

Dear Friends,

So here we are, entering a new connexional year! At this point, exactly two years ago we could never have imagined what lay ahead. We hadn't even heard of covid and the term 'lockdown' though we may have heard the word, it certainly had never been associated with our normal day to day lives.



As difficult as it has been, we have discovered many new coping mechanisms, skills and different ways of doing things, some of which are very much for the better. It may be that there are specific stories or particular instances that stand out for you coming out of this period of exile. Some undoubtedly will have sad stories to share and yet others will have offerings of hope.

For me the many acts of kindness and self-giving by people of all faiths and none have impressed me enormously; but one phrase in particular stands out above all the others. I can't remember who first said this but it was in one of the briefings about vaccines where we were told 'we are not safe until we are all safe!' If covid has taught us anything it has taught us about our interdependence as a human family; we are all in this together! In the UK we are so fortunate to have benefited from the vaccine programme but the truth is that this global human family cannot really enjoy its freedom until everyone across the world has had free and readily available access to the vaccines and other life saving medicines.

Perhaps the deeper hope here is that through this pandemic we truly might begin to learn the lessons of the importance of equality, inclusion, sharing and caring for the most vulnerable as some of our most important global values.

As we begin this new Methodist year we are all delighted to greet our new president the Reverend Sonia Hicks who gave a stunning address at Conference this year. I watched online, but even so it was easy to observe how completely engaged conference members were with her speech...you could have heard a pin drop!

She too has thought a lot about these values of equality and inclusion as being of significant importance to us all in these very challenging times.

She has chosen for her theme this year, '**God's table**' and envisions that the wider Methodist church embraces generous, Inclusive, welcoming hospitality... 'Adhering to the standard of love in all our interactions.'

She explains that for her, practising inclusion and diversity in the church, is the principle of universal significance and if we do not champion this, then perhaps we will lose our 'importance in the course of time'.

I believe that if the church is to recover in these post covid months and years then these values are critical, relevant and important right now both locally and globally. Currently we are exploring at Tewkesbury, as a church, how we might best envisage our building in order that we meet the current challenges head on. It will mean making some brave decisions and will mean putting aside some of our personal preferences in order to meet the greater needs of the local community and beyond.

We are extremely blessed as a church in so many ways and my prayer is that God will use us, our gifts and our building to ensure that all feel welcome, included and cared for. In the end we are here to share '**God's Table**' with the world and may we never shy away from being generous in spirit and courageous in meeting the challenges that lie ahead.

Blessings
Jayne



August 2021 –

How many times have we heard the phrase “These are strange times” in recent months? But that does rather sum up what has happened over the past year and a half. Little did I think as I prepared the Crosspoint for February 2020 that would be my last until now?

There have been so many changes some for the better, and likely to remain with us post-Covid (eg working from home, community support, Zoom meetings etc) and others sadly which have meant we have not been able to see loved ones – particularly those living abroad – and the loss of friends and family without being able to attend funerals.

As we slowly emerge from the pandemic albeit with many precautions still in place, we tentatively try to adjust to a different way of life. We were pleased to be able to open for worship in May, and the shortened Covid-safe services have been very successful (but oh! – haven’t we missed the hymn singing!)

Most of our activities will not resume until at least September. The weekly notices will start again in October, and whether you attend church or not these will be posted on the church website to keep you up to date. There are a few dates in the diary all subject to rules at the time and these are listed later in this magazine. We are trying not to rush headlong into planning too much over the coming months but will “test the water” and in fact, work out what our church members would prefer to happen – bearing in mind we are all that bit older and perhaps not quite so energetic!

In this edition you will be pleased to see that John Beardsley has resumed his “Potted History – Part 8” and we have an article by new member Mike King. I hope we will resume normal service with Crosspoint from our November issue so please continue to send my any articles, family news, relevant poems or reflections for inclusion. Remember this will be our Christmas edition.

Please all stay safe and well. God bless.

