

Dear Friends

How are you? Rev Jayne Webb reflected upon the gentle rhythms of discipleship in the last Crosspoint. Have you been able to slow your busy routines and daily demands, to rest, to reflect and to pray more during the last few months?



Although we have had some very hot and humid days lately, as I write this, a few drops of rain are falling! It seems like quite a long time since we experienced 'proper' rainfall. Nationally, livestock, wildlife, bees and bugs; grasses, forests, plants, rivers, lakes and reservoirs will surely benefit from the rainfall. (Saying that, the rain has already stopped again!)

In considering the unusually hot, dry conditions and forest fires we have recently experienced nationally, I have gained a new appreciation and a greater respect for the physical, emotional, environmental and socio-economic challenges faced by about 55 million people globally who are affected by prolonged droughts every year. The droughts cause the most serious hazards to livestock and crops whilst threatening people's livelihoods, increasing the risk of disease and death and prompting mass migration. In our temperate UK climate, we are truly blessed not to experience such extremes.

'Drought comes when God withholds rain' (Job 12:15, GNB). The Bible refers to droughts through 'ancient world glasses', but it also shows divine trust, human resilience and moral reflection. We can begin to see how 'drought' encompasses physical, spiritual, and ethical elements which encourage today's society to approach such environmental challenges with faith, wisdom and innovative solutions. Increasingly, people across the world choose to place their trust and confidence in God.

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him" Jeremiah 17:7 (NIV)

How often do we stop to consider these words of Jeremiah?

Essentially, if we trust in the Lord and have confidence in Him, then we will be blessed? How amazing is that?

We may not face the extreme droughts, flooding or Tsunami's encountered in other parts of the world (although Tewkesbury tends to have times of localized flooding!), but throughout our lives we face a whole host of other, more personally emotionally charged experiences, often bringing us times of immense happiness, joy and comfort, or sometimes unexpected or unwanted changes to our lifestyles or socio-economic norms, but also times of intense pain, sadness and loss of friends, abilities or sense of direction. Throughout our 'ups and downs', God is with us! We just need to trust in the Lord and place our confidence in Him. As in the words of **Julian of Norwich**, "**all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well**". Let us take a moment to be still, recognize and acknowledge our current emotions or concerns for whatever is on our minds. Let us not 'make mountains out of molehills', dwell upon negative thoughts or hold grudges against others.

We have a choice! We can actively choose to trust in the Lord and to live with the hope of God in our hearts. We will be strengthened by his love for us as He wraps his loving light and peace around us, carrying us through our times of difficulty or negativity. We are blessed when we trust in the Lord. We can be confident and have hope in our hearts that God is with us, that we are blessed by the Lord and that with God, we choose to make our lives better.

Dear God, please help me to place my trust and confidence in you every day. Lord, thank you for being my foundation stone of hope and peace. Thank you for carrying me through the difficult times I have faced and for leading me through the challenges I have yet to encounter. As my relationship with you grows Lord, I thank you for your patience, your blessings and your solace. Amen.

Jan Hoskins – Community Outreach Worker

Autumn 2026

Dear Friends

So autumn has arrived..... in fact September 1st dawned as perfect an autumn day (around 6.00am) as it could be, as the sun came up in a clear blue sky, the air smelt of wood smoke and damp earth, and the grass was suddenly looking green again! Then it became a bit damp and rather grey but I think we are all happy to see the fields and gardens heaving a sigh of relief at the end of a relentlessly hot summer.

In our edition this quarter we have contributions from our section churches and articles from Andrew and Martyn again – thank you to all who take the time to send something for inclusion. It would be a very boring magazine otherwise. As a steward I particularly appreciated Martyn's words about LA services. Certainly, we at Tewkesbury, are grateful for the resources that are now available to assist with the occasional LA service, and generally we enjoy the opportunity to prepare something different.

I'd like to draw attention to Ruth's invitation to all of us, to visit the Knitted Bible exhibition at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church in December. We hosted this at Tewkesbury a few years back and it is well worth a visit! I look forward to seeing it again.

Here at Tewkesbury it was a pleasure to hold a service recently for the renewal of vows for Charlie and Sarah after 25 years of marriage. Sue Peat took the service and the couple continued their celebrations in the church hall with tea and cake. Do look at the centrefold for a beautiful photo of Charlie and Sarah together with Sue.

I hope you find this edition of interest – slightly shorter than usual so do consider submitting something for the next edition. It will be the Winter/Christmas edition so lots of scope for topical articles.

