

Dear Friends

“When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and stood at the entrance of the cave.” 1 Kings 19:13



Sometimes I wonder how I would even be able to do my job without modern technology. It bears wonderful fruits such as being able to respond to calls, emails and texts much more efficiently than before the days of mobile devices. The downside for me is that it contributes enormously to the busyness of my life. I find people expect responses within a few hours, if not immediately. And although it means I can achieve so much more in a lot less time I am not sure this is really good for any of us? With the event of ever increasingly sophisticated technology multitasking becomes a feature of everyday life before we even realise it.

Sometimes I find myself being pulled in all directions, most often according to other people's agendas!

The biggest casualty of such a lifestyle is the ability to become inwardly still, *to remain centred*, might be another way of putting it. So active have our minds become in handling the challenges of modern life with all its noise, diversions and distractions vying for our attention that we become tossed about by the prevailing external conditions. Think of how we can now have news stories from anywhere in the world beamed into our living rooms so that we could, if we chose to, have a 24 hour media commentary. Such commentary can range from reasonable coverage to totally biased and inflated opinion and even fake news.

In a nutshell, modern technology has enabled an insidious bombardment on our very being so that external (and potentially

harmful) influences have a greater control over us than we realise. How on earth are we to discern God's voice in all of this? I am reminded of Elijah on mount Horeb pulled about so many forces in his life at that moment, trying desperately to listen for and to God's voice but the noise and drama of the earthquake, wind and fire of his external world meant that he couldn't, there was too much vying for his attention too. But then, turning his attention inwards (represented by the cave), he finds that precious place where God indwells the soul and finally he regains his focus, he becomes present to God's presence and in the silence he is able to hear the whisper of God's voice.

I am so thankful for the salutary message in this passage from the first book of Kings. It continues to change my whole approach to the pressures of modern life and helps to remind me where that cherished still small voice might be discerned. I now take a minimal approach to modern technology; I consciously choose to centre myself in the cave rather than being whipped about by all the external drama. Here, in the centre of my being, do I find God's voice and discern its gently whispered wisdom. Only this voice will lead me in right paths and restore my soul!

Blessings, Jayne



February 2020 –

I write this as one of those all-too-frequent storms (Denis this time) passes through. It's wild and windy and not a bad afternoon to be compiling Crosspoint!

We had a very successful Christmas Tree Festival, which was much appreciated by our visitors. A big thank-you to all those groups who took part – your efforts are really valued. More about Christmas 2020 a little later in the magazine. We want you to have plenty of time to plan your contribution....!

We also had our Tewkesbury Methodist Players concert “Transports of Delight” which was well attended and raised over £400 which was shared between HOPP and the Willow Trust. Several of us also went to Ashchurch View Care Home to sing a selection of the songs, which the residents enjoyed.

We have a busy summer ahead of us – so busy in fact, that it has proved difficult to find a suitable weekend for a summer fete, so it has been decided to miss it this year, and just go all out for a spectacular Christmas Fair (21st November). So plenty of time to make craft items etc.

The sculpture exhibition, entitled “Encounters” will open on 19th May, and we shall host our section churches for afternoon tea in June. We also have our House Group Away-Day in June and a visiting choir at the end of that month. More details about these in notices and the next edition of Crosspoint (out in early June).

In the meantime we have the World Day of Prayer service at our church on Friday 6th March at 2pm. Each year the service is prepared by a different country and this year the women of Zimbabwe have written it – the theme being “Take your mat and walk!” Please join us if you are able.

And then we have our Holy Week services – please see the times and dates later in the magazine. We will have a special Lent Liturgy at our services leading up to Easter Day, culminating in the decorating of the Cross with fresh flowers during our service so we would like you to

come prepared to the 10.30 service with fresh flowers please. We will then take the Cross outside to the front lawn for all to enjoy and witness the love and hope of the Risen Christ and, weather permitting, sing the last one or two hymns of our service outdoors.

Thank you again to our contributors. Copy for the next edition will be required by 24th May please.

All blessings for an uplifting and joyous Easter tide.

Jean Davies

Psalm 33:20-22 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

ADVENT OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Advent Offering last year. The theme was “Homelessness & Hospitality”.

