



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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A prayer for Racial Justice Sunday

Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me.
Keep watch over my heart Lord, and remove from me any barriers to your grace, that may oppress and offend my brothers and sisters.
Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give services of justice and peace.
Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory.
And finally, remind us Lord that you said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."
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 9th February -

Tewkesbury –

10.30am – Revd Richard Clutterbuck

Apperley –

11.00am – Philip Hyne

Sunday 16th February –

Tewkesbury

9.15am – Praise and Worship Fellowship

10.30am - Leprosy Mission Service – Revd Jayne Webb

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Tuesday 11th February –

7.30 pm - Church Council

Thursday 13th February –

10.00am – Art and Craft Group

10.30am – Welcome Space meeting

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 7th February

2.30pm – Choir practice

Saturday 15th February

10.30am – Coffee Morning

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18th February –

7.30pm – Property and Finance

Wednesday 19th February –

10.30am – Mid-week Communion

Saturday 1st March –

10.00am – Book Club

Friday 7th March –

2.00pm – World Day of Prayer service – Baptist Church

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.

DINNER LADIES – We have not been very active in recent months but I have now reserved a table on Tuesday 28th February at 12.30pm at the Tudor House Hotel. If you would like to go please add your name to the list in the vestibule where you will find the menu as well. We will need to pre-order so please see Jean with your choices. Please note all ladies are welcome – do join us if you haven't been before. We are not exclusive!

Jean Davies

WORSHIP FORUM – we would like to establish the Worship Forum group again to 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.

ECO-GROUP – we would like to bring an Eco-group together to consider what we can do as a church to be eco-aware and help our planet. We also need to revisit the ARocha.uk criteria to confirm our silver status and work towards

the Gold award. There is a list in the vestibule if you would like to add your name if you would be interested in helping with this.

BIBLE CLUB – Jayne would like to begin a Bible Club (a not-too-heavy study of the bible) meeting on the first Saturday of the month starting on Saturday 3rd May at 10am. Do let stewards know if this is something you would be interested in attending. More information to follow.

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.

If you are a tax payer but prefer to give a cash donation during the service please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes in the vestibule or in the chairs. Your £5 donation is worth £6.25 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 even with additional income from other sources (Lettings, coffee sales and general fundraising etc) we are not able to

meet our financial commitments - hence the drive by the Welcome Space team to increase our income.

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

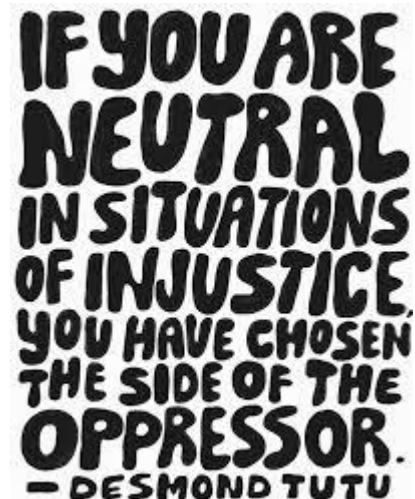
CHAIRS - As you are aware the chairs in church are to be replaced by new ones which will be lighter, easily stacked and moved on trolleys. A sample of the new chair has been in the Church for several weeks now and an order for 80 of the new chairs will be placed in the coming week. The existing chairs have now been sold and will stay in the Church until the new ones are delivered. **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.

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.



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NEUTRAL
IN SITUATIONS
OF INJUSTICE,
YOU HAVE CHOSEN
THE SIDE OF THE
OPPRESSOR.
- DESMOND TUTU**