Jean (Davies)

Church Family News from Tewkesbury

We send our love and prayers to Mary Davies, Roy and Jean Greenslade, Rosemary and Andy Bainbridge, Joyce Cooper and Joyce Sanders.

We are sad to report the deaths of Tony Duford, Jim Holder, Arthur Plum, Betty Martin, and Anders Alling since our last edition. We were also sad to hear of the death of

John Turner who some of you will remember as a former Superintendent and a kind and compassionate man.

We remember each of them and hold them and their families in our hearts and prayers.



We remember and send our love to all the members of our church family who live in Residential Homes: Dianne Harrington, Joan Bottrell, Nora Booth, Nellie Pearson, Nesta Harris and Pat Taylor.

Celebrations in the Dobbs' household as Tim graduates with an MSc in Critical Care, and Hannah with a Bachelors (with honours) degree in Clinical Psychology. Congratulations to them both!

Sue and Pete Woodthorpe are now in their new home in Tewkesbury, and look forward to seeing more of the Tewkesbury church family. Their third great-granddaughter has just been born – Thea – who joins Orla and Emily. Congratulations to all the family.

Congratulations, too, to Dave Amies on the safe arrival of his first grandchild. Lowri had a little girl weighing 8lb 2ozs on Friday 13th August. We send love and best wishes to all the family.

Adrian and Gill (Shelley) have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in April this year and were planning a trip to New Zealand.

However, they enjoyed a week in their caravan in Cornwall instead (I wonder why?!) but they are still looking forward to their trip to New Zealand and Australia in 2022. Their grandchildren are growing up fast, with Tiana entering Yr10, Gracie Yr8, Jessie Yr6 and Phoebe starting in Reception class in September.

We also send greetings to all those who have moved away during the past year - Peter and Jane Dickinson who moved away during the first part of the lockdown and Ann and Andrew Houghton who moved to Lancashire earlier this year. We were sad not to be able to say a proper farewell but hope they will visit us when they may be in the area. You will find updates from them below.

We would also like to warmly welcome Mike and Jane King, who have recently joined our church family. Mike has already earned some kudos with us by contributing to this magazine! Find Mike's article further in this edition.

GREETINGS FROM LANCASHIRE!

We are gradually settling down to life in Kirkham, but miss our Tewkesbury Church family very much and were sorry not to be able to say 'goodbye' to you all in person. Thank you to everyone who sent us messages and cards before and after we left Sportsmans Lodge, they all made the move that much easier. We have started to attend our local Methodist church and have been made to feel very welcome there. It felt so strange (but great) to be singing again inside church, but how 'rusty' our voices are!

We are enjoying exploring this western part of the county, especially as the novelty of having buses and trains within walking distance has not yet worn off! (And of course, the concessionary bus passes make for very cheap travel!).

We have had an offer accepted on a house in Garstang and if everything proceeds, expect to be moving there in October/November. For those of you who don't know Garstang, it was the world's first Fair Trade Town and has both the river Wyre and the Lancaster Canal running through it. It also has 'weinds' connecting some streets, similar

to Tewkesbury's alleys. The countryside round about is glorious with the Forest of Bowland to the east and the Fylde coast to the west.

We think of you all often and hope that it won't be too long before we visit Tewkesbury again, as our younger daughter, Victoria, is still living in Wiltshire. We also still have numerous tickets for concerts at The Roses in 2022!!

Our very best wishes to you all.

Andrew & Anne (Houghton)

GREETINGS FROM PETER AND JANE

Greetings to all our friends at TMC. We miss you and enjoy getting news of you from time to time. We have been in Denmead for a year now and are so pleased with the move. It is good to have family close by and to be able to see each other often. Elliot, 9, has just been to stay with us for a few days. He was very excited to be our first visitor to sleep here!