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world, and the love that created it
Might be expressed though our lives and be a blessing to others,
Now and always. Amen

Jean Davies (Editor)

PASTORAL CARE - Tewkesbury

Please remember to let me or Jan Hoskins know if you are aware of anyone who may be in need of some support – whether it be practical help or just a meet-up for a chat. Jan will always be pleased to hear from you. Her email is outreach.Tewkesbury@glosccircuit.co.uk and work telephone no is 07713 880853.

Jean Davies – Pastoral secretary

Church Family News from Tewkesbury

We remember and send our love to all the members of our church families and particularly those who live in Residential Homes. We especially remember our friends Pat, Geoff and Kath.

We continue to remember all those who suffer with ill health and mobility issues and hold them in our prayers. We particularly think of our friends who are embarking on further treatment and wish them the best possible outcome. Sadly several of our church family have had hospital stays during the last few months and we particularly wish them speedy recoveries.



Of course, we continue to pray for our minister, Jayne, during her recovery from surgery in July. Love and blessings to you Jayne.

And we also remember those who struggle silently with their own personal problems. Many of us have been there, and hope that it is some comfort and support to know you are cared for and held in our prayers.

HAVING AN ‘LA’ IS OKAY !

About thirty years ago, I met a Chapel Steward who told me how worried they were after noticing on the new Methodist Plan that the letters ‘LA’ featured for their Chapel on one week, instead of the surname of a Local Preacher or Minister, to lead their Sunday Worship. As will be shared later, the Steward did solve the ‘problem’ of this particular Sunday Service - though arguably not in the best way!

Nowadays ‘LA’ tends to appear far more regularly on Circuit Plans, reflecting the fact that there are sadly not enough offers from Local Preachers and Ministers to fill all the available Circuit-wide Sunday appointments. At Winchcombe for example, we will soon have had four ‘LA’ services over a three month period. In this Reflection I’ll consider the possible problems and the many potential blessings of having an ‘LA’ [= Local Arrangement] service at your church.

Let’s begin by trying to be clear about the meaning of ‘LA’ for Methodists. A Local Arrangement is a Service of Worship where no Local Preacher or Minister has been planned to lead it. The hope and expectation is that, invited by a Church Steward, members of that particular congregation will be happy to contribute in various ways [either behind the scenes or up front] to arrange a meaningful Service of Worship. Such contributions could take the form of choosing and/or announcing the hymns; compiling and/ or reading the prayers; choosing and/or reading selected Bible passages; reading a testimony or an approved reflection. For those who wish to be more creative, there are many opportunities to do something a little different. Successful examples of this which I have seen include: interviewing a congregational member about their job roles or hobby; using thought-provoking film clips to match the Service theme; choosing a piece of inspiring music for everyone to listen to during a period for personal reflection.

At worst, an ‘LA’ Service is viewed in a negative way and is

considered as 'yet another problem for the Church Steward(s) to sort out'! The worried Church Steward who I mentioned at the start of this article did find a solution which avoided the need to plan a Local Arrangement Sunday Service. He got a Local Preacher from another Circuit to lead the Service! Yet I think that this was in many ways, an opportunity missed. Having predominantly looked after small chapel congregations during my years as a full-time Minister in Cornwall, I readily accept that the smaller the congregation size is, then the more problematic the organising of an 'LA' Service often becomes. Fortunately the Methodist Church Resource Hub has now got a wide selection of 'ready-to-use' services with different themes, which can be freely accessed and used by those needing to arrange a Sunday Service locally. These resources can then easily be adapted to suit the local situation. Furthermore, there are in my view some definite potential 'positives' of having an occasional Local Arrangement at one's church.

An 'LA' does offer the wider church membership a chance to share in the preparation for and leadership of an act of Worship. Opportunities to participate 'up front' in small ways can give people a greater sense of belonging to the local Church Family and may give participants the self-confidence to offer other ways of sharing in future acts of Worship. Indeed, I have known of exactly such participation later prompting people to offer to train as a Worship Leader or Local Preacher. Working alongside others in prayerful preparation before sharing in an 'LA' Service can be spiritually uplifting and help foster a deeper friendship and fellowship with other congregational members. I also feel that the occasional Local Arrangement Sunday Service can be a valuable reminder to congregations that their role should always be as participants (not spectators) in Worship.

So the next time that you notice there is to be a Local Arrangement for Sunday Worship at your church ... reflect that having an 'LA' really is okay!!

