

TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Creator God

We thank you for your love which shapes us and helps us to grow.

*On this **Mothing Sunday** we give thanks for women who have been examples of self-giving love, who have given time, wisdom and care to the nurture of children, their own or others.*

We pray for those who find this a difficult day, who do not have happy memories of their own mothers, those who grieve for their mothers or for their children, and those who long to be mothers but cannot be.

We remember mothers in the Bible, giving thanks for the tenacity of Sarah the generosity of Hannah and the courage of Mary.

May your Spirit continue to shape us, heal us and guide us today.

Amen

We send love and blessings to those amongst our church family and beyond who are suffering illness, loss 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 30th March – Mothering Sunday
10.30am – The Revd John Kime

Sunday 6th April –
Tewkesbury
9.15am – Wild Green Breakfast Club
10.30am – Revd. Jayne Webb – NO Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Monday 31st March –
3.15pm – Welcome Space meeting
Tuesday 1st April – Wives and Friends
2.30pm

Wednesday 2nd April –

10.30am – Holy Communion

Men Allowed evening meal (see notice)

Thursday 3rd April –

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 4th April -

2.30pm – Choir practice

6.30pm – Methodist Players' Rehearsal

Saturday 5th April -

10.00am – Worship Forum meeting

10.30am – Coffee Morning

DIARY DATES

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

9.15am – Praise and Worship

Tuesday 15th April – Dinner Ladies lunch

Wednesday 16th April – NO Holy Communion

Thursday 17th April – 10am – Holy

Communion

Friday 18th April – 10am – Short Reflection for Good Friday

Sunday 20th April Easter Day – 10.30am

Holy Communion

Saturday 26th April – 10am – Book Club

7.30pm – Camerata concert with Mosaic choir

Saturday 3rd May – 10am - Bible Club with

Jayne

CHURCH “AWAY DAY” – thank you to those who have signed up for the retreat at Holland House on Wednesday 13th August. Can I please request your £10 deposit now to secure our booking? Please pay this to me at church on a Sunday when convenient. Many thanks.

Arrangements for the day will be organised in due course but if you have any suggestions for a discussion or an activity do let me know.

Jean Davies

WELCOME SPACE UPDATE - The 80 new chairs arrived on Monday, and are now set out in the church.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the moving and loading of the old chairs, and the unloading and unpacking of the new ones, a good job well done.

With thanks, Adrian Shelley

MEN ALLOWED - For our April meeting I have booked The Gupshill on Wednesday 2nd April 7:30 for 8 people. If you would like to attend please let me know by 8pm by Monday 31st March. I look forward to hearing from you.

Gerald Palmer

WORSHIP FORUM – there is an informal meeting on Saturday 5th April at 10am at church for those who are interested in worship in our church and community. All are welcome and all suggestions and ideas also welcome.

If you are interested but cannot make this date do let me know so you can be kept informed.

Thank you.

Jean Davies

COFFEE MORNING ROTAS – a further list of dates is up in the vestibule if you are able to offer help on a Saturday or Sunday morning. 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 this would be much appreciated.

ECO-GROUP – Sophie Franklin is willing to set this up with some volunteers. A few have added their name to the list in the vestibule. 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 – Jayne will 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. Each session will stand alone so don't worry if you would like to attend but can't make every month.

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.

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 APRIL will be prepared by Jean Davies – Email jed0606@yahoo.com Tel: 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursday.

1st April – Fooling Around Probably the most famous April Fool's joke of all time was the 1957 BBC TV broadcast feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. A BBC reporter interviewed Italian farmers about their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants in great detail. Spaghetti plants were filmed being carefully planted, and then being harvested. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was Aunty playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from 25th March to 1st January. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look even further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the Spring Equinox, 25th March.