Our home is in the centre of the village, with the church, shops, surgery, restaurants, hairdresser etc. 3 or 4 minutes walk away. We have joined the village church, which is thriving and busy and plays a vital part in the local community. We are getting to know people there and making new friends. Our services through lockdown have finished with us going outside to the church garden, so that we can sing the last hymn together. Now, at long last, we can sing inside too!

After a long wait, we are looking to join some clubs and group locally. Peter has found a bridge playing neighbour and I am in contact with a quilting group. I have found sewing very therapeutic through the long months of lockdown, making things for the family and lots of charity quilts for Project Linus. These quilts have gone to the Portsmouth area.

Peter still has some health issues after his radiotherapy last year, but copes with everything well. He loves our garden here, which is small but beautiful! We go walking every day, with lots of country walks that we can do from home.

We are going away with all the family in August, the first time in 2 years, so we are looking forward to that. If any of you are down this way this summer, we would love to see you. Denmead is just 10 miles from Portsmouth. We plan to come back to Tewkesbury in the autumn for a few days, so we will let you know dates nearer the time.

With good wishes to you all
Jane and Peter

Hilary and Michael Jebson have not been able to come to church for over a year due to our health.

Hilary has had a nasty ulcer on her right leg for over 12 months and this has had to be dressed by a nurse virtually every week. Fortunately a little improvement in its condition can now be seen and we're hoping this continues.

Michael has been on chemo treatment for lymphoma for many months. He completed the main treatment last November with the good news that the treatment has worked. However, he is now having what is called maintenance treatment. This means he has an injection every two months and this will probably carry on into next year.

He still suffers from some of the side effects of the chemo which are mainly tiredness and, at times, a fuzzy brain!

Because of covid, with our health condition and age, we have both been counted as 'highly vulnerable' and still have to be careful to avoid any covid infection.

We have missed coming to worship and meeting with our dear church friends. Thank you for all the prayers that have supported us and the people who have helped us in practical way - shopping, giving us lifts, etc - and we have enjoyed people visiting us and meeting us within the safety of our garden. Many, many thanks to you all and we hope to see you in church soon.

Jean and Roy Greenslade would like to thank everyone for their continued support and prayers since Roy came home from hospital which has been much appreciated.

Roy continues to slowly improve and gain strength but unfortunately his swallowing problem remains unchanged but more tests are being arranged. He has been told that, due to the immune suppression medication he has been prescribed, he is medically vulnerable and therefore should avoid undue contact with others. This, obviously also applies to Jean.

They both send their love to the Church family and hope to re-join you all some time before too long.

TMC BOOK CLUB

We were so happy to start meeting up again in May this year for our book chats but as it has been so long since our last meeting we had a large number of books to discuss! Needless to say it took all of us to remember what they had been about!

Our group has been going for about 10 years and is made up of people who love reading and chatting about a wide variety of books and a lovely friendship has evolved for all of us as well.

Our next meeting will be in the church on Saturday 25th September at 10am and if you would like to join us please get in touch with me or come along. We are a very inclusive group and would be very happy to see you.

Jackie Dobbs
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**However did we arrive here?
or**

Crosspoint September, October, November 2021

A potted history of the Christian Church in umpteen episodes Part 8

The last episode (way back in February 2020!) ended with John Wesley's Aldersgate experience of May 24th 1738, his reluctant decision "to become yet more vile" and preach in the open air, and thus the beginning of the Methodist movement. We take up the story from there.

Methodism came to Tewkesbury via a Gloucester man, George Whitfield, like John and Charles Wesley a member of the Oxford "Holy Club", who became a renowned preacher, particularly in America. John Wesley himself paid many visits during his long life - on one occasion praising the receptive folk of Tewkesbury in comparison to those he had just preached to in Cheltenham! This part of our story has been well told elsewhere, so I will concentrate on the larger picture of the spread and development of Methodism in the eighteenth century.

Why did the Methodist movement make such progress?