God Bless - Rev. Martyn Smith

This is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.



Do the Bible and Science contradict each other?

For the Christian, the Bible is God's Word to us; it tells us about His character and creative purposes, how He has related to people in the past, and His promises for the future. Science is a specific way of studying the world, exploring the physical properties of things – a wonderful way to explore God's creation. So, the question to ask if the Bible and Science seem to be contradicting each other is, have we made a mistake in interpreting one or the other?

Science is very good at answering certain types of questions: 'What size is it?', 'How fast does it travel?', 'What is it made of?', and so on. Questions like 'What's it for?', 'What should I do with it?', and 'What's it worth?' can't be answered using scientific methods. Some of the misunderstanding in discussions of science and religion come from not recognising the limits of science.

It's also important to recognise what the Bible is, and what sorts of questions it can answer. The Bible was written well before people began to investigate the world in ways we would recognise as scientific. Of course, people in the Ancient Near East were studying the world around them, observing the movements of the stars, the processes of life and death that happened all around them, the

seasons, the behaviour of physical objects, and so on. But they did not study the mechanisms underlying these things systematically using the tools of science, and they did not see or describe the world in scientific terms – not because they weren't intelligent, but because science as we know it wasn't happening at that time.

Instead, the biblical writers used words that were commonly used in their own cultures to record events, share truth and wisdom, and tell stories that convey deep truth about God's character. If we want to understand God's intention in inspiring these words, we need to do some careful work to connect with those ancient writers and find out what they meant, before we can discover what those words mean to us today.

These principles can help us have far more fruitful conversations about science and Christian faith. If we allow any apparent conflict between Science and the Bible to fuel our search for understanding, not only will we learn as individuals, but we will be able to draw others into a conversation that is relevant to wider society today.

CROSSPOINT MAGAZINE

The next issue of Crosspoint will be produced late November – please send copy for the next edition to Jean Davies (Tel: 01684 772178) no later than Sunday 8th November.

Articles including family news are welcomed. **(Please ensure you have the permission of those you write about before submitting)**. It helps if you are able to send via email. Send to Jean Davies: jed0606@yahoo.com

Please note that articles reflect the views of the writer and not necessarily those of Tewkesbury Methodist Church.

The diary of a Geriatric Lay Pastor

So yesterday we had our monthly Film Club at Bishop's Cleeve. The staff meeting had been held there in the morning and around 1.40pm the last of the Ministers had left the building, leaving the washing up, tidying up and the reorganisation of the church and hall in preparation of the 2pm start of the film club.

Thankfully, Jan Hoskins one of our Lay Workers was around to do most of washing up, whilst Val, a church member came early with another of her mouthwatering lemon cakes, and she was able to take over from me in the hall.

People started to arrive early and even with this superb help; I was struggling to get everything ready for the film. This was the one time, I needed the technology to work, like never before. I didn't have time for it not to do so.

Now bearing in mind, I am now a Lay Pastor and undertaking a different role from that of Community Outreach Worker, I felt that it should no longer be within my job description, to make the technology work!

In my initial job description, it was indicated that "I was required to help people isolated by covid....and technology"! At my interview I must have been able to divert attention away from my membership of the local 'Luddite Society '. My motto is "Never work with children or animals or technology".

Early in my role at Bishop's Cleeve, I had problems with the technology when I was hosting the school children at exhibition events. Sometimes I could get it to work...and sometimes I couldn't. Sometimes it was my fault and sometimes if I had known what to do, I could have got it to work. Sometimes even the "techy" teachers accompanying the children, couldn't get it to work, which made me feel so much better.

On one occasion when I was having a meltdown over the inadequacy of the antiquated system, I was forced to work with, a church member recommended that I switch the system on at the wall. It was incredible, nay miraculous, the difference that little procedure made! It worked wonderfully with the help of electricity. Homer Simpson might have described that as a "Doh" moment!

I now firmly believe that God uses adversity and technology to teach us patience and to help us to understand that not everything in life goes the way we want it to. I think He does this especially with technology.

I am also convinced the God provides help to us in times of need. I have been so thankful that I have had the help of Andy, who is knowledgeable and helpful with most things 'technological'. He has been a real 'Godsend'.

Andy, about whom I will say much more in the future, has brought so many changes and informative ideas on the use of technology, in the things I am doing. We started using the laptop and Bluetooth speakers at film club, instead of the 'old fashioned' video recorder and loop system. Unfortunately, for once Andy couldn't come to film club yesterday, but that shouldn't have mattered, as I now knew what to do.

