

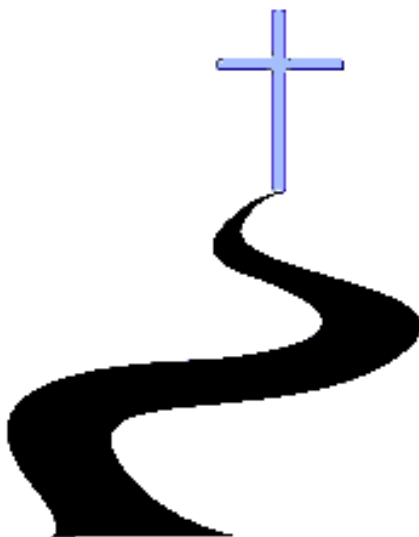
We continue to hold Jayne in our prayers during the last few weeks of her sabbatical, and trust she will return to us refreshed and inspired by her research. We look forward to welcoming her back in mid-September.



She left us with these wise words in her last Crosspoint piece.

Jeremiah 6:16 –

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



August 2022

Greetings to all, especially to those who receive our magazine by post and have either moved away or are unable to get to church.

We are having a very hot summer and some of us are flagging a bit! I'm sure we would be complaining if it was raining every day but a nice balance would be good! I hope you are making the best of the weather and enjoying not having to wear layers of clothes, and having lots of lovely salads and seasonal food – and of course, getting away if you are able.

In this edition we have a thought-provoking piece from Mike King – inspired by a service led by Jayne about inclusivity just before her sabbatical. It's lovely to hear from old friends Pat and Frank Manning and Karen Marsh and hear how they are getting on. And I'm pleased to say we have another instalment of Sunday School outings from Pat Taylor. Plus lots more and information about forthcoming events over the next 3 months.

I'd welcome more articles from you for inclusion in our November edition which will be our Christmas issue – maybe you have special memories of Christmas's past? I would like to set up some "interviews" with some of our members too – many of you have had such interesting lives!

Church family news is always good to receive, whether it be a celebration going on in your family, or sadly, a difficult time, which we can join in prayer and help support you and yours. Remember our wonderful Prayer team who are there for us all day in, day out, supporting us without our even knowing.... Do get in touch if you need a contact for them.

“So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others”. Romans 12:5

Love and blessings to all
Jean (Davies)

HARTPURY METHODIST CHURCH CLOSURE

As some of you will be aware the Hartpury Methodist Church will be closing this summer and the remaining members will worship elsewhere – most likely in Apperley and Tewkesbury! Liz Ledger would like to let everyone know that their last service will be on Sunday 28th August at 10.30am followed by a light buffet lunch and all are welcome.



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Church Family News from Tewkesbury



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 send love to Mary Davies, and to her family and Roger for their great care of her. We think of Roger and Jackie Dobbs and hope that Roger responds well to treatment. Special thoughts for Jeff Fletcher and Pat Moss and others who I know are frustrated that they cannot get to church at the moment.

Congratulations to Owen Radtke on achieving his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. He has sent some information about the hike which is later in this edition.

It was lovely to hear that Duncan (Owen's brother) attended his end of year Prom with other youngsters from year 10 and 11 along with friends who finished school in the past 2 years when they hadn't been able to have their Prom celebrations.

He looked very smart and enjoyed showing off his moves on the dance floor! Couldn't resist including this lovely photo of Duncan – handsome young man!



WORSHIP FORUM – a reminder that anyone who would like to contribute and/or take part in locally arranged and special services we have now re-commenced our worship forum meetings. The next one is Wednesday 24th August at 10.30am at church. Please check your weekly notices for future meetings or speak to Jean Davies or Mike Jebson.

FAIRTRADE

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

Roger and Dorothy Davis



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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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Revd Carrie Seaton highly recommends this conference. Please contact Carrie for more information and for booking details - Rev Carrie Seaton. EMAIL: carrie.seaton@btopenworld.com

**SPECTRUM CONFERENCE 2023
HEART-FELT WORSHIP
Monday 15th May to Wednesday 17th May**

**The Hayes Conference Centre
Alfreton, Derbyshire**

**Speakers: Revd Jan Berry and Tim Baker
Cost £180 full board**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 9th October 2022**

We shall be celebrating Harvest Festival in just a few weeks and we are pleased to say we are able to resume our Harvest lunch. Please keep an eye on notices over the next few weeks as we shall be asking for names and dietary requirements in due course. We shall be decorating the church the day before on the 8th from 9.30am and will be asking for suitable donations of flowers and greenery and some produce nearer the time. Volunteers to help would also be appreciated!

GREETINGS FROM PAT AND FRANK MANNING –

Dear Friends

It felt like coming home when we came to Tewkesbury Methodist Church on Sunday, 22nd May! We so much loved being back among our friends, everyone gave us such a wonderful welcome - thank you everybody. We especially must mention Margaret and Peter Stych and Sue Woodthorpe for coming over after Church at Apperley to say 'hello' - we appreciated that so much.

After coming back to the Isle of Man, we were delighted that Caryn and Robert were still with us, Robert until 24th June and Caryn till 6th July. Phil and Jill had lent us their car all this time so we were able to get out and about on the Island whilst they were with us.

Caryn especially enjoyed some sea swimming (10C!!!) and friends had lent her a wet suit so that helped. One time a seal popped his head up close by - brilliant!! She was sorry not to see a basking shark.

We have settled back now at home, Phil and Jill, Bryony and Michael are very good to us, taking us wherever we need to be and also helping with the shopping. We feel extremely privileged to be so well looked after.

News of our Church here in Port Erin - the Chapel has been sold (we cannot afford the upkeep), just the Chapel, we still have quite a few rooms and a large Hall (which is let out). The organ has gone to a church in Poland - we have seen pictures of where it will be. We have planning permission to alter some of the other rooms to make into a chapel, so eventually all will be well!

We are grateful for the Crosspoint to keep us up to date and many thanks for that lovely day in May.

Love and Blessings, Pat and Frank

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Helo rhag Abergwaun - Greetings from Fishguard



Well, I've been living here in Fishguard now for nearly 5 months and it's wonderful, especially today with such beautiful weather. The photo is taken in and of my garden and the view of Goodwick Harbour and the Irish ferry beyond. My garden is on a slope with 6 levels and some amazing colourful plants and flowers.

I swim in the sea almost every day, whatever the weather, with a lovely group of people and have made a few friends this way.

I go to Bethel Baptist Chapel in Fishguard and already feel a part of that community. There are about 20 or so each week and they also have a coffee and chat on Thursdays along with the foodbank and food share.

On Mondays I go to Cor Abergwaun (choir) and sing mainly in Welsh, the highlight was singing on the quay for a cruise ship from New York.

There are only 5 other houses in my little cul-de-sac and everyone is very friendly, and of course, walking to the beach every day with Ruby and Rocco allows me to meet all the local dog owners, of which there are many – and they all enjoy a good chat!

I have had lots of visitors, including my Dad, my sons, my grandsons and also my nephew and niece from Denmark – but I'm always willing to have more....

Karen (Marsh)

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

GREEN PAGE

Some thought from Sophie Franklin

1) Check what your bank invests into. Most banks still invest in fossil fuels, but also in arm manufacture, and other nasty products. A few banks are now really ethical, only supporting good practice firms, producing sustainable products and working as coops, etc. There is a wide range of companies that count as ethical, so people can choose which products to support and which ones to avoid, in their choice of a bank..

2) Check where your pension money is invested. Pensions represent a huge part of the money circulating in the world in order to support all sorts of companies. A lot of money is invested in non-sustainable, not-green industries. It is worth showing your concern by moving your pension to a greener investment company.

A BIT OF TRIVIA! - EVENTS FROM 70 YEAR AGO

1952

From John Beardsley

Births

Tim Healy (Actor - *Auf Wiedersehen Pet, Benidorm*) Born in Benwell, Newcastle

Deaths

King George VI

Sir Stafford Cripps (Labour politician & lawyer. C of Ex. 1947 - 50)
Zurich

Social, Political & Royal events

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II

Science, Culture and Human Achievement

Literature

The Fifteen Streets - first Catherine Cookson novel

Music

Theme from the film *Limelight*

Songs such as *The Ugly Duckling*, *Wonderful Copenhagen* from the film
Hans Christian Anderson

The Cinema

Limelight, starring Charlie Chaplin & Claire Bloom

The Prisoner of Zenda, starring Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr

The Snows of Kilimanjaro, starring Gregory Peck, Susan Hayward, Ava Gardner

The Sound Barrier, starring Ralph Richardson, Ann Todd, Nigel Patrick

My Cousin Rachel, starring Olivia de Havilland, Richard Burton

Moulin Rouge, starring Jose Ferrer, Zsa Zsa Gabor

The Bad and the Beautiful, starring Lana Turner, Kirk Douglas, Walter Pidgeon

Hans Christian Anderson, starring Danny Kaye

Les Miserables, starring Michael Rennie, Debra Paget, Robert Newton

Home at Seven, starring Ralph Richardson, Margaret Leighton, Jack Hawkins

Scaramouche, starring Stewart Granger, Eleanor Parker, Mel Ferrer

Angels One Five, starring Jack Hawkins, Michael Denison, Dulcie Gray

The Card, starring Alec Guinness, Glynis Johns, Valerie Hobson, Petula Clark

Mandy, starring Phyllis Calvert, Jack Hawkins

Cars and motorcycles

British Motor Corporation formed by the union of the Nuffield Organisation and Austin Motors

Air & Sea Transport

The de Havilland Comet entered service - first commercial jet airliner

Religion

Publication of *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis

Sport

Olympic Games held in Helsinki, Finland

Manchester United were Football League Champions. Runners up: Tottenham H.

Newcastle United beat Arsenal 1-0 in the FA Cup Final

Surrey were County Cricket Champions for the 8th time

Frank Sedgman (Australia) won the Men's Singles Tennis at Wimbledon

Maureen Connolly (USA) won the Ladies' Singles Tennis at Wimbledon

The Epsom Derby was won by *Tulyar*, ridden by Charles Smirke

Alberto Ascari won the British Grand Prix at Silverstone in a Ferrari

The Isle of Man Senior TT was won by Reg Armstrong on a Norton at 92.97mph

The Isle of Man Junior TT won by Geoff Duke on a Norton at 90.29 mph.

Disasters, Acts of Violence, etc

Harrow & Wealdstone rail disaster. 112 killed in worst peace-time crash, when driver of express ignored signals and hit the rear of a stationary train. A third train then ran into the wreckage.

Lynmouth flood, Devon - 34 killed when heavy rain flooded the village

FINANCE AND GIVING

As many of you are aware the Church have been researching different banks due to HSBC advising us that we now need to pay bank charges for cheques drawn on the account and monies paid into the account via the Post Office or over the Bank Counter. We have found this extremely difficult partly due to bank staff shortages due to Covid and also due to the way the Banks operate now. At present we will be keeping our account with HSBC.

All our outward payments are now made direct to people's / company's bank accounts to avoid some charges.

We are now wondering if any of you could help us reduce our bank charges.

If you place cash or cheques in the collection plate, in the gift aid envelopes or the orange envelopes then would you be willing to set up a standing order direct from your account to our Church Account? The Church is not charged for any monies received into our account by way of standing order or BACS payment. This can be done on a monthly basis rather than weekly if you wish. The standing order system would be a set amount but if you used the BACs system direct from your account to ours this can vary according to what you wish to pay but is obviously done through online banking which some of you might not wish to use.

If you wish to discuss these options please speak to Julie May (Treasurer 01684 291457), Carol Smith (01684 295303) or Jean Davies Steward / Church Council Secretary (07812 054460)

Thank you for taking time to read this and for any help you can give us to reduce our outgoings. Julie & Carol (The Finance team)



Next Breakfast Club is Sunday 4th September at 9.15am. This will be Clair's last day with us, so please come along if you are able - everyone is welcome at this informal gathering and sharing our breakfast cereals, toast and/or bacon baps is an enjoyable time of fellowship.

We continue to hold Breakfast Club on the first Sunday of each month.

Following on from the feature in the last Crosspoint about our inclusion on the Inclusive Church Register, Mike has written the following article.

(A reminder of the Inclusive Church Statement -

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

Towards a more Inclusive Church

Change is one of the certainties of life. Some changes are natural and inevitable, as we grow from infancy to old age. Others are sometimes forced upon us by circumstances beyond our control.

However, there are times in everyone's lives when we choose to make a change, and usually (and hopefully) this change is intended to improve the quality of our own lives and that of others.

For Christians, (as we say in the Lord's Prayer), such changes are to bring God's Kingdom into our everyday lives, and implement God's will "Here on Earth, as it is in heaven". Few spiritually enlightened people would deny the desirability of achieving this.

The stumbling block, of course, is how to work through our earthly realities in order to arrive at this spiritually ideal state of being.