The preaching of brother John in the open air to those who were completely outside the life of the established church was obviously a major factor. If you read John Wesley's '44 Sermons' (as I was obliged to before I could become a Methodist minister), you marvel that such closely argued treatises, or so they seem, could excite and convert! But they, or at least versions of them, brought thousands to Christ.

We should not overlook the part that the hymns of brother Charles had in the growth of Methodism. He wrote upwards of 6000 of them (you've a long way to go Graham Kendrick!) and, set to popular tunes, they enlivened the preaching services. The preface to the 1934 Methodist Hymn Book is surely not far wrong in stating that "Methodism was born in song".

Perhaps the most important reason why Methodism made such progress is that it filled a vacuum. The Church of England in the eighteenth century was at fairly low ebb.

Many parishes had clergy who rarely visited them, and many clergy had more than one living. Preaching in the parish churches could seem more like "social cement" than the proclamation of the gospel - and Holy Communion was rarely celebrated.

St. Mary's church on the headland at Whitby in Yorkshire seems to sum it all up, with the Lord of the Manor's box pew placed in front of the altar, thus blocking the congregation's view! Research shows that Methodism was strongest in those parishes that did not have a resident

clergyman and in those new towns that the Industrial Revolution was creating, where there was no Anglican church. A word of warning - it's possible to exaggerate the deficiencies of the Eighteenth Century Church of England. It had its strengths as well as its weaknesses.

One final question. What happened after John Wesley preached in hundreds of places like Tewkesbury? Those who were converted by the preaching would be formed into a *Society* (until quite recently Methodist churches were often referred to as Societies, and until the 1970s what we call *Church Stewards* were known as *Society Stewards*).

Those received as members of the Society would be placed in *Classes* (the origin of our Pastoral groups), meeting weekly. When John Wesley paid a return visit he would review the membership roll, removing those who had lapsed - *backsliders*.

Early Methodist hymn books actually had sections of hymns for Backsliders!

The Societies would meet in a house, barn or other such place until it became possible to build a plain preaching house. Over the years this might well be replaced by a larger or better building.

Next time we shall examine why, if John Wesley was a Church of England clergyman and wanted Methodism to be a reform movement within the Church, Tewkesbury Methodist Church is not the third Anglican Church in the centre of town!

John Beardsley

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities and cries it shall be done!"

Charles Wesley

FAIRTRADE

We are intending to set up our first Traidcraft stall on 3rd October following morning worship. Look out in the notices for further openings over the autumn and winter months. Your continued support is appreciated.

Roger and Dorothy Davis



A Silver Lining to the Covid Cloud?

At a troubled time for humanity, following the global pandemic with all of its suffering and problems, I, like many others, find myself reflecting on personal values and motivations in my everyday life.

I have never taken people and relationships for granted, but the effect of repeated lockdowns has emphasised to me what is, and isn't, important in this business of living.

I have really missed social contact with others, at all levels.

Old and new friends became, at times, just distant and cherished memories.

I was greatly sad (and angry) that I was unable to see and speak to a dear friend who was dying with cancer. As with so many other people, the emotional pain of that situation has not gone away. Countless numbers have experienced this, and worse.

Like any time of overwhelming threat and danger, (such as World War Two), the prevailing circumstances bring out both the best and the worst in human nature - e.g. the frontline care workers, unrecorded acts of selfless giving by unknown people v. callous acts of exploitation by individuals hoping to personally profit by taking advantage of others' vulnerability and fears.

A lot more could be discussed regarding this matter, but to come back to the original proposition,

Where is the silver lining in this unsettling scenario?

For me, (and I suspect for many others), reality has been put into sharp focus:-

(1) Health is something we must never take for granted, and we must accept that our tenure on life is fragile

(2) Physical, material possessions can make life more comfortable under normal circumstances, but these fade into insignificance when confronted with the overwhelming forces of nature which manifest themselves from time to time.

