

Editorial

Figs are beginning to ripen; the air is fragrant with blossoming vines. Come then, my love; my darling, come with me.
Song of Solomon 2:13



One of my earliest memories as a child is the fragrance from the honeysuckle that used to grow along the wall just outside my bedroom window. On a warm summer evening when the window was open that heady, luxurious, fragrance would permeate the room and it felt like peace and bliss all rolled into one.

Over the years the sweet fragrance of the honeysuckle has seemed like an anchor so that whenever I smell it, it takes me back to that blissful, secure, innocence of childhood which I might now describe, using Julian of Norwich's words ... as 'all manner of things' being well.

Since those days I have always sought to grow honeysuckle in places where I live, if none is already growing there. Its perfume has never ceased to be one of my favourites of all time.

This year as I watched the tiny buds begin to form on the one that grows along the garden wall, I could hardly wait to enjoy that heady incense once again. Day by day I would go into the garden to check how close to flowering those tiny buds were.

As they grew, each day I would breath in deeply close by to see if I could catch an early waft of that heavenly scent, even though I knew there would be none until the flower opened and blossomed. As I waited I marvelled at the tiny bud and how the vine held hidden within it such a wondrous gift, yet only when the time was right would it's perfume be released. It was not in my power to quicken the process.

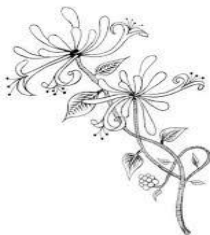
Watching and waiting I was struck by how the sun draws each tiny, gravity defying honeysuckle bud to fullness when its inner wisdom

declares the time is right. So too is this true with the blossoming of the soul. Hidden as it is, quietly tended by immanent wisdom – way beyond our conscious knowing – so the soul is drawn by God towards its blossoming in divine fullness.

Some may not even be aware of this inner working, some may have reached this full flowering and offer its fragrance in service to the world. Yet others are impatient for this unfolding...rather like me urging the honeysuckle to flower before it's ready, but we have to learn that only wisdom deems when the time is right. There is no point in our forcing the journey. If we would only take a leaf (no pun intended) out of the honeysuckle's book we would simply learn to just be...in the present moment...allowing nature to take its own course, each according to its type. Instead we fret and worry about all sorts of things which most often never come to pass, we try to control and direct what will be, often things that are not ours to control in the first place and in this modern technological world we are all subjected to time pressures that leave us stressed and anxious and so not able to hear the voice of wisdom within us that speaks so softly and tenderly.

Yet if we could hear that voice we would hear about a love for each and every one of us which constantly draws all of creation to itself. We can resist it, but only for so long...in the end its strains will, rather like a heady scent, catch our attention and draw us too, to where peace and bliss truly are all rolled into one. And so, in the end, at the final reckoning, we will **all** know the truth spoken by that wonderful mystic, Julian of Norwich, that 'all shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.'

Jayne



EDITORIAL AUGUST 2019 – I'm pleased to say John Beardsley has been able to continue his "Potted History" for this edition. It makes fascinating reading! Also with the 80th anniversary of WW2 evacuation coming up Mike Jebson has chatted with some of our church members and come up with some recollections of what it was like.

I'm so pleased that Claire had time to write a piece about Duncan's trip to Lourdes earlier this year. He had a wonderful time and this is an amazing charity that provides these trips.

I'm sorry to mention the word "Christmas" in August but by our next edition Advent will be upon us! Apart from our Christmas Tree Festival (which will include a special Celebration on Saturday 14th December), we have our Fete on 16th November, and we shall also be open for the Tewkesbury Lights-On on Sunday 24th November.

Some changes to our section in September – as you will read both Tibberton and Hartpury become part of St John's section and we welcome Winchcombe. However, this is not goodbye as we hope to keep in touch with both churches – on Saturday 14th September we shall be hosting an afternoon tea for all these churches – not forgetting Apperley of course - to which we hope many of you will attend to share cake and fellowship. We also welcome a new Superintendent Revd John Hellyer, and we are delighted that John will be leading worship at Tewkesbury on Sunday 24th November.

There are several events over the next few months which rely heavily on volunteers, including stewarding the Tree Festival in the hope that we can keep the church open as much as possible for people to view it. When the lists go up, or you are "collared" by someone with a clipboard, please consider if you can help us out if only for an hour or so. We are all getting older and not so active, and it is becoming a struggle to get the helpers – understandably.