A total of £353.42 has been sent to the Mission in Britain Fund.

* Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

* We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

Church Family News from Tewkesbury

We send our love and prayers to Kath Hutton, Tony and Elaine Duford, Betty Martin, Mary Davies, Pat Moss, Heather Williams and family, Audrey Edgar and family, Pat Taylor and family, the Radtke family and Anders Alling (resident in Sweden).



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, Joan Batsford, Nellie Pearson, Nesta Harris and Irene Pye.

We also send greetings to all those who have moved away but still receive a copy of Crosspoint.

Good news! Love and congratulations to Roy and Jean Greenslade on the birth of a great-grandson. We also send greetings to Bette Usher, who recently celebrated her 92nd birthday. And we are also delighted that Bette is feeling so much better after a pretty rough couple of months up to January. Also very best wishes to Andrew Houghton on his forthcoming retirement.

Though this may not be good news for us, but definitely for them, Peter and Jane Dickinson will be moving in the next few months, to be nearer their daughter, Claire, and her family. Though they will leave a void here at TMC, we wish them all the very best for their exciting new venture.

And I hope it's ok to mention that our eldest daughter, Sarah (one-time member of junior church) has just arrived in Vienna to begin her new post as Professor in Technosciences, Materiality, and Digital Cultures at the University of Vienna. It is a great honour for her, and as about as far as she can go in her career, so not bad going! (And for those that remember Sarah, she will be 40 in August!)

Jean Davies

**However did we arrive here?
or
A potted history of the Christian Church in umpteen episodes
Part 7**

At last we reach that point in our story when the word 'Methodist' first appears, and we are confronted by two paradoxes:

- that word proudly owned by millions around the world today began as a derisory nickname for a group of Oxford students in the early years of the eighteenth century!
- the founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley, never intended, and never wanted, to found a church. Yet we belong to "The Methodist Church"!

John (1703), and his brother Charles (1707), were two of the nineteen children (of whom just ten lived to maturity) born to a Church of England clergyman, Samuel Wesley, and his remarkable wife Susanna. After school at Charterhouse John studied at Christ Church, and then became a Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford. Here he joined with others, including a young Gloucester man, George Whitfield, in forming a group meeting regularly for prayer and Bible study at set hours, who lived very orderly lives, and engaged in various good works such as prison visiting. The members of 'The Holy Club', as it was called, stood out in an Oxford not noted for such things, and because of the methodical way in which they lived were ridiculed by fellow students as 'Methodists'.

Hence our name!

Whilst at Oxford John and Charles, like so many University men in those days (the majority of whom were far less "serious" than the Wesleys!), were ordained as clergymen in the Church of England, John spending some time as a curate to his father in his Lincolnshire parish of Epworth. In 1735 John decided that the best way to serve God and to secure the salvation of his soul, for he felt that he was nothing like as good a Christian as he should be, was to travel to the new colony of Georgia in America and to practice that service there. In brief (for this is a potted history), his time in the New World was a disaster, not least because of his relationship with a young lady, Sophie Hopkey, to whom he proposed marriage, then decided not to marry, and whom he turned

away from Communion when she married somebody else! It was a broken and confused man who returned to these shores, but within a few months he underwent an experience that was to lead to the Methodist movement and eventually the Methodist Church.

On the voyage to Georgia John had been much impressed by the behaviour of a group of Moravians (a sect in central Europe) who continued to sing praises during a storm that threatened the vessel and the lives of its occupants. Back in England his contact with the Moravians, whose probing sowed more and more doubts in his mind about the state of his soul, led him to go "very unwillingly" (as he puts it in his Journal, and which makes me feel less guilty about the spirit in which I have sometimes attended such things !) on May 24th 1738 to a meeting in a house in Aldersgate Street, London, where he "felt his heart strangely warmed" and that he "did trust in Christ, and Christ alone, for salvation". This is often called his 'conversion', but that can surely only be an appropriate term if we recognise that a person may have several conversions. Better to think of it in Wesley's own terms of his exchanging the "faith of a servant" for the "faith of a son", or of his dwelling thenceforth not on what he could do for God, but on what God had done for him. That Aldersgate experience was an important stage on the journey that was to lead in 1739 to his consenting "to become yet more vile" and agree to George Whitfield's suggestion that he should preach in the open air to the colliers of Bristol, generally recognised as the beginning of "Methodism" as a renewal movement in the Church of England, reaching out to the increasing numbers of unchurched.