So yesterday, the people are arriving, and I am already quietly exhausted from the staff meeting, and I am not ready. "Please, please Lord can it all just work? I don't need any dramas. That is the job of the film we are showing".

I get the screen down, switch on the projector and connect the laptop. Nothing! The laptop and projector are not communicating! When technology fails, my first port of call is Andy. In a frantic telephone call I tell him what I have done and he tells me it should be working. More people arrive to see the film.

"Switch it all off and try again, is the sound advice of Andy, who hasn't a clue as to why it is not working, as we have done all the usual things. More people are arriving and it is almost 2pm. I follow Andy's advice, having already done this already once before. (The first sign of insanity is when you keep doing the same thing and expect a different result).

After 3 times...and more people arriving a new strategy had to be tried. I showed how my 4 years of wrestling with this technology and losing, had really paid off. I decided that someone must have messed up the settings on the projector. My theory proved correct. Someone had changed the settings from computer to video. I mean, why would anyone do that and not tell me? How is a Lay Worker to cope with such radical behaviour, and not have a melt down.

All the time Andy is holding on the phone, offering moral support. I change the settings on the projector and return to laptop. I connect the laptop DVD player and discover the software isn't working. Another frantic conversation with Andy ensues, going through the reasons it isn't working and what to do about it. Switch it off and try again.

I open DVD player and restart the system. The DVD player lid won't close. I try several times, but it is just not cooperating.

By now all the ladies with mobile phones in the church, are placing bets with Ladbrokes, that they wouldn't be watching a film that afternoon at the film club. Given my limited success with technology, Ladbroke's were not giving them good odds.

It was now 2.10pm and the noise in the room is growing. I concluded that all Andy's innovations were not going to work on this occasion and a plan B was required. I went back into the projectors settings and found the system had reverted to the Video player without any action on my part. Andy's encouraging and affirming words "That shouldn't have happened", did little to comfort me.

We are now almost 15 minutes late. Once before, I had failed to show the film and I feared a repeat performance. Time for something drastic...revert to the old fashioned technology:-

1. Remove DVD from laptop player.
2. Place it in Church DVD player.
3. Press play.
4. Ask Andy (still holding on the phone), why is there no sound.
5. Ask Jan, who has just come to share my pain, the same question.
6. Jan suggested I turn the sound on, on the system, at which point there is both a film on the screen and sound through the Church's old fashioned loop system.
7. Present myself confidently to the assembled film goers, pretending that I had at all times known what I was doing, before welcoming them to the film club.
8. Look for a dark room to lie down in.

Whist the film was a success, I later went home with a bruised 'techy' ego and a deep sense of gratitude, that God had sent both Andy and Jan, the Technology gurus of Bishop's Cleeve, to save my afternoon, and more importantly, my blushes.

With every blessing

Andrew



BREAKFAST CLUB - WILD GREEN CHURCH!

We are having a break from our Breakfast Club at present as we consider how we progress this activity. If you have any ideas or wish to comment on this monthly activity please see Jan or any of the stewards.

SMILE LINES

Scammer

I got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords."
I said, "Great. What are they? I'll grab a pen."

Doors

My granddad always said, "When one door closes, another door opens." Lovely man. Terrible joiner.

Miscellaneous observations on daily life

At my age I have given up on health foods; I need all the preservatives I can get.

Ever feel like life is a car wash and you're on a bicycle?

It's good to have self-confidence. It's even better to have a reason for it.

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

Blessed are the flexible people, for they don't mind when the demands of family and work ties them in knots.

My favourite childhood memory is having energy.

My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, three of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

I like to make a shopping list. I like to guess what's in it when I get to the store and discover I left it at home.

BISHOPS CLEEVE METHODIST CHURCH

Greetings from
Bishops Cleeve

We hope you either
enjoyed the hot
summer weather or
found ways of

keeping cool and sheltered from the heat if you are not so keen on it.



Several of us really enjoyed our time at the Holland House Away Day . We are looking forward to going again next year. God willing! Thanks to Jean Davies in working so hard in organising it for us.

The wedding of John and Val on the 6th June was a truly joyous and memorable occasion. We don't have many weddings at Bishops Cleeve! Everything went smoothly and as a congregation it was a privilege to share with their family and friends in their special day. We wish them well in their married life together.