Please continue to send your contributions for the magazine – it is good to have original articles, and Crosspoint is much more interesting with personal contributions.

Jean Davies

Church Family News from Tewkesbury

We send our love and prayers to John Beardsley, Kath Hutton, Wendy Treble, Tony Duford, Betty Martin, Janet Webster, Dianne Harrington, Denise Dempster, Mary Davies, Hilary Jebson, Joyce Sanders, Pat and Phil Taylor 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: 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 from Pat Taylor – she now has a new great-granddaughter (her daughter Christine's grandchild) named Marcie Alice. Many congratulations to the family.

Some of you are already aware that Anthea Budget died recently. We all have fond memories of Anthea who came to coffee morning every week in her lovely co-ordinating outfits, and who supported all our events. We will really miss her.

From Jackie Dobbs – I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout my treatment and recovery. Your kind wishes thoughts and prayers kept me going over the last few months. It meant so much to Roger and I so thank you again.

However did we arrive here?
or
A potted history of the Christian Church in umpteen
episodes – Part 5

Firstly, my apologies for not being able to produce an episode for the last Crosspoint, owing to illness. In January's edition we reached the point where Martin Luther's actions in Wittenberg in 1517 led to what we call "The Reformation". Thereafter, the "One, Holy and Catholic church" was to be divided into three - Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant. The work of Reformers like John Calvin in Geneva and Ulrich Zwingli in Zurich was to ensure that Protestantism was itself to be divided. More of that in another episode, but now I want to concentrate on the Reformation in England, and on the effect that was to have on Tewkesbury.

If the Reformation on the Continent was driven by doctrine, in England it was driven by politics and in particular by the desperate desire of the monarch, Henry VIII, to have a son to continue the Tudor dynasty. Henry's wife, Catherine of Aragon, had been contracted to his elder brother, Arthur, who had died. A papal dispensation had been obtained to permit Henry and Catherine to marry, but Catherine's failure to produce a male heir (I won't make the same mistake as I did in a university essay by writing "male son" !!) led Henry to believe that God's blessing did not rest on this marriage, a belief reinforced by a verse from Leviticus . Enter Anne Boleyn, who would surely make a better wife!

Henry now needed the Pope, Clement VII, to declare his marriage to Catherine invalid, and Cardinal Wolsey was given the task of obtaining this declaration. He might well have succeeded in this if Catherine's nephew, the Emperor Charles V, had not sacked Rome in 1527 and captured the Pope. As this is a "potted history" I shall omit a lot of the detail that led to the Act of Supremacy of 1534 making the monarch head of the Church in England rather than the Pope. It would have been appropriate for "Under New Management" notices to appear on the churches of England! Henry's marriage to Catherine was annulled by the Archbishop of Canterbury, but the doctrine of the new "Church of England" was very much that of the old "Catholic Church".

The one change that everybody could see was the disappearance of the monasteries, ostensibly on the grounds of decadence, but more likely because their sale by the crown would bring in much-needed revenue. Tewkesbury was amongst the second wave of suppressions in 1539. The Abbey church might have suffered the same fate as Winchcombe - total demolition - but the townsmen were able to raise £453 to enable it to become the parish church of Tewkesbury, there being no other such. Today it is one of the most highly regarded ecclesiastical buildings in the country, but its status is just the same as that of the C19th Holy Trinity church in the town - a parish church.

John Beardsley

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 Sunday 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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Our stories of WW2 evacuation

On Sunday 3 September 1939, eighty years ago, the Prime Minister at the time, Neville Chamberlain, announced on the BBC that because the Germans had not withdrawn their troops from Poland, this country was at war with Germany.



But, such was the concern of the government at the time that, from 1 September, they had started to evacuate children and vulnerable adults from large towns and cities. Over the course of *three days* 1.5 million evacuees were sent to rural locations considered to be safe.