Next time - how this movement reached our area and what happened to it as it grew.

John Beardsley

Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times men avoided asking the way.

FAIRTRADE

Just a reminder that the sales are held in the church after service on the second Sunday and during the coffee morning on the fourth 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



CHRISTMAS 2020!!

After another successful Christmas Festival we are already planning this year's event. The themes will be "THE NATIVITY" – "Starring Roles!" SO! – we would love you to come up with some imaginative and inspiring designs of whatever medium, depicting either a character (or characters) or a symbol of the Christmas Story, so this could be a crib, a star, a King, a donkey, a shepherd, a sheep or all of them if you wish – plenty of choice! It could be knitted, sewn, painted, collaged, and displayed however you like..... Size isn't particularly an issue, just something we can easily display in the church. Please get your thinking caps on – we shall be sharing this idea with the businesses and shops that have been involved before so hope we get a stunning exhibition. More details in due course... Thank you!

WIVES AND FRIENDS GROUP

Wives and Friends are resuming their weekly meetings in March. We have a varied programme and would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

We will continue to meet in the afternoons (2.30pm) until 1st April and then after the Easter break we will change to evenings (7.45pm) as it will then be lighter nights.

Lin Sallis

PROGRAMME FOR WIVES AND FRIENDS

March 4 th	-	Tree Trust – Roger Tolman
March 11 th	-	Cyprus – Paul Willoton
March 18 th	-	Spring Flower Arrangement
March 25 th	-	Millionaire's Quiz
April 22 nd	-	Flower Making
April 29 th	-	France
May 6 th	-	Supper evening
May 13 th	-	A talk by Wendy Treble
May 20 th	-	Beetle Drive
May 27 th	-	Plant Sale

MESSY CHURCH DATES 2020 – 3pm – 5pm

Messy Palms – Saturday 4th April
Messy Summer – Saturday 4th July
Messy Autumn – Saturday 19th September
Messy Advent – Saturday 28th November

HOUSE GROUPS

A reminder that House Groups will be meeting for an Away-Day on Saturday 13th June 2020 at Holland House, Cropthorne. The cost is £16 – (subsidised by the church) and includes lunch and all refreshments during the day and will start at 10am and finish at 4pm. Please let your House Group leader know if you would like to attend.



there I Am in the midst

CHURCH FAMILY AWAY DAY

As previously mentioned in Crosspoint we shall just be having a one day Church Family Gathering this year, since the closure of Lindors, where we have enjoyed many weekends of fellowship and fun.

We shall be going to Holland House in Cropthorne. (Same venue as the House Group Away-Day in June). It is a beautiful place for a Day retreat. The building is a Tudor house with a lovely light and modern chapel, and all set in beautiful grounds which sweep down to the river.

The date is Saturday 8th August 2020 (10am to 4pm) and the cost will be £20 per person which includes coffee and biscuits, a two course lunch and tea and cake.

Can you please add your name to the list in the Link or contact Mike Jebson or Jackie Dobbs if you would like to go. We can make arrangements for lifts nearer the time.

Jackie Dobbs

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.

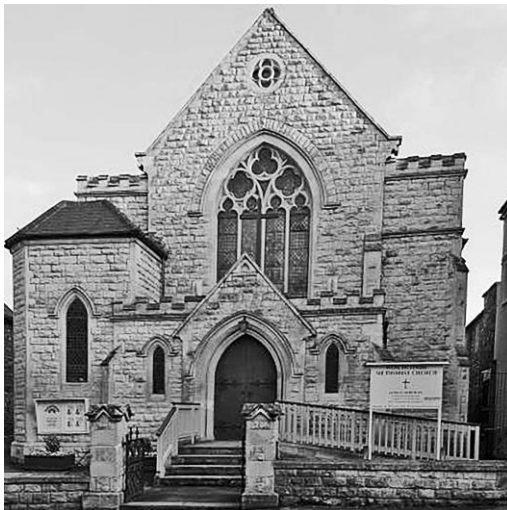
On **Palm Sunday, April 5th** our usual united service and **Walk of Witness** will start at **11.00 am** in the Chapel, and walk to the Anglican Church for the remainder of the service. Again it would be lovely to welcome visitors to join us on that occasion.