We know what opposition Jesus had to face when trying to change the wrong doing and wrong thinking he encountered all around him. By enduring abuse, suffering and death, his words and actions during his brief earthly life have shown us how to live and rise above the challenges we all face.

Mercifully, most of us do not have to go through the trials that Jesus faced. However, we do have many obstacles to overcome.

What are these challenges?

(1) The advancement of science and technology has produced many things which make our lives easier and more comfortable. Unfortunately this has brought about the rise of materialism and consumerism. The pursuit of material wealth, the constant encouragement to get bigger and better, has blinded so many

people to the things that really matter, which bring true lasting happiness - i.e. spiritual qualities such as love, compassion, forgiveness, and understanding of the others' points of view.

(2) Most of us have experienced hurt and suffering during the course of our lives. It is inevitable that this has influenced the way we think and act. For some, this has had a spiritually beneficial effect, making them more understanding and compassionate towards others' suffering and misfortunes.

For others, it has had the opposite effect, making them resentful, jealous and intolerant of anything that affects their physical or emotional comfort. To a greater or lesser extent, this can generate fears, misconceptions and prejudices which are manifested in their attitudes and behaviour towards others.

In turn, this alienates them from others, who focus on their perceived unfortunate, deviant behaviour, attitude and lifestyle. This makes it difficult and uncomfortable for others to welcome them with warmth and friendship (as they would be able to do with someone who was more conventional and similar to themselves). This serves to justify their conviction that they are worthless and are "outsiders".

(3) Satellite and Internet communications have enabled us to receive news of events throughout the world as they happen. This is largely a good thing, but in recent years there has been a preponderance of depressing events which illustrate the many negative features of human nature. Unprovoked aggression, corruption, hypocrisy, insincerity, and exploitation of vulnerable people and groups throughout the world - these are just some examples of Man's inhumanity to Man, which leads many people to reject the idea of a loving, compassionate God - how can such an all powerful being stand by and do nothing to stop it happening?

The effect of all this, on many people, is to become disillusioned

with human nature, and carry on their lives with a cynical approach to politicians, and authority of any kind.

In extreme cases, (too many unfortunately), this can lead to social isolation, drug and alcohol addiction, crime and violence. Such people are in desperate need of love, a sympathetic listening ear, patient understanding and probably medical attention.

An inclusive church could offer the first three of these remedies.

(4) Apart from external influences, our upbringing, circumstances, genetic make-up etc all contribute to form our personality, attitudes and general demeanour. There are so many things that make all of us what we are. I'm sure that all of us reading this article would like to think we are "good" people - but the truth is we are all less than perfect, even though we may aspire to spiritual ideals.

An acceptance of this fact should encourage us to be more accommodating to those potential churchgoers who may not fit into the "acceptable" stereotype mould - a variation of this theoretical "mould" probably resides in all of us.

So what next?

The nature and philosophy of an "inclusive church" was described and exemplified in the previous edition of our Crosspoint magazine. It encourages us to emulate the example of Jesus, who treated the marginalised with compassion and respect, without offering a detailed commentary on their lifestyle or circumstances. He had a soft spot for people who "got it wrong", but who were not proud of themselves for going down that road. The guiding principles are "Love God wholeheartedly" and "Love your neighbour as yourself".

The Christian belief is that every human being has the "Spark of God" within them - so we must try to love even those whom we

would not naturally warm to, if we are to love God unconditionally.

This is the biggest challenge for us all.

In order to welcome and value those persons who are the victims of some of those circumstances previously outlined, we must take the brave step of pushing aside any of our own negative personal experiences, fears, acquired prejudices and misunderstandings - all of which can be a personal barrier to what we need to do. Without God's help and inspiration, this will probably be impossible.

We need to pray for the strength and skill needed to put into practice what needs to happen.

An **inclusive** church can only come into being, and expand, if every member of that church contributes what they are able to, along the lines discussed above.

It cannot happen overnight. It will only succeed if all church members are committed to (perhaps?) leaving their "comfort zone" to further the greater good of bringing more of God's kingdom to Earth, in a way which is seen to be genuine and meaningful to otherwise sceptical and marginalised sections of society.

Mike King



My Dof E

For my Duke of Edinburgh award I had to complete 3 sections of Physical, skills and volunteering followed up by an assessed camping expedition.

For my Physical section (which I did over 3 months) I did Canicrossing which is cross country running whilst attached to a dog via harness.

For my skills section (which I did over 6 months) I trained my puppy Molly to stay on her bed and not jump up at people when they enter the house.

For my volunteering section (which I did over 3 months) I helped out at the church. I helped greet people as they enter and I also attended a few meetings.

The expedition included 2 days of walking and one night of camping. I had a practice expedition in May that took place around Cranham. In my group of seven we walked 8.52 miles on day one then camped overnight in Cranham scout centre where we had to set up our tents and cook food. On the second day we walked 7.68 miles.

My assessed expedition took place in June around Chedworth. We walked 6.77 miles on the first day and 10.4 miles on the second.

Next year I am doing my Silver award where the expedition is 3 days and 2 nights.

Owen Radtke



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A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless us with discomfort

**At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that we may live from deep within our hearts.**

May God bless us with anger

**At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations
So that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

May God bless us with tears

**To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and
war,**

**So that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.**

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness

**To believe that we can make a difference in the world,
So that we can do what others claim cannot be done:
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and all
our neighbours who are poor.**

Amen

FAMILY CHURCH AWAY-DAY

Monday 28th November at Holland House, Crothorne

As notified earlier in the year we will be gathering and sharing fellowship at Holland House in November. Many of you have already given me names provisionally but I will be asking for definite bookings in the next few weeks. I also need to let HH know of any dietary issues well in advance. Please check your diaries and I will be in touch in early October for names.

Jean Davies

THE BEGINNERS AND PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

This was for 3 to 7 years old! This was before health and safety or safeguarding! Because there were so many little children us seniors were roped in to help.

We met at Quex Road Methodist Church, Kilburn and went on a London Transport Double Decker bus no 28 to Golders Green. Of course we went upstairs and the children sat 3 in a seat (meant for 2). This was a time when we had bus conductors and they rang the bell for the driver to set off when everyone was on.



Very excited children! Some had never been on a bus – “Sit Down Children!”

We went to the terminus n Golders Green by the Northern Line station. The across main roads to catch a trolley bus to Express Dairy, Collage Farm, Finchley – of course another double decker bus we had to get the little ones upstairs. Conductors were very patient!

Well how marvellous!! Manu of the children had never seen cows and probably didn't realise this was where their milk came from! While the children enjoyed themselves some of us went round the bottling plant and saw the returned glass bottles washed ready for re-use.

The staff provided us with a lovely tea – sandwiches, Swiss roll and cold milk. (I think us “adults” had a cuppa).

Also we had little glass jars of yoghurt which was a bit like something called junket – there were three flavours – strawberry, banana and vanilla. Some liked it – I did!

Then it was time to go home, no problem and we didn't lose anyone and they all had a lovely afternoon.

Can you imagine this sort of outing happening now!

Pat Taylor

Editor note – I remember two Junior Church outings in particular (both in the 90's) to Symond's Yat and to the Forest of Dean. Anyone else remember those?!!!

FOR THE ATTENTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS REQUESTING
REFUNDS

Refunding Purchases made for Tewkesbury Methodist Church

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

Please pass all church related receipts and invoices to Julie May.
Please include your bank details with your next receipt or invoice:

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

Do not include the long number across your credit or debit card or the 3 digit number on the back of the card. You only need to provide your bank details once; just update us if you change bank account. I appreciate this is a change so please contact Carol or Julie with any queries. Thank you.

Julie May

NEWS FROM APPERLEY

From Peter Stych

At the time of writing we are about to enter the second heat wave of this year. Of course the first one in July took everyone to the extreme when the east of the country was subjected to temperatures in excess of 40*c.

Whilst this was going on our local arrangement and Family Picnic turned out to be a Sunday which looked very inviting from indoors but in fact blew a little fresh when one left the shelter of the building! So we enjoyed a good Songs of Praise style service together with our picnic in the Chapel.



Our second local arrangement on **August 28th** has now become part of a much higher occasion. We all share sadness with our friends at Hartpury Chapel as they have arrived at the point where sustaining the Lord's work in that place is no longer viable with the few members available there to carry it on. So we shall join with them and others in giving praise and thanks for all the witness that has gone up till now in their community.

We have been contemplating what the Lord may have in store for the Hartpury Folks in their next outreach and we are delighted that the way ahead may involve many of the members joining our Apperley Church Family. We look forward to welcoming them and sharing their objectives and aspirations alongside ours. We ask you all to pray for this new venture so that we may all work towards God's ultimate plan.