Eighty years on, four of our church community share their memories of evacuation

AUDREY EDGAR was evacuated from New Malden, Surrey, with thirty of her school mates, all young girls, to Kerry (Ceri) in Wales, near Newtown. Their teachers went with them. Initially they were put up in a local pub, the Herbert Arms. After a time they were moved to Dolforgan Hall, a local stately home, where a temporary school was established. Audrey remembers that some of the teachers were very strict but Audrey says she must have been a good girl as the worst punishment she got was writing 'lines'! One girl got into trouble for squeezing toothpaste over the banisters on to the parquet hall floor below! The dormitories were very cold, "We had a small washstand in the corner of the room where we kept our flannels. During the winter they would be frozen stiff in the morning. One thing we experienced that very few children now will have done was the wonderful patterns made by Jack Frost on our icy windows. Another winter attraction was the deep snow. In the afternoons we would don our macs, wellies and pixie hats and haul our wooden toboggans up the steep slope at the far side of the

hall then descend at express speed head first. Every Sunday we would walk in a crocodile to the church where we would sit and fidget through the long services. Someone always dropped a penny and got glared at by the nearest teacher. I always enjoyed the hymns and still love the good Welsh hymn, *Bread of Heaven*, which we sang most weeks. Of course I did miss my parents who were braving the Blitz back in London and I don't think we realised what they were going through. My mother visited me from time to time and once took me to Barmouth. I returned home in 1944 only to face the doodlebug (rocket-propelled bombs) bombardment. All in all my stay in Wales was a happy one."

MIKE MILLS lived on an estate, where his father worked, in the small South Devon village of Dartington. This village was one that received evacuees, although they did not take in evacuees themselves as their house was too small. Mike says, "When I first heard that children from London were due to arrive I was terrified. What would a hundred upper class Eton College boating-types make of me, a sheltered youngster, born in Devon? I was unsure what they would be like and how they would react to us. But my worries were unfounded. It turned out their shorts contained less material than ours! They were real Cockneys. On one occasion I was milking a cow by hand when one the boys exclaimed, 'What yer doin' that for mate? Cor blimey, we get our milk in bottles!' It soon became apparent that we had no real concept of the urban life they had left and they, in turn, had no concept of our rural existence, yet we were separated by no more than a three hour train journey. Later I realised how difficult it must have been for these youngsters from the East End of London. Even though they were escaping from the danger of the Blitz to the tranquillity of South Devon, they were still leaving the security of their families and moving to another world. The boys returned to London after about two years

HILARY JEBSON Our family was living on the Wirral, in Wallasey, near the Birkenhead docks and, just over the other side of the Mersey was Liverpool. Prime targets for bombing by the Germans. The first bombs fell on the town in August 1940. Altogether the town was affected by more than forty air raids and over 300 people were killed during the Blitz. We had an Anderson shelter in the garden and, when the air raid siren sounded, we went into this. As a young child I was often put to bed in the shelter, for safety. As the bombing intensified my Mum and Dad decided I should go to a safer place and I was taken by

'Auntie' Annie, our next door neighbour, to stay with her brother and sister-in-law in Waterfoot, near Rawtenstall, Lancashire. I stayed there for 18 months, walking over the fields to the local school. I had a great time living in the country. The local farmer brought a milk churn to our house and we went out with a jug to be filled. (So much for pasteurising!) The local children wore clogs with metal strips on the front so you couldn't go about quietly. The clogs I brought back to Wallasey had the metal strip replaced with rubber. Back home our house was damaged by the bombing and our roof began to leak. Mum and Dad fixed up a tent over the bed to keep it dry but were eventually able to move to a less-damaged house. In the town 1,150 houses were destroyed and 17,000 were damaged. I took a while to settle back home in Wallasey because everything was so much bigger and busier than the country-life I had led in Lancashire.

MICHAEL JEBSON In 1939 we were living in north London. My father was a civil servant working for the Air Ministry in central London. The civil service had been advised that, in the event of us going to war, many staff would be evacuated to Harrogate, Yorkshire. And this is what happened at the beginning of September 1939. Our whole family was to be evacuated. My brother and I were sent off to stay with an aunt and uncle in Keighley, Yorkshire, whilst mum and dad went to find us somewhere to live. When they had found a flat for us my brother and I joined them in Harrogate. The government had commandeered for use as offices several of the large hotels in this spa town. Dad worked for the newly established Ministry of Aircraft Production which was responsible for seeing that Spitfires, Hurricanes and three types of bomber were being built. The War Cabinet approved the astonishing target of 2,300 aircraft being built each month. As you can imagine, Dad worked very long hours. Apart from one incident with a low flying German bomber, Harrogate was not targeted. As a family we lived with the blackout, food rationing gas-mask drills and the other restrictions of war-time, but generally I grew up and went to school in peaceful conditions. With a brief return back to London, we lived in Harrogate from 1939 to 1949, when Dad was posted to new work in Liverpool. During those years we lived in seven different houses and I changed schools five times.