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

The quarters pass extremely quickly, despite the gloom and tiring weather, but very soon those lambs will be showing us how to enjoy ourselves. If only we could leap that high.....

Winchcombe has a 63 ins screen that is used for hymn words and also has access to YouTube; a favourite clip is 'The Lord's my Shepherd' as written and sung by Stuart Townend with the gentle brook



and the most beautiful words reminding us how we can place all our trust in the **ONE**.

Constantly we are reminded of all the bad and evil that is going on in this world, how we yearn for 'good news' – but that is **just not** 'newsworthy' – thank goodness for those moments of peace that we can experience: just sitting on a bench, saying nothing, just thinking, those snatched periods of quiet or that 'together-time' on a Sunday with friends.

Many people, not just Methodists, but believers and non-believers are finding fellowship and enjoyment by meeting together in the Winchcombe sanctuary on a Thursday afternoon – nothing seriously organised - just taking part in games, chats, tea and coffee and this has created a safe and bubbly atmosphere where nothing is expected!

The idea sprung from a suggestion at a General Church Meeting (Occasionally they are productive!) We owe a big thank you to that person.

Our faith has always been one of existing to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care and existing to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice- just as the book says:-**"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship"**

in worship and mission”.

Can we do more? Of course we can but as that other slogan says 'Every Little Helps'. Take good care--- Love from your family and friends in the Cotswolds.

From Geoff Onions – Senior Steward

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There was a little old cleaning woman that went to the local church. At the end of the service, she went to see the minister and said she would like to become a member. The minister listened as she told him how she had accepted Jesus and wanted to become part of the church family.

The minister thought to himself, "Oh my, she is so unkempt, even smells a little, and her fingernails are not clean. She picks up rubbish, cleans toilets - what would the members think of her." He told her that she needed to go home and pray about it and then decide.

The following week, she came again. She told the minister that she had prayed about it and still wanted to become a member. "I have passed this church for so long. It is so beautiful, and I truly want to become a member."

Again the minister told her to go home and pray some more. A few weeks later while out eating at the restaurant, the minister saw the little old lady. He did not want her to think that he was ignoring her so he approached her and said, "I have not seen you for a while. Is everything all right?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "I talked with Jesus, and he told me not to worry about becoming a member of your church."

"He did?" said the minister.

"Oh, yes" she replied. "He said even He hasn't been able to get into your church yet, and He's been trying for years".

MY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

by Trevor Upton

I was born in July 1940 on a day when it had been very hot and there was a thunder storm and an air raid, so I arrived to a lot of noise! Our family were living in 'Bomber Alley', as it was known, in Deptford, south east London, about one mile from the River Thames. There were 'Ack Ack' gun emplacements near by so when I was older I would collect pieces of shrapnel each morning.

We had an Anderson shelter sunk in the garden which my Mother loathed as it was damp, smelly and very cold. The winter of 1940-41 was very cold with heavy snow. At night, as a baby, I was kept in and slept in a wicker clothes basket. On more than one occasion when the air-raid siren had sounded late and the raid had started I was quickly put into the shelter by my Dad for protection.

My first real memory was being lifted up onto my Dad's shoulders at our back door and watching the flames coming out of the windows and roof of a nearby home which had been hit by an incendiary bomb. At the time no one knew that two women and three children were inside the house and all had been killed.

In 1944 when the 'doodle-bugs' started threatening London, my grandma insisted that Mum took me to our former next-door neighbours who had moved to Arbroath in Scotland. We left King's Cross on a train that had over twenty carriages and two locomotives at the front and one pushing the train out of the station. The train was packed with forces personnel. My Mum got a seat, I sat on a table and Dad stood for most of the long journey. I remember throwing a penny out of the carriage window as we went over the Forth Bridge – it was supposed to be lucky!