On a sadder note, some of us will have attended the Thanksgiving Service for the life of our dear friend Sue Barr. Sue and Jerry were active members of Bishops Cleeve for many years before they transferred to Bethesda after moving from Cleeve Hill. We continue to hold Jerry and the family in our prayers.

We will be holding our Christmas Coffee morning on Saturday the 14th November from 10.00-12.00. With various stalls and refreshments, we would be so pleased to welcome you if you would like a little visit to Bishops Cleeve that morning along with any of your friends as well !

Plans are shaping up well for the Knitted Bible display which will be open on various dates from the end of November into the beginning of December.

We are especially inviting folk from the Churches in the Circuit to come and see it on either Friday 4th December or Tuesday 8th December from 14.00-16.00 on both those dates . It would be lovely to meet up with others and spend fellowship time together over refreshments. Please come along and bring friends with you as well. The Exhibition is well worth a visit if you haven't seen it before, or even if you have!

We wish you a very Happy New Methodist Church year!
Ruth Whiting

CROSSWORD ANSWERS (IN THE SUMMER EDITION)

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

HOLLAND HOUSE SECTION AWAY-DAY 2027!

Wednesday 21st July

I hope everyone enjoyed the day at Holland House in July. There is no doubt that this is a beautiful place to relax, reflect and recharge your batteries – accompanied by a delicious home cooked lunch.

It was unfortunate that Revd Jayne was unable to be with us and our thoughts are with her as she recovers. Thank you to Jan Hoskins and to Revd Martyn Smith for helping out during the day.

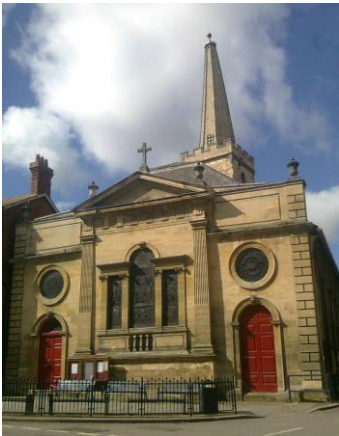
I'm pleased to say that we have secured a similar date for next year - Wednesday 21st July, so if you would like to go again please keep that date free. (Wednesday was popular because we have the opportunity to join the House for Holy Communion at 12.00 that day).

We have paid a deposit to secure the date, but you are not expected to commit at this stage. I will ask towards the end of the year for those that would be interested so we have an idea of numbers and then request payment in the spring.

**A reminder of the House's website as they have interesting events and talks throughout the year – it is worth a look.
<https://hollandhouse.org/>**

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NEWS FROM ST JOHN, NORTHGATE



There doesn't seem to be much to report from St John's this time, but we send our greetings to all the churches in the section.

In July we welcomed Rev Dr Marcus Torchon, Chair of the Bristol District, to St John's and to Tibberton. Both occasions were well supported and enjoyed by all. They were lively and challenging, and in conversation Marcus gave both groups

encouraging ideas for moving forward in the future.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to Gloucester Day on the first Saturday in September. The first Gloucester Day was founded in September 1643, celebrating the end of the siege of Gloucester during the Civil War, and although forgotten for many years has been revived in recent years as a very special day in the city's history. One of the events is a parade through the city streets by representatives of many organisations, including faith communities; as in previous years some of the members of St John's will be joining in, carrying the banner of St John's Church. Hopefully it will show the people of Gloucester and further afield who line the streets that we are still a welcoming presence in the city centre.

Christine and Peter Gardner

CHURCH FLOWERS

Unfortunately whilst Wendy is unwell she is unable to do flower arrangements in memory or celebration of loved ones. We all wish Wendy a speedy recovery from her treatment and we will let everyone know when the arrangements can recommence.

A PEOPLE PLACE

Does our Church match up to this?

If this is not a place where tears are understood –
Where can I go to cry?

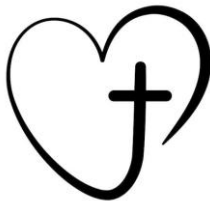
If this is not a place where my spirit can take wing –
Where do I go to fly?

If this is not a place where my questions can be asked –
Where do I go to seek?

If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard –
Where do I go to speak?

If this is not a place where you will accept me as I am –
Where can I go to be?

If this is not a place where I can learn and grow –
Where can I just be me?



All in the month of OCTOBER

It was:

800 years ago, on 3rd October 1226 that St Francis of Assisi, Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, and founder of the Franciscan Order.