**FIRST MONDAY FELLOWSHIP
EVACUATION SPECIAL!**

**Monday 2 September
2.30pm in the Guild Room**

**Come and meet some real, live
former evacuees!**

**Hear about their experience of
evacuation as young children 80 years ago
this month.**



**The First Monday Fellowship is open to all,
women and men.**

We look forward to seeing you

NEWS FROM APPERLEY

From Peter Stych

What a mixed summer we have been having this year. With the fine weather earlier on we were hopeful of enjoying a prolonged period of all things outdoor. This hasn't been quite the case but here at Apperley we were delighted to be able to go ahead with our 'Service and Picnic on The Green' on June 30th. With friends from the Anglican Churches of the benefice that surrounds us here we shared a united worship on the village green on June 30th and stayed to enjoy our picnics in the open air afterwards. This was a greater success than last year's attempt when the service had to be conducted in the Anglican church as we were about to be drenched by the first rainfall for several weeks!



This year is another time of welcome as we recently welcomed the new Vicar, Revd. Ilse Ferwerda, originally from The Netherlands, to our parish. We look forward to working alongside her as she settles into her new appointment here. Our own Minister Jayne has yet to meet her. As we shall also soon be welcoming our new Superintendent Minister, Revd. John Hellyer, a number of new relationships will be developing.

Our Tuesday morning Bizzy Fingers ladies will be continuing their bi-monthly visits to Ashchurch View Care home and more of the items knitted by the ladies will be taken to the prem. baby unit at Gloucester Royal Hospital. We really need more ladies (or gents) to join Bizzy Fingers to enable more woollens to be sent to the prem. baby unit. So if any knitters would like to come along please pop in to the chapel from 10.00am on Tuesday mornings except the first Tuesday of the month.

Special services coming up soon will be the **115th Chapel Anniversary on September 8th** and our **Harvest Festival on September 29th**. We invite you all to join us for these or any of our services.

WINCHCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH

From Geoff Onions – Senior Steward

Back in the old days it was always Cheltenham near Winchcombe, indeed we had a circuit named after us with eight chapels !

In my 50 years at this church there have been many 'sharings' – Bishops Cleeve, Bethesda, Hawling, St Marks and Whaddon but never Tewkesbury.

A membership of around 40 with a regular Sunday morning attendance of around the same – there is a typical church age group, but there a few more 'junior' members appearing!

The present church was built in 1885 after many years of using houses and a much smaller chapel -----John Wesley, of course, visited the village on a number of occasions – what a Thomas Cook he was! The current state is rather good: new roof, freshly painted inside, porous Cotswold stone replaced and many more projects undertaken, including a 63 inch television for displaying the hymns.

Numbers of outside groups use the building, Probus, Gardening, History etc and there are also ecumenical coffee mornings held, every Thursday--- why not take a trip into the Cotswolds, 10am until 12pm, all are welcome- it is a busy and happy morning.

A church group called 'Connections' meet on a Thursday afternoon and this ,again, is an afternoon full of laughter and fellowship and is open to everyone who wants to attend. A Methodist house fellowship exists in addition to an ecumenical group.

The town is small enough for lots of people to know each other so the interaction and pastoral care is absolutely top notch.

My own personal involvement with Tewkesbury began in the 1970's when I worked at Dowty in Station Street, opposite Warners Coaches – I worked in the office in the former engine shed at the car park end where the shunters were housed, for moving the goods wagons through what became the Tesco, to the mill I used to pop into the Tewkesbury chapel at lunchtime sometimes, grab a hymn book and sing my way through the hymn-board which had been used on the



previous Sunday.

Who remembers the whole town shaking during the summer, in the 70's whilst the pile driver hammered 30 foot steel beams all around Healings Mill to stop the erosion of the riverbank? It was not pleasant!

When Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Circuits combined I became the Circuit Property Secretary, along with Andrew from Apperley, Rev Colin Harbach and company were not great book-keepers it has to be said!

New beginnings---we look forward to an exciting, sharing fellowship in the very near future, starting with the tea party at Tewkesbury on September 14th (what else would you expect of Methodists- where two or more are gathered).

(Ed's note – until we have a photo of Winchcombe church it seemed appropriate, given Geoff's last sentence, to include one of their lovely teas – your turn next Winchcombe!)

NEWS FROM HARTPURY

From Liz Ledger

Hartpurv Methodists and Anglicans united in a festival weekend from 19 - 21 June which was very successful. There was an art exhibition in the old Chapel near the parish church which



was open throughout the weekend, an eco breakfast in the Swan Inn at Staunton where a speaker from St. Andrews at Churchdown told a large group of breakfasters about setting up an eco church. The many ideas offered were very interesting and made everyone think about ways in which their church could be more ecologically intentional. On the evening of 21 June Jonny Coppin and Paul Burgess entertained a large audience in Hartpurv Village Hall. This particular venture was coordinated by the Methodist church and thanks go to Jayne for contacting Jonny to arrange the evening and to Jean Davies who took innumerable phone calls from people requesting tickets! On Sunday morning we held a joint service in the parish church of St. Mary with contributions from both churches and from the young people of Hartpurv. This was followed by a picnic and walk at the Orchard Centre in Hartpurv. So many people had a part to play and thanks go to all of them. However, it became clear after the event that apart from the

organisers there were many people who would have liked to be more actively involved and this is a lesson to be learned for any future ventures.

As many of you will be aware the sections of the Methodist Church in Gloucestershire are changing and (yet again) Hartpury is on the move ! The church will be linked with the Gloucester Central area and will have a minister from St. John's. Who this minister will be is an unknown at this stage but will be one of 3 Johns ! (John Hellyer superintendent, John Kime who has been in Gloucester for a couple of years or John McNeill who is new to the circuit.)

We are sorry to be leaving our formal links with Tewkesbury but are encouraged by the warmth the people there have shown us and the many comments that we will still be welcome to join in with things at Tewkesbury and that you are sorry to see us go. We do have an assurance of a warm welcome from St, John's and the Gloucester churches so (as has been the case for many years now) we travel onwards with our dear friends from Tibberton and look forward to a different future with some sadness but also our usual willingness and enthusiasm to try new things. As we have had a significant drop in numbers over the last 3 months the future is interesting for Hartpury and we ask for your prayers as we discern the way in which God is calling us to travel.

Our schoolroom, now called the Morris Room, is ready for use and can be hired for meetings, parties, retreats, quiet days etc. If you have any need to find a hall which is not as big or as costly as a village hall or large church hall please do get in touch with us. A big thank you to Janet Freeman who has offered to oversee enquiries and bookings. For more information please contact myself, David or Janet. The room is lovely although we say it ourselves and we look forward to the premises being more open to the local and wider community. We already hold successful lunches monthly and have started serving afternoon tea on the third Tuesday of every month. All are welcome to these events; please join us.

So that is the news (rather lengthy I fear !) from Hartpury for the final time - but we will keep you all informed of our progress and thank you for the warm welcome and fellowship we have enjoyed with you over the last few years.

With every blessing from Liz Ledger and the folks of Hartpury Methodist Chapel.

NEWS FROM TIBBERTON

*From Christine and
Peter Gardner*



On 1st September
Tibberton will
officially become a
'Class' of St John's

Church in Gloucester and we will be leaving the Tewkesbury section of churches. So change once again! We will have a new minister, be part of a new group of churches – including Hartpur which will be good – and there will be new opportunities. Some things however will not change; there will still be Methodists in Tibberton as our work continues and you will still see Tibberton and our services shown on the Plan.

Thank you to Jayne and everyone at Tewkesbury and Apperley for your welcome and support while we have been with you and please do join us for our services or special events sometimes.

Best wishes to you all. We will keep in touch.