(3) The only enduring quality in life is God given, and can be developed through our everyday experiences and interactions. We all have personal goals in life - the pursuit of a successful career, excellence in one field or another, bringing happiness to others in our daily lives - these are all natural desires in most people's lives. The success or otherwise of these goals will be determined by the degree to which love, compassion for others, and generosity of spirit take precedence over the inevitable disappointments, frustrations and setbacks which occur.

“What I am saying is that the only quality of lasting / eternal value in our individual lives is what we ourselves become - i.e. the degree of spiritual goodness we have developed by following the life example and teachings of Jesus, applied to the situations in which each individual finds themselves.”

I believe that the silver lining lies in the fact that the experience of the pandemic has, for many people, re-awakened the spiritual yearning within them, implanted by God, and which may have lain dormant for years.

This spiritual awakening may result in more people of all ages looking for answers to life's big questions.

Some may find satisfaction and sustenance in what Christianity has to offer. Let us hope and pray that this will come to pass.

It is refreshing to see that some churches (Tewkesbury Methodist Church being the immediate case in point) are making determined efforts to become more inclusive and welcoming to all, and thus become more of an integral part of the community.

If successful, this can only be beneficial to society as a whole, and will extend the Kingdom of God, here and now, in the real world as it has become!

Time will tell, but I believe that things are moving in positive direction!

Mike King

ECO – CHURCH

We have suspended our monthly Viriditas meetings for obvious reasons, but we do hope to have these up and running again in the autumn. If you remember from the last edition we had talked about ways of recycling. We were introduced to the Terracycle programme which encourages much more widespread recycling – www.terracycle.com. Have a look if you able. Meantime do think about ways we can all do our bit for our planet.

As a church we hope to start to work towards our Gold Eco Award through arocha.org.uk Another website for you to investigate!

WELCOME BACK AND WELCOME SPACE!



On Saturday 31st July we were delighted to be able to lay on afternoon tea for our church members and also for our friends from Apperley and Winchcombe. It was lovely to be reunited - even with mask wearing and socially distanced - and to share fellowship. We also took this opportunity to share the plans for the future of the church via the Welcome Space Project.

We now have some draft plans for the changes to the interior of the church which will involve putting a second floor in where the balcony is situated, extending out over part of the worship area. There will be a "Changing Places" facility (for use of the physically disabled and sorely needed in Tewkesbury) together with meeting spaces, a meditation area, and a coffee bar. Stairs and a lift will connect to the first floor. The draft plans are on the notice board in the church if you haven't yet had the opportunity to see them. It is emphasised that these are very much draft plans and there will be some relatively minor changes.

The outcome of having this new space is that we shall be able to survive as a church and also reach out to our local community and invite them to share our building for meetings,

classes, quiet area etc. Essentially a "Welcome Space" open to everyone whatever their faith (or not), gender, race, disability or other need.

We shall share more information as this project moves forward.

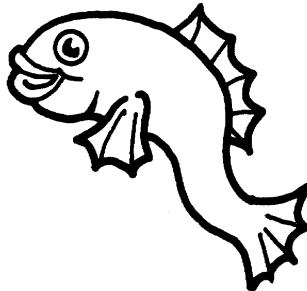
HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

This service will be held on Sunday 17th October. Once again we would ask for suitable non-perishable items to pass on to the Foodbank. However, we would appreciate a few donations of fruit and vegetables, and some greenery, to decorate the church on Saturday 16th October. If you can bring these to the church for 9.30am (or contact a steward to collect if necessary) then we can decorate the church prior to our Church General Meeting which will be held at 3pm. We are not having a Harvest lunch this year, but we shall be having a fish a chip supper (to be ordered in advance) following the meeting.



