

TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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A prayer for restoration and healing

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you. In the depth of your mercy, heal us. In the tenderness of your love, remake us. In the compassion of your grace, forgive us. For the beauty of heaven, prepare us. Amen.

Anselm (c.1033-1109)

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

Love and warm greetings to all our friends who are unable to get to church – you are still very much part of our church family.

Sunday 23rd February –

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Robert Carr

Apperley

11am – Revd Jayne Webb

Sunday 2nd March –

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Wild Green Breakfast Club

10.30am – Revd. Jayne Webb – Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Tuesday 25th February – Dinner Ladies

Thursday 27th February –

10.00am – Art and Craft Group

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

Friday 28th February

2.30pm – Choir practice

Saturday 1st March

10.00am – Pastoral meeting

10.30am – Coffee Morning

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at the Baptist Church at 2.00pm. The service this year is entitled "I made you wonderful" based on Psalm 139 and prepared by the ladies from the Cook Islands. All are welcome.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 5th March –

10.30am – Mid week Holy Communion

Thursday 6th March – Men Allowed

Friday 7th March –

2.00pm – World Day of Prayer service – Baptist Church

Saturday 8th March –

10am – Book Club

Sunday 9th March – Circuit Assembly

Wednesday 19th March –

10.30am – Mid week Holy Communion

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PASTORAL VISITORS - A reminder of the meeting on Saturday 1st March at 10am at church to share up-to-date information about our lists. Jean Davies

CHURCH "AWAY DAY" – following several requests we have booked a day at Holland House on Wednesday 13th August. Can you please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you are interested – I have confirmed a small number to Holland House to secure the booking but a firm confirmation of numbers will be required shortly. Jean Davies

WORSHIP FORUM – is anyone interested in being part of the Worship Forum group? The group would meet informally about 3 or 4 times a year to discuss content for locally arranged and special services. Please see Jean if you'd like to be involved – we will arrange a meeting – probably on a Saturday morning to come together.

COFFEE MORNING ROTAS – there are some gaps for our Saturday morning rota – being open and welcoming on a Saturday is an important part of our mission – please help if you are able. Likewise if you can help make and serve coffee after Sunday worship your help is much appreciated.

ECO-GROUP – Sophie Franklin is willing to set this up with some volunteers. Please speak to Sophie if you are interested in helping and she will arrange a meeting (probably a Saturday morning) to discuss the way forward.

MONTHLY BIBLE CLUB – **Only one person shown an interest at the moment. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you might be interested in this...** Jayne would like to begin a Bible Club (an informal study of the bible) meeting on the first Saturday of the month starting on Saturday 3rd May at 10am.

CROSSPOINT – Time is running out for copy for the magazine and I have received very little. Please let me have your articles, news, anything you would like to share no later than 7th March. Jean Davies

MEMBERSHIP TICKETS – these are now available to members and will be distributed in March with the Crosspoint magazine. (If you would like yours before then please see Jean Davies).

ETHICAL BANKING – Sophie Franklin has provided some information about ethical banking. Briefly this is an opportunity to try to persuade banks to stop loaning money to fossil fuel diggers who are effectively destroying our planet. There are some leaflets in the church together with some more information from Sophie (which will also be in the next edition of Crosspoint). Please do have a chat with her if you want more information.

GIFT AID AND FUNDS – thank you to those who have responded to our notice about Gift Aid. And a big thank-you to all those who donate for the work of this church – whether it be Gift Aided or not. Every pound you are able to give makes a difference. Our church runs at a loss every month and our funds will soon be depleted.

We hope to arrange a Gift Day for later in the year.

CHAIRS - As you are aware the chairs in church are to be replaced by new ones which will be lighter, easily stacked and moved on trolleys. We anticipate these being delivered next month. ***Each chair costs about £175 and if you feel you would like to make a contribution to this cost and/or sponsor a chair*** please contact Adrian Shelley who would be pleased to talk to you about it. Your Welcome Space Team.

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.

GREEN TIP – Boots in Tewkesbury now have a box for depositing used medication blister packs. Please make sure there are no tablets left in the packs before putting them in the box. Please pass your green tips on to any of the stewards for inclusion in our notices. Reuse, Recycle and Save. Our commitment to recycling is part of our Eco Church Silver Award.

NOTICES FOR MARCH will be prepared by Adrian Shelley. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursdays.

The World Day of Prayer service on 7th March has been put together by the women of the Cook Islands. This tiny island nation is only 2/3 the size of the Isle of Wight. However, the surrounding sea, the island's exclusive economic zone, is seven times larger than that of New Zealand.

The current WDP Cook Islands committee organised a Writers' Workshop in August 2022 to launch the writing process for the 2025 programme. The group enjoys working together, especially now that women from every part of the Cook Islands have joined together to proclaim:

"WE ARE BEING MADE WONDERFUL!"