300 years ago, on 28th October 1726 that Jonathan Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels* was published.

125 years ago, on 12th October 1901 that US President Theodore Roosevelt renamed the Executive Mansion the White House. It is the official residence and workplace of the US President.

Also 125 years ago, on 19th October 1901 that Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* and *March No. 2* were performed for the first time, in Liverpool.

100 years ago, on 14th October 1926 that the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

90 years ago, from 5th to 31st October that The Jarrow March took place. 200 men set off from Jarrow in north-east England to Westminster, to draw attention to the severe unemployment and poverty in their area following the closure of a shipyard.

Also 80 years ago, on 20th October 1946 that the puppet character Muffin the Mule made his first TV appearance on the BBC series *For the Children*.

75 years ago, on 18th October 1951 that Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales. It was Britain's third National Park.

Also 75 years ago, on 30th October 1951 that Dartmoor National Park was established in the UK.

Also 75 years ago, on 31st October 1951 that zebra crossings were introduced in Britain. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

70 years ago, on 17th October 1956 that Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, was officially opened. It closed in March 2003, nearly 47 years later.

Also 70 years ago, on 23rd October to 10th November 1956 that the Hungarian Revolution began and was crushed by the Soviet Union.

65 years ago, on 6th October 1961 that US President John F Kennedy advised Americans to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from nuclear fallout, in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

60 years ago, on 21st October 1966 that the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery spoil tip (slag heap) collapsed and fell onto the village. Worst hit was Pantglas Junior School. In all, 116 children and 28 adults were killed.

50 years ago, on 4th October 1976 that the InterCity 125 High Speed Train service began operating in the UK.

Also 50 years ago, on 25th October 1976 that the National Theatre in London officially opened.

40 years ago, on 9th October 1986 that Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *The Phantom of the Opera* premiered in London.

Also 40 years ago, on 29th October 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was opened.

15 years ago, on 31st October 2011 that the world's population reached seven billion.

Tewkesbury Methodist Players



Present - "Memories Are Made of This"



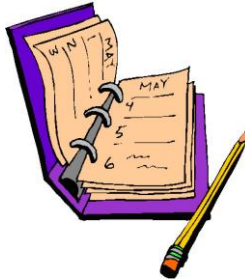
An Evening of Songs and Sketches
at
Tewkesbury Methodist Church
on
Saturday 3rd October 7pm



Light Refreshments
All Proceeds to Charity
Tickets £3 available on the door

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



Coffee mornings every Saturday between 10.30am and 12.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 13th – Circuit Assembly at Stroud

Saturday 19th – Book Club

Sunday 20th – Harvest Festival service and lunch

Saturday 26th – Camerata Concert 7pm

OCTOBER

Saturday 3rd – Tewkesbury Methodist Players concert 7pm

Sunday 4th – No Breakfast Club

Tuesday 27th – Property, finance and welcome space meeting 7.30pm

Saturday 31st – Book Club 10am

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th – Remembrance Day service 11.15am – coffee and croissants served from 9am.

Tuesday 10th – Church Council meeting 7.30pm

Saturday 14th – Bishops Cleeve Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th – Book club 10am

DECEMBER

Saturday 5th – Church Christmas Fair

Monday 14th – Jubilate concert

Sunday 20th – Carols by Candlelight 4pm preceded by refreshments

Friday 25th – Christmas Day service

CHURCH SERVICES – Tewkesbury

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. We also hold a short service of Holy Communion on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am followed by coffee. (Mid week communion temporarily suspended).*

Wild Green Church with breakfast takes place on the first Sunday of the month at 9.15am. (Temporarily suspended).

CHURCH GROUPS AND MEETINGS (TEWKESBURY)

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

Church Council

Pastoral

Worship Forum

Publicity

Welcome Space

Green group

Finance/Property

Wives and Friends

Stewards

Book Club

Tewkesbury Churches Together

Men Allowed

Our needs will never exhaust God's supply. - *Anon*

Never say never when it comes to what God can do. - *Anon*

Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a faith-lift. - *Anon*

WARNING: Exposure to the Son will prevent burning. - *Anon*

The gospel is good news. But Jesus never said it was easy news. - *Charles Colson*

Though the Lord is out of sight, we are not out of His. - *M Henry*

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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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, Andrew May email tmcroombookings@btinternet.com or tel 01684 291457 (or contact Jean Davies 01684 772178 jed0606@yahoo.com)



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