HOUSE GROUPS

**Save the date! – House
Group Away-Day –
Saturday 13th June 2020
At Holland House,
Crowthorne**



there I Am in the midst

DUNCAN'S TRIP TO LOURDES

On Easter Saturday, we dropped Duncan at Birmingham Airport where he was met by 4 friends from school and 8 volunteers from a charity called HCPT Pilgrimage Trust, to be a part of 1000 young people with disabilities or other difficulties, accompanied by some 4000 volunteers flying to Lourdes to take part in an annual Pilgrimage. The majority of groups travelled from the UK, but some travelled from as far away as the USA and Australia.

Whilst there, Duncan and his friends stayed in a family-run hotel, and took part in lots of fun activities such as visiting the zoo, a trip into the Pyrenees Mountains, attending worship alongside hundreds of other young people, and lots and lots of visits to cafes where they entertained the other diners with their singing! This was Duncan's first time holidaying away from family – having only ever had a single night without Sean or myself with him previously. We were quite anxious about how he would fare but our nervousness was eased by the daily photos that the volunteers placed on facebook. From the very first picture of Duncan in the airport, he was smiling from ear to ear! The pictures each day showed how the little group were bonding and the fun and laughter were very clear. When we collected Duncan a week later at Birmingham airport, the volunteers and children were all tearful about parting company – it really was a special time for them all.

As a result of his week away, we have seen a big difference in Duncan's speech and in his self-help skills. He had to be more independent without Mum or Dad to chase after him and had to make himself understood by people who did not know him very well. We have also seen a big step forward in his confidence in new situations, and know that is partly as a result of this brilliant opportunity he was given. The week also gave us some much-needed respite and time with Owen that we do not normally have.

HCPT Pilgrimage Trust is one big charity but made up of small locality-based groups. Duncan was supported by HCPT group 3 – a Cheltenham based group who have been operating for around 25 years, taking a small group of children from Bettridge Special School to Lourdes as often as they can at Easter time. Children are suggested by school staff and then approached by the charity. If families are

unable to financially contribute then that is no bar to the child being offered a place. Each volunteer is expected to raise the money for their own travel and accommodation, and as a group they need to cover the costs of taking each child and the activities costs. The volunteers also undertake a massive amount of training in things like sign language, first aid, moving and handling, and how to deal with specific medical issues within their group of children. They give up their time and money to give children an opportunity of a lifetime.

Having seen the benefit that this week was to Duncan, we would love to be able to raise the £900 that would enable another child to experience the same thing next year. If anyone would be interested in knowing more about the charity or how to support them, please speak to Sean or myself. If on social media, you can find them on Facebook by searching for HCPT Group 3 – where you can also see photos from this year’s trip. We also have copies of photos from the week, if anyone would like to see more of the fun that the group experienced.

Claire Radtke







TRYING TO BE ECO-AWARE AT HOME AND AT CHURCH:

Some thought for you ---- about how and what we use -----

In the kitchen – do you use silver foil and cling film? How many times do you use the same piece? How many times could you use the same piece?

Use of water – you turn the hot tap on, and the water runs cold before the hot arrives. What do you do with the cold water? What could you do with the cold water?

Laundry and the use of water – how often do you wear each item of clothing before washing it, such as blouse, shirt, trousers, skirt, nightwear? How many times could you wear it?

Wipes – do you use wipes? There is quite an assortment now, for example, for baby, hands, sticky fingers, eye makeup polish, cleaning, car interiors, disinfectant. And they can only be thrown away into the rubbish! Do you have to use them? Could you use something else?

Patricia Turner

(Ed's note – look out for the new Eco-Group starting in September!)



RECYCLE AND REUSE

How much recycling do you think about, and how much do you do?

The Stoke Orchard Recycling Centre is an interesting place to visit! People arrive in their vehicles. Sometimes you have to queue to enter the site, or indeed wait for a suitable parking place. Some vehicles are packed with items, while others have only a few.

Then, the people! You scurry around the site to the correct skip for your items yet rarely uttering a word to each other as you just get on with emptying your vehicle.

And all these skips – some are huge – are for what?

Large electrical items – dozens of them in a standing area on the ground.

Small electrical items – are there really so many?

Wood – for example furniture, garden, fencing all sorts.

Metal – what a variety of items are discarded!

Cardboard – but not paper.

Hardcore – for example rubble, crockery, handbasins.

Non-recyclable – and a staff member will check what you try to put in here.