As it happens the next service at Apperley will be the **118th Chapel Anniversary with Holy Communion** on **September 11th** at 11.00 am. As Revd. Jayne will only be returning from her sabbatical on September 12th Revd Richard Clutterbuck will lead our worship. The second service of the month will be **Morning Service** on **September 25th**.

Harvest Festival this year is to be held on **October 9th**, again to include **Holy Communion**, when Revd. Jayne is planned to lead.

WINCHCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH

New Life of Methodism in Winchcombe

Winchcombe, with the manors of Sudeley and Hailes, has a story of much more than ordinary interest. No other town or village in the country has been a royal borough with a palace, a mint, the archives of the kingdom, and the burial place of three kings and a queen, as well as a castle.



No other Christian community has had its own saint, a relic believed to be of Christ himself, and two renowned pilgrimage abbeys. Few Methodist churches have a link with John Wesley, in person and stem from a society which he called 'home'.

The Winchcombe heritage comes from the apostles through Roman and Celtic generations of the faithful and was brought here by monks from Northumbria: it seemed fitting that a battalion of territorial artillery from Northumberland was the first batch of soldiers to appear at Sudeley for training in 1940.

The monasteries at Jarrow and Wearmouth were re-founded from the abbey in Winchcombe after the Norman conquest had destroyed them- shows the importance of the town!!

Coincidentally the jam making factory at Toddington, at that time, was also the home of Marshall's sweet factory from Blythe with

that Geordie accent which locals really found great difficulty in understanding!

John Wesley was a person who had stayed many times with his friend Robert Kirkham at Stanton rectory whilst studying at Oxford. Winchcombe became a familiar place, later in life, as he preached at Stanley Pontlarge and recognised only too well 'Dirty Gretton and dingy Greet, Beggarly Winchcombe and Sudeley sweet!'

Huge amounts happened in the life of the town and the church through the centuries, despair, rapture and everyday normality of life: today the church family is looking at a new chapter and still has much to offer the community and vice versa!

GOD is simply everywhere!!! You've gotta' believe it!!!

Geoff Onions

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The next issue of Crosspoint will be produced in November – please send copy for the next edition to Jean Davies (Tel: 01684 772178) by Sunday 6th 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

Ed's note: We have some lovely photos in this edition but I can't be sure how they will photocopy so apologies in advance if you can't easily see them. If necessary we will duplicate these in the next edition in our colour centre-fold which usually copies to a better quality.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



August

Wednesday 24th

Worship Forum 10.30am

Saturday 27th

Coffee Morning – 10am – 12.00

Sunday 28th

10.30am Revd Rachel Leather

September

Saturday 3rd -

Coffee morning

Sunday 4th -

Breakfast Praise 9.15am

Friday 9th –

10.30am service Holy Communion

For your information the Tour of Britain cycle race will start a stage in Tewkesbury today

Sunday 18th -

Circuit Assembly 3pm

Saturday 24th -

Camerata Concert 7.30pm

October

Sunday 2nd Oct

- Breakfast Praise 9.15am

10.30am HC and Commissioning Service

Friday/Saturday 7th/8th

Mop Fair

Sunday 9th -

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Sunday 16th -

Farewell service at Winchcombe Church

Tuesday 25th -

Church Council 2pm (tbc)

November

Sunday 6th -

Breakfast Praise 9.15am

10.30am Holy Communion

Monday 7th -

Publicity meeting 2.30pm

Sunday 13th -

10am – Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 26th -

Christmas Table-top market

Sunday 27th -

Tewkesbury Lights Switch-on

Monday 28 th -	Church Away-Day at Holland House
December	
Saturday 3 rd -	Tewkesbury Players Concert
Sunday 4 th -	10.30am Holy Communion
Monday 5 th -	Church decorated for Christmas
Saturday 10 th -	Tewkesbury Chamber Choir Concert

Christmas Services to be announced.

CHURCH SERVICES –

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH GROUPS AND MEETINGS

Church Council – Tuesday 25th October 2pm

Worship Forum – Wednesday 24th August 10.30am

Welcome Space and Finance meeting – Wednesday 14th September 7.30pm

Finance/Property – Wednesday 28th September

Stewards – tbc

Tewkesbury Churches Together - tbc

Pastoral – tbc

Publicity – Monday 7th November 2.30pm

Green Group – tbc

Wives and Friends – Tuesday 5th July 2.30pm

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.

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***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.



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