On Saturday, 4th September we are planning to open our church for the first Coffee Morning since "Lockdown" and are also going to put up a display of all the fish you have been making, (or are now going to make!) So I would be grateful if you could bring me your fish, (any size, medium, 2D or 3D) **to church before Tuesday, 31st August please.** As well as fish, if any **crafters or creators have any things they have made/grown or had given and don't want**, and are willing to sell for church funds, could you bring those to any of the coffee mornings up to Christmas and we will try to raise some of the much needed funds for the church. Anyone who could spare the time to help man these stalls of crafts would be very welcome as our number of willing volunteers has been much depleted during the covid and lockdown period.

With many thanks
Gill Shelley



BREAKFAST PRAISE –

Will recommence on Sunday 5th September at 9.15am. Families and young children are particularly welcome to this short, very informal service, but this is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to join us. Breakfast is provided (cereal, toast, juice, and delicious bacon rolls!) so please come and join in the fun!

CHRISTMAS 2021!!

Of course, we had to abandon our plans for our ambitious Christmas Festival in our church in December 2020, but we are planning a mini-display in our church this year. We are calling it a Festival of Light and we shall brighten our church with candles (safe ones!) and other decorations to celebrate the Christmas season. And of course, our wonderful angel will make an appearance! On Saturday 11th December there will be some carol singing and a short service, and we shall have some fruit punch and mince pies on offer so make a note of the date now. More details in notices and the November Crosspoint.



MESSY CHURCH DATES 2021

It is hoped to arrange a Messy Church session during the next few months –hopefully a Messy Advent at least! Please check the notices for further information.

WIVES AND FRIENDS GROUP

It is hoped to start our Wives and Friends group sometime in the autumn. This is likely to be in an afternoon to avoid going out during the winter nights. Please look out for further information in the weekly notices or speak to Lin Sallis.

HOUSE GROUPS

We were expecting to have an AwayDay in June 2020 at Holland House, Cropthorne. We hope to reschedule this for 2022. This is a lovely venue with beautiful gardens stretching down to the river. They do occasional lunches and you can book a lovely afternoon tea there very reasonably so do have a look on their website if you fancy a trip out. Highly recommended from personal experience!



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Copy for the November edition of Crosspoint to Jean Davies by Sunday 7th November 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

We were very pleased to celebrate Christmas with two Carol services so close to the day this year. Our traditional Wednesday evening Carols by Candlelight was very well attended on the Wednesday before Christmas and we were delighted to welcome the new Superintendent, Rev. John Hellyer, for his first visit to us for our Morning Christmas service on Sunday 22nd. And the weather enabled us to hold both without any disruption!



January and February have been fairly uneventful except for the fourth flood of the winter separating us from the other side of the river for longer than usual!

So we now look forward to the Spring and Easter. Jayne will lead our **Lent group** entitled '**The Contemplative Path**'. This will be open to all comers and the Vicar and other members of the Anglican congregation will be sharing in this. The sessions will be held in our Chapel for the five Wednesdays **March 11th till April 8th starting at 3.00pm**. Everyone will be welcome on any of these dates.

On **Palm Sunday, April 5th** our usual united service and **Walk of Witness** will start at **11.00 am** in the Chapel, and walk to the Anglican Church for the remainder of the service. Again it would be lovely to welcome visitors to join us on that occasion.

Our Bizzy Fingers ladies continue to meet and knit on Tuesday mornings at 10.00 am in the chapel and would welcome any ladies (or gents) who would like to join in with craft and coffee. They are planning to take the group to Ashchurch View Care home again soon.

WINCHCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH

On the good side--- if there is one--- just think of all those Church Councils, Property and Finance Meetings missed and all those toilet rolls not used: we have all experienced something novel these last 18 months and let's hope we never have to see them again! The facts and figures reeled off by our newscasters have been fast and furious but, as ever, what happened to the good news!



