



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Tewkesbury Methodist Church: Registered Charity no. 1179000

A prayer of confidence in God

Nothing is distant from you, O God, with whom we have no fear, by whom we are raised up and in whom our hope is fulfilled.

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo
(332-387)

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 2nd March

Tewkesbury

09.15am – Wild Green Breakfast Club

10.30am – Revd. Jayne Webb Holy Communion

Sunday 9th March

Tewkesbury

10.30am – Mr. Paul Turner

Apperley

11.00am – Revd. Jayne Webb Holy Communion

Sunday 16th March

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Sunday Praise & Fellowship

10.30am – Mrs Gail Whiting

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Tuesday 4th March

2.30pm – Wives and Friends

Wednesday 5th March

10.30am – Mid-week Communion.

Thursday 6th March

10.00am – Arts and Craft Group

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.

10.00am – Staff Meeting

12.00pm – Supernumerary Tea

7.30pm – Men Allowed - See Gerald Palmer

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Friday 7th March

2.00pm – World Day of Prayer Service at Baptist Church

2.30pm – Choir practice

6.30pm – Methodist Players rehearsal

Saturday 8th March

10.00am – Book Club

10.30am - Coffee Morning

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - This year's World Day of Prayer Service will be on the 7th March 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.

The Leprosy Mission, TLM Easter catalogue is now available, for all your Easter cards etc. Please see Gill for more details

MEMBERSHIP CARDS – 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

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

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

WELCOME SPACE UPDATE

The updated plans for the Welcome Space Project, have been displayed on the notice board in the Café area.

BUILDING

We have now been granted Planning permission for the Project.

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 in late March. 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.

GIFT AID AND FUNDS - a reminder that if you pay tax your giving to the church is eligible for 25% tax relief e.g., your donation of £10 is worth £12.50 to the church.

Please see me if you have not yet completed a Gift Aid form.

Also if you have previously completed a form but are no longer a tax payer I need to know to amend my records.

A big thank- you to all those who continue to give what they are able in support of our church and its work.

Sadly our overall giving has reduced significantly over the past few years and without additional income from other sources (Lettings, coffee sales and general fundraising etc) we are not able to continue to maintain our church building - hence the drive by the Welcome Space team to increase our income.

Any further suggestions as to how to raise funds are always welcome.

Jean Davies

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY will be prepared by Adrian Shelley – Email adandgillshelley@gmail.com. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursdays.