



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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Tewkesbury Methodist Church: Registered Charity no. 1179000

***Thank you, Lord, that Harvest reminds us,  
how the world should be when properly  
cared for.***

***Forgive us for our careless attitudes to  
your creation,  
and our wasteful responses to your  
goodness.***

***Help us to fulfill your first commission  
to tend and nurture the gift of this world,  
to your glory and for your name's sake.  
Amen***

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October –**

**Tewkesbury**

**10.30am – HARVEST FESTIVAL** Revd Jayne Webb

**Apperley**

**11am – C Pearce**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October –**

**Tewkesbury**

**9.15am – Praise and Worship**

**10.30am – J Jackson**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> -**

**10am – Arts and Crafts**

**11am - 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.

**2.30pm – Choir practice**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> –**

**7pm - Tewkesbury Players rehearsal**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> –**

**10.30am – Coffee morning**

### **MIDWEEK COMMUNION**

**Dear All** - As per my announcement when I was last preaching at Tewkesbury I am very keen to get a midweek communion (fortnightly) off the ground as soon as possible. Because my diary is already busy I cannot get a steady fortnightly pattern for this year but from January we will start a regular pattern which may be a Tuesday or a Wednesday depending on the consensus.

Just to get this off the ground though I would like to offer communion on the following dates

for this year. These will begin at 10.30 for 30 minutes followed by refreshments.

I have also been reflecting on how we might attach a time of reflection, meditation / Lectio to this which could happen at 10.00 am for those wanting to come but this would not be necessary - you could just come to the communion if preferred.

Essentially I am trying things out to see what works and the following trial dates will be as follows.

23rd October

13th November

4th December

18th December

Hope to see as many of you that make it.

**Revd Jayne Webb**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** - please think about donations for our Fair on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Contributions for the tombola, a Christmas hamper, jewellery, crafts and new items for gifting would be welcome. On the day we would appreciate home-made cakes, biscuits, scones etc. We will have various local crafters attending as well. We won't be able to serve lunches as the hall is in use by the Roses theatre, but we will be serving toasted tea-cakes, crumpets, and cakes with coffee and tea.

**FROM RICHARD CLUTTERBUCK** – there is a talk at the Abbey Parish Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm by Dr Salim Munayer, who is a Palestinian Christian and Israeli citizen and is the founder of Musalaha, an organisation that works for reconciliation in Palestine/Israel. He is only briefly in the UK and the Abbey Theology Forum feel very fortunate to have him as a speaker particularly as his talk could not be more apposite. We are invited to attend this talk.

**CHURCH GROUPS** – Following a church inventory recently completed we are going to

have a "tidy-up" and dispose of items that are no longer in use. We hope this will free up additional storage space as well. If you are responsible for a church group who keep items on church premises in any of the storage cupboards would you please have a sort-out and dispose of anything no longer in use. Could you then store in suitable boxes which are labelled with your group name. We shall be turning out all storage cupboards in the hall and the guildroom in November so please could you make sure you can do this by then as we will put anything out that has not been boxed and labelled. Any queries please see one of the stewards.

**CROSSPOINT** – the next edition will be published mid-November. Please think about any contributions you might like included. If anyone has any favourite recipes to pass on please let me have them for our new feature. Also any events happening at Christmas can be advertised. Jean Davies

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – 10am Book Club

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Wives and Friends.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - 3pm** In Memoriam with the Gaudeamus Vocal Consort and Tewkesbury Camerata – followed by refreshments. Please support if you are able.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday** – service at 11.15am – coffee and croissants served from 10am.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Church Council meeting

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Fair

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Commissioning Service

**GREEN TIP** – To Reuse, Recycle and Save, please, when using church premises wash and save silver foil, plastic bags, biscuit, cake and bread wrappers and flower wrappers – these can be left in the kitchen or given to Patricia Turner. Please put food waste and tea bags in the green bag bins.

**NOTICES FOR OCTOBER** will be prepared by Jean Davies – Email [jed0606@yahoo.com](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com) or 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursdays.

Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home!

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied:

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;

Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;

Lord of the harvest! grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;

From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

Give his angels charge at last, In the fire the tares to cast;

But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;

Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;

Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.