There was success for rewilding and species reintroductions
Africa was declared free of wild polio
More people than ever had access to electricity
The race to drive cars out of cities intensified
Fossil fuel divestment gathered pace
Efforts to improve diversity ramped up a gear
Wildlife gardening was embraced with fresh enthusiasm
Bird songs and sounds from the past re-emerged
Progress was made in tackling malaria and tuberculosis
Kazakhstan became the 88th nation to formally commit to abolish the death penalty
There was positive news when it came to HIV and Aids
UK smokers quit in their highest numbers in a decade
The Corona virus vaccine became the fastest vaccine to be ever developed
Saudi Arabia and Palestine banned child marriage
So God has not been idle all this time ---- so much has happened through us-- BUT don't let the newscasters tell us!!

Take good care--- Love from your family and friends in the Cotswolds

Geoff- Senior Steward

“GRANDMA’S DAY” – a memory of times gone by - Mike Mills

Grandma and Grandpa lived in a stone cottage in South Devon with no electricity, running water or “facilities” Water was precious and Gran had to fetch it, bucket in each hand, from the well by the roadside. Washing was by use of a “copper” in the washhouse, and ironing by flat iron heated on the range.

Whatever the weather, the range had to be lit each morning by 6am, and kept lit all day in order to have a cup of tea and cook the day’s meals.

Grandfather was a blacksmith by trade. However the financial side of the business was of no interest to him so Grandma did all the office work (including trying to extricate a few crowns from the local farmers for horse-shoeing done months before!)

If any shopping was needed Gran got the pony and trap out and drove 4 miles to the nearest market town. When it rained, you got wet..... it was all part of life!

In between times Gran was secretary to the parish council – and also the original Citizens’ Advice Bureau – it has to be understood that a goodly number of the local community would be terrified if they received an official letter, as their grasp of English was limited.

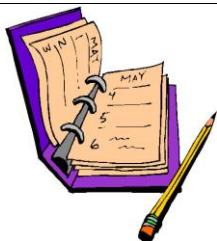
So this was life 75 years ago in rural Devon. Do we really appreciate the conveniences of our modern life? We should truly count our blessings.....

CROSSPOINT MAGAZINE COSTS

We would appreciate your continued financial support for the production of Crosspoint, which costs about 60p a copy to prepare. There is a box in the church porch for donations. The suggested donation is 60p per copy or £2.40 for the year. Those who pay annually by cheque please mark the envelope clearly. Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



September

Saturday 4th – weekly coffee mornings recommence 10am – 12.00.

Sunday 5th – Breakfast Praise 9.15am

Circuit Assembly 3pm

Saturday 18th – Friends of the Earth display in the Hall

Saturday 25th – Book Club in the church 10am – all welcome

Saturday 25th - Camerata Concert 7.30pm

October

Sunday 3rd – Breakfast praise (to be confirmed)

Sunday 3rd – 10.30 am service – Holy Communion, Commissioning service and Gift Day - Revd Jayne Webb

Friday 8th/Saturday 9th – Mop Fair

Saturday 9th – Tewkesbury Fair Display in the Hall

Saturday 16th – Annual Church Meeting 3pm followed by fish and chip supper at 5pm.

Sunday 17th – 10.30am service – Harvest Festival – Revd Jayne Webb

Tuesday 19th – Church Council meeting 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd – 900th Anniversary of the consecration of Tewkesbury Abbey

November

Sunday 7th – Breakfast praise

Saturday 13th – Christmas coffee morning with stalls

Sunday 14th – Remembrance Sunday – time to be confirmed.

December

Thursday 9th – Town Carol Service 7pm

Saturday 11th – Christmas Festival of Light

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 Praise.

CHURCH MEETINGS

Church Leadership Team – tbc

Church Council – Annual church meeting 16th October

Worship Forum – tbc

Property – 27th September 10.30am

Stewards – 19th October 11am

Tewkesbury Churches Together - tbc

Pastoral – tbc

Publicity – Monday 8th November 2.30pm

Viriditas – tbc

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

Apperley Senior Steward – Peter Stych

Tewkesbury Senior Steward - Linda Sallis

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

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 via the website contact. Church events at other venues, such as at home, should be put on the Church Calendar in the hall.



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