



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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This is Advent, a season of promise. In our worship we prepare for the birth of a baby in a dusty stable, and remind ourselves that this child will become the Saviour of the world, who will return again in power and glory to bring all of his children together in songs of everlasting praise. The promise of the baby is also the promise of eternal life to all who believe.

God of hope and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season, and draw us ever closer as we travel together toward the stable and the birth of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

We send love and blessings to those amongst our church family and beyond who are suffering illness or bereavement at this time. Our prayers are with you.

Sunday 1st December – First Sunday in Advent
Tewkesbury –
9.15am - Wild Green Breakfast Club
10.30am – Holy Communion – Revd Jayne Webb

Sunday 8th December – 2nd Sunday in Advent
Tewkesbury –
10.30am – Colin Pascoe
4.00pm – Harmony Praise Christmas Special
Apperley –
11.00am – Nick Butler

Sunday 15th December – 3rd Sunday in Advent
Tewkesbury –
9.15am – Praise and Worship Fellowship
10.30am – Jenny Jackson

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Tuesday 3rd December –
2.30pm – Wives and Friends
Wednesday 4th December –
10.30am – Holy Communion – Revd Jayne Webb – followed by coffee and fellowship

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Thursday 5th December -
10.00am – Arts and Crafts (see notice)

11.00am - Prayers for the church and community. Please write any special requests for prayer in the book in the Vestibule but please have the recipient's permission to do so.

Friday 6th December -
2.30pm – Choir practice

Saturday 7th December – Festive Coffee morning – 10.30am - Christmas treats and carol singing. We shall also have a Bring and Buy stall, so please come along and support this extra special Coffee Morning.

FUTURE DATES –

TEWKESBURY

Wednesday 18th December –
10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd December –
3.15pm – Tea and mince pies
4.00pm – Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 25th December –
10.00am – Christmas Day Service

Please note start time

Sunday 19th January 2025 –
Festive Lunch – tickets will be on sale from 5th January 2025.

APPERLEY

Wednesday 18th December –
7.00pm – Carols by candlelight

CHRISTMAS QUIZ – Christmas Musical Quiz sheets are still available for £2 a copy. All money raised goes to Church Funds – available now from church stewards.

LARGE PRINT – if you are unable to read the words on the screen and the large print hymn books are not suitable for you, please see one of the stewards so we can ensure large print copies are available.

CRAFT GROUP - Last meeting of Craft Group is on Thursday 5th December - no meetings in January – we will meet again on Thursday 6th February 2025. Margaret Forster

LEGO – The church has a very large collection of Lego which we would like to dispose of. Lego is quite valuable and sought after, so if anyone would like this and would like to make a reasonable offer – or would be willing to sell it for us on EBay or a similar platform – please see one of the stewards.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING COURSE
Thursday 6th February 2025 by Zoom
6.30pm – 9.00pm

I would like to encourage all volunteers whose training is out of date and those who need a refresher course at the beginning of 2025 to sign up for this course.

I would be grateful if volunteers could book a place before 31st December – please contact **Iris Brown, Safeguarding Officer**, for more information about this course.

CROSSPOINT – I hope everyone has received their winter copy. The next edition will be published early/mid March. All contributions are welcomed – and if you would like to be interviewed for the “Chat With.....” feature please let me know. Favourite recipes are needed too. Please let me have features as early as possible in the new year, as the last minute assembling is quite stressful! – and sadly I mistakenly deleted an important page from the Christmas edition in my haste to complete. Jean Davies

IMPORTANT!! CHURCH GROUPS – *A big thank you to those groups who have cleared out cupboards and sorted and labelled their items. We have started the sort-out and disposed of items which are no longer in use. We shall be clearing the hall cupboards in the next couple of weeks.*

GREEN TIP – Please pass your green tips on to any of the stewards for inclusion in our notices.

Sophie Franklin is suggesting that we change to organic vegetables which help the planet and biodiversity, and also taste much better! She has a contact for having these home delivered so please speak to Sophie if you are interested.

Reuse, Recycle and Save. Our commitment to recycling is part of our Eco Church Silver Award so please, when using church premises - Wash and save silver foil for reuse where possible.

Plastic bags, biscuit, cake and bread wrappers and flower wrappers – these can all be saved and taken to large supermarkets for recycling. Please don't put these wrappers in the general waste. I am very happy to collect these if left in the kitchen or given to me. Please put food waste and tea bags in the green bag bins.

Patricia Turner

NOTICES FOR DECEMBER will be prepared by Jean Davies – Email jed0606@yahoo.com or 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursdays.

The Gift of Peace

In the gentle hush of Advent,
peace descends like a dove.
A gift wrapped not in paper,
but in unconditional love.
It's not found in bustling stores,
or beneath a twinkling tree,
but in the quiet moments,
when our hearts are still and free.