Then there are places for – light bulbs, silver foil, glass/window panes clothes (in bags), paint pots, plastic bottles, tin cans batteries, glass bottles, paper, spectacles.

And of course, the green waste, of which there is vast quantities!

At Morrison's in Tewkesbury, there is a battery container, and a bin for plastic bags and plastic wrappings (not just Morrison's bags!)

Enjoy your recycling!

Patricia Turner

MESSY CHURCH DATES 2019

Saturday 21st September and Saturday 30th November

**HARVEST FESTIVAL - Sunday 6th October.
Greenery and decorations to church on
Saturday 5th October please!**

HARTPURY METHODIST CHURCH

The Morris Room

**Now available to hire : medium sized room with kitchen
adjoining.**

Suitable for parties, retreats, meetings etc.

Reasonable hire charges!

**For more information please contact Janet Freeman (01452)840334
or Liz and David Ledger (01452) 840978**

CHURCH MEETINGS

Church Leadership Team – Tuesday 27th August

Worship Forum – Tuesday 10th September

Property – Tuesday 1st October

Stewards – Thursday 3rd October

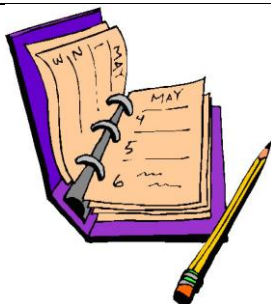
Tewkesbury Churches Together – Monday 7th October

Pastoral – Saturday 12th October 11am

Christmas – Saturday 9th November 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



August

Sunday 25th – 1pm Lowri and James' wedding

September

Saturday 7th – New Eco Group 10am with Jayne

Friday and Saturday 13th and 14th – Heritage Open Days

Saturday 14th – Afternoon tea for churches in our section

Friday and Saturday 20th and 21st – Heritage Open Days

Saturday 21st – Messy Church

Sunday 22nd – Circuit Assembly and 6.30pm United Service at Stonehouse

Saturday 28th – Tewkesbury Camerata Concert

Sunday 29th – 6.30pm United Service at our church

October

Sunday 6th – 10.30am service – **Harvest Festival**, Commissioning Service and Gift Day. Followed by Harvest lunch (bookable)

Wednesday and Thursday 9th and 10th – Mop Fair

Saturday 12th – Concert by Tewkesbury Chamber Choir

Sunday 13th – Harmony Service 6pm

November

Sunday 10th – Remembrance Day Service 11.15am

Tuesday 12th – Church Council

Saturday 16th – Church Christmas Fete

Sunday 24th – Tewkesbury Christmas lights
Sat 30th – Messy Church

December

Saturday 7th – Tewkesbury Players Concert
Thursday 12th – Tewkesbury Town Carol Service

Details of our Christmas services will be in the next edition of Crosspoint in November.

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 during the winter months.

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 1st Sunday of each month.*

Breakfast Praise takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month at 9.15am.

*An evening service **with** Holy Communion is held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6.30pm.*

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.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF CROSSPOINT (Dec, Jan Feb) to Jean Davies (Tel: 01684 772178) by Sunday 10th 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

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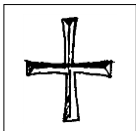
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Tewkesbury Church phone: 01684 291101 This is situated in the vestry with an extension to the vestibule kitchen and is intended primarily for use by church officials and for emergency use.



IMPORTANT Booking rooms and events

If you are arranging any event on the church premises of Tewkesbury Methodist Church, the room and time must be arranged with the bookings secretary, Roger Davis Tel: 01684 293423. Church events at other venues, such as at home, should be put on the Church Calendar in the hall.



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Tewkesbury Methodist Players Present



Transports of Delight (songs & sketches on a transport theme)

6.30pm on Dec 7th 2019

Tickets £3 to inc. refreshments
(all proceeds go to charity)



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL DECEMBER 2019

As the next Crosspoint will not be out until late November this is to give you advance notification that we shall be having a Christmas Tree Festival in the church during December. Several local shops and businesses are contributing together with many of our own church groups so it should be looking spectacular! Details of dates and times will be in our next edition and in Church Notices and also on our website.

We are also having our Church Christmas Fete on Saturday 16th November – please put the date in your diary now, and come and get some Christmas bargains, cakes, refreshments and lunches – and a very warm welcome!

