



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Tewkesbury Methodist Church: Registered Charity no. 1179000

*In this place and at this time,
As we gather in your name,
Be the peace that we desire,
The healing that we seek,
The forgiveness that we need,
In this place and at this time,
As we gather in your name.
Amen*

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 2nd February –

Tewkesbury –

9.15am – Wild Green Breakfast Club

10.30am – Revd Diane Clutterbuck

Sunday 9th February –

Tewkesbury –

10.30am – Islay Roberts

Apperley –

11.00am – Philip Hyne

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Monday 3rd February –

10.00am -Welcome Space meeting

11.15am – Stewards' meeting

Tuesday 4th February –

2.30pm – Wives and Friends

Wednesday 5th February –

10.30am – Mid-week Communion service followed by coffee and fellowship.

7.30pm – Men Allowed at Tudor House

Thursday 6th 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 but please have the recipient's permission to do so.

Friday 7th February

2.30pm – Choir practice

Saturday 8th February

10.30am – Coffee Morning

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11th February –

7.30pm – Church Council

Sunday 16th February –

9.15am – Praise and Worship Fellowship

10.30am – Leprosy Mission Service

Tuesday 18th February –

7.30pm – Property and Finance

Wednesday 19th February –

10.30am – Mid-week Communion

ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP – will meet again after their winter break, on Thursday 6th February at 10am in the Guild room.

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. Please let Dorothy Davis know if you would like to be involved.

CROSSPOINT – I would welcome contributions to the next edition which will be published in March. Please let me have your articles, news, anything you would like to share - no later than 7th March – earlier if possible. Jean Davies

READERS - a big thank you to all those who have read lessons during 2024 - it is really appreciated. I will assume you are happy to continue unless you tell me otherwise. If there are any others in our congregation who would like to volunteer, don't be shy! Let me know if you'd like to be added to the list. 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 - a reminder that if you pay tax your giving to the church is eligible for 25% tax relief eg 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.

WELCOME SPACE UPDATE - The updated plans for the Welcome Space Project have been displayed on the notice board in the Café area.

BUILDING - We are currently awaiting Planning permission and Building Regulations Consent before the Project can commence.

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. A sample of the new chair has been in the Church for several weeks now and an order for 80 of the new chairs will be placed in the coming week. The existing chairs have now been sold and will stay in the Church until the new ones are delivered. If you feel you would like to donate money or sponsor a chair and maybe have a plaque put on it perhaps in memory of someone, please contact Adrian Shelley who would be pleased to talk to you about it. Your Welcome Space Team.

CARDS - If anyone knows of someone who is currently poorly or in hospital, please speak to Pat Taylor who will send a card on behalf of the church family.

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

A PRAYER FOR LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH 2025

Life-giving God,
in You we live and move and have our being.
We thank You that You made each one of us unique,
in Your own image,
as Your beloved child.
We trust that You love us for all that we are,
and all that we can be,
through the grace of the Spirit and the example of Jesus.
Help us to glorify You,
by living more fully in that knowledge
- for ourselves,
for everyone You entrust to our care,
and everyone with whom we struggle to live in harmony.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who came to live among us
so we might live more abundantly.
Amen