I enjoyed my time in Arbroath and went many times to the beach at Carnoustie. We watched the trains as they passed near the top of the beach. It was amazing watching the fishing fleet in the harbour at Arbroath. One time we watched a Scottish regiment marching along the sea front, led by a bag-pipe band. It was thrilling to see them.

When the doodle-bugs stopped coming over London we were told it

was safe to return. Little did we know what was still in store – V2 rocket bombs. Mum and I returned home and one week later at 10.45pm I was in bed and Mum and Dad were in there's when a V2 rocket landed. The window was blown out of my bedroom window and I was covered in glass. The ceiling of Mum and Dad's bedroom came down on them, but they were unharmed. The front door was blown off its hinges. The pane of glass in the door flew at neck height and pieced the kitchen door. The mark was still there when we sold the house many years later. In our street all the windows were blown out and every chimney was cleaned by the blast!

We were extremely fortunate that the rocket landed in a sand pit at the rear of our house. If it had landed on the roof I would not be sharing these experiences.

Trevor is a member of the Winchcombe church

ECO – CHURCH

The monthly Viriditas meetings led by Jayne, are continuing and in February we discussed more ways of recycling. We were introduced to the Terracycle programme which encourages much more widespread recycling – www.terracycle.com. We will investigate and come back with some more suggestions for everyone.

I'm also pleased to report that we have now sponsored two toilets via toilet-twinning. Photographs of "our loos" will be in the two disable toilets.

We would like to have had an Eco-weekend later in the year, but are realising that we have a very busy summer at TMC and this might be too much to take on to do it justice. However, the intention is to have a few Eco-stalls at our coffee morning on Saturday 18th July. More details in notices nearer the time, but if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see there, do let us know.

For your information, Friends of the Earth, are holding an event at the Town Hall on Saturday 30th May which you may find of interest.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 7th March at church at 9.30am. Please note the earlier start. Please come along

CHURCH MEETINGS

Church Leadership Team – Tuesday 3^{1st} March and 2nd June

Church Council – Tuesday 24th March 7.30pm

Worship Forum – Tuesday 10th March

Property – Tuesday 25th February

Stewards – Wednesday 20th May

Tewkesbury Churches Together – Monday 20th April

Pastoral – Saturday 7th March 11am

Publicity – 26th May

Viriditas – Saturday 7th March 9.30am

Copy for the June edition of Crosspoint to Jean Davies (Tel: 01684 772178) by Sunday 24th 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

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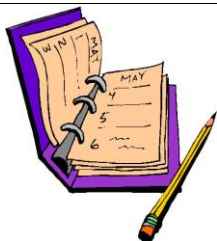
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



February

Saturday 22nd – 3pm – Messy Church

Saturday 29th – 10.30am Marriage and Relationships Workshop – Hall.
Coffee from 9.45am.

March

Sunday 1st – 9.15am – Breakfast Praise (First Sunday in Lent)

Monday 2nd – 2.30pm – First Monday

Friday 6th – 2pm – World Day of Prayer – Church

Saturday 7th – 9.30am – Viriditas

Saturday 7th – 11am – Pastoral

Sunday 8th – Circuit Assembly at Lonsdale Road

Tuesday 10th – 7.30pm – Worship Forum

Sunday 15th – 10.30am – Baptism during service

Sunday 22nd – Mothering Sunday

Tuesday 24th – 7.30pm – Church Council

Sunday 29th – 6.30pm - Tewkesbury Churches Together service at
Priors Park Chapel

Monday 30th – 2.30pm – First Monday

April

Saturday 4th – 3pm – Messy Church

Sunday 19th – **Communion at 6pm – instead of 26th**

Easter Services

Sunday 5th – Palm Sunday

*Monday 6th to Maundy Thursday 9th – 10am – 30 minute Reflections,
with Communion at the Maundy Thursday Reflection – led by Revd
Jayne Webb*

*Good Friday – 10am – Service followed by Walk of Witness with
Tewkesbury Churches Together*

*Easter Day – 8.30am – Communion followed by breakfast and
10.30am – Communion Service*

May

Monday 4th – 2.30pm – First Monday

Saturday 16th – Tewkesbury Players Concert

Sunday 17th – Circuit Assembly at TMC followed by 6pm Service led by John Hellyer

Tuesday 19th – to end of June – “Encounters” sculpture exhibition in the church

Saturday 23rd – 11.30am to 1pm - Official launch of “Encounters”

4pm – Church General Meeting

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st – Tewkesbury in Bloom exhibition - hall

Sunday 31st – 6.30pm – Tewkesbury Churches Together service at St Josephs Catholic Church

June

Monday 1st – 2.30pm – First Monday

Saturday 13th – House Group Away-Day at Holland House

Saturday 20th – Afternoon Tea for Section Churches

Sunday 28th – 3pm - Gippeswyk Singers Concert in the church

CHURCH SERVICES –

Any alteration to dates and or times will be shown in the weekly notices (also available on our website). The church is also open to visitors on Saturday mornings (coffee morning) and most Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12 noon up to Easter and then on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Saturday mornings throughout the summer.

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.

*An evening service **with** Holy Communion is held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6pm.*

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.

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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Who also has pastoral responsibility for Winchcombe Methodist Church

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Tewkesbury Senior Steward

Linda Sallis Tel: 01684 294169

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

Web site for Apperley and Tewkesbury Methodist Churches

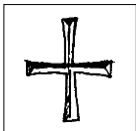
www.tewkesburymethodistchurch.org.uk

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 Tel: 01684 293423. Church events at other venues, such as at home, should be put on the Church Calendar in the hall.



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**WINCHCOMBE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
AND ARTS**



**MONDAY 18TH MAY TO BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY 25TH MAY**

THE METHODIST CHURCH

**ALONG WITH MANY VENUES HAS A
VARIETY OF EVENTS TAKING PLACE –**

MUSIC

POETRY, READINGS, ART EXHIBITION

**TEA, COFFEE, CAKE ETC
ALL TIMINGS WILL BE ADVERTISED ON
THE INTERNET**

CHURCH CONCERT “SOUNDS OF SUMMER”



We are delighted to be welcoming a Choral Group from Ipswich called The Gippeswyk Singers on Sunday 28th June. Their concert will be in our church during the afternoon and will be followed by tea and cakes. Entry will be free but donations would be appreciated. More details in the next edition of Crosspoint and in the church notices nearer the time.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1
cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Psalm 23 Word Search

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“ENCOUNTERS”

An exhibition of Sculptures by Deborah Harrison

We are delighted and privileged to have some of Deborah's work exhibited at our church this summer.

Deborah was born in Yorkshire. She is a contemporary sculptor who specialises in stone. Her stone carving uses a technique called 'Carving Direct' which was used by Henry Moore and Michelangelo.

After discovering the art of sculpting she studied Fine Art and Stone Masonry. Deborah works in a wide variety of stones including Limestones, Alabasters through to Marble and also works in metal. Her work is a unique combination of traditional and abstract forms.

She has been interviewed on Radio Gloucestershire about a series of Portland Carvings called, 'The Testimony of The Dispossessed' which highlights issues such as sex trafficking, depression, body image, addiction and the oppression of the poor. It is some of these sculptures that we will be exhibiting in our church.

She has exhibited widely both nationally and locally in Gloucestershire; including Gloucester Cathedral, Norfolk Cathedral and in St Stephens Walbrook, Sloane Square and the prestigious Royal Opera Arcade gallery on Pall Mall in London.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, when I am sad and depressed
Help me think of you praying in the garden.

Lord Jesus, when I am fearful
help me to think of you being taken prisoner.

Lord Jesus, when I am ill
help me to think of you being scourged at the pillar.

Lord Jesus, when I have a headache
help me to think of you wearing the crown of thorns.

Lord Jesus, when I am tired
help me to think of you carrying the cross for love of me.

Lord Jesus, when I am humiliated
help me to think of you being stripped of your garments.

Lord Jesus, when I am in pain
help me to think of you being nailed to the cross.

Lord Jesus, when I am lonely
help me to think of you hanging on the cross.

Lord Jesus, when I am dying
Help me to think of you dying on the cross for love of me.

Lord Jesus, help me to remember
how much you suffered for love of me
and help me to love you more and more. Amen