The national figure for loss of the family, due to moving premises, is apparently as high as 26% - gazing around on a Sunday morning there is no indication of this at all – the fact the Church Council was 100% in favour of the move was a huge vote of confidence!

On a practical level we are very fortunate that Winchcombe Day Centre have afforded a large store room where most of our dedicated equipment is kept, much of it on wheels, our lectern, some of our chairs, 63" television for the slides, communion elements etc --- **PLUS** there is an excellent team to return everything after the Sunday service: the room is then ready for the normal, Monday, Day Centre model. Kathy and husband Stephen set up the operation on Saturdays and we are so grateful for their tireless efforts.



Preachers, ordained and local, have been very supportive with remarks as to the genuine warmth from the family and the togetherness and closeness experienced, the superb hymn singing, the fact that there is not a huge 150

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seater room to preach to and the depth of the chatter before and after, during coffee. A few new faces have appeared and we look forward with enthusiasm to a bright future – **BE BOLD - GOD IS WITH US.....**

The next issue of Crosspoint will be produced in June – please send copy for the next edition to Jean Davies (Tel: 01684 772178) by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May please.

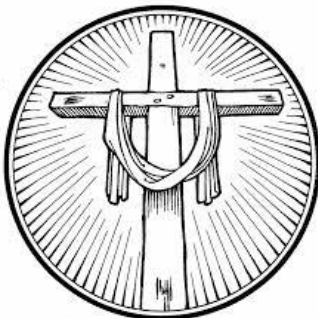
Articles including family news are welcomed. It helps if you are able to send via email. Send to Jean Davies: [jed0606@yahoo.com](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com)

## **EASTER SERVICES**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 11 am Maundy Thursday Holy Communion – Revd Jayne Webb**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday 10am reflection followed by Walk of Witness**

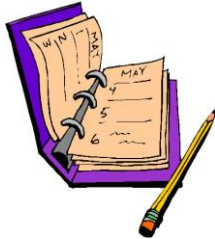
**Easter Sunday – 10.30am Holy Communion – Revd Steve Ward**



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see the weekly notices or our website for any alterations to dates/times and more detailed information about events



### **MARCH 2023**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Tewkesbury Methodist Players rehearsals begin

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 10am Flowers and foliage to church for posies

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm Circuit Assembly

### **APRIL**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Palm Sunday – 9.15am Breakfast Club

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday – 11am - Holy Communion

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday – 10am service of reflection

Walk of Witness

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day – 10.30am Holy Communion – Revd

Carrie Seaton

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April - 6pm – Tewkesbury Churches Together joint service at our church

### **MAY**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 9.15am Breakfast Club 10.30am Holy Communion

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Additional Bank Holiday

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am – Locally Arranged service

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> May – Thy Kingdom Come Week of Prayer

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – 3pm – Circuit Assembly

### **JUNE**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Tewkesbury Methodist Players concert

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June – Methodist Conference

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 7.30pm Camerata Concert

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# JULY

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July – Medieval Festival

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July – service at 10am

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 3pm Big Birthday Tea Party

## 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

**Please see weekly notices for dates of meetings as they are arranged**

**Church Council**

**Worship Forum**

**Welcome Space and Finance meeting**

**Finance/Property**

**Stewards**

**Tewkesbury Churches Together**

**Pastoral**

**Publicity**

**Green Group**

**Wives and Friends**

**Book Club**

# 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

Minister: The Revd Jayne Webb

Tel: 01684 298650

*Who also has pastoral responsibility for Winchcombe Methodist Church and Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church*

Apperley Senior Steward – Peter Stych Tel: 01452 780508

Tewkesbury Senior Steward - Linda Sallis Tel: 01684 294169

Registered Charity No: 1136205

***We are in the Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire, part of the Bristol Methodist District***

***Web site for Apperley and Tewkesbury Methodist Churches***

[www.tewkesburymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.tewkesburymethodistchurch.org.uk)

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



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for 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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# Tewkesbury Methodist Players

present



## Show Time

**An Evening of Songs and Sketches**

At



**Tewkesbury Methodist Church**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00pm**

**Light Refreshments**

**All proceeds to Charity**

**Tickets £3 available on the door**



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## Eavesdropping

**FLO** - Why don't you come to the Day Centre- you keep saying you are bored? It changed my life.....

**ELI**- What Centre??? – I've been here for two years and didn't know there was one!

## TRUSTEE

A recent straw poll in the middle of Winchcombe revealed that lots of folk did not know that we existed! ***Just the odd 35 years in Langley Road!!!***

4 years ago after some clubs and individuals in our town suggested that a more updated name would be good for us –so----we did it and became..... BeSocial!

It seems that a lot of people may have missed out on a really good day away from home with so many smiling, happy faces due to the name change – so what to do?? Re-name us back to **Winchcombe Day Centre.**

*'It changed my life completely' 'I wasn't interested then my neighbour asked me the go along with them- it was great good fun and lots of singing' 'It is so good to have a meal with someone else and no washing up'*

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