



TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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This is Advent, the season of preparation. The shops are full of gifts that we might give or receive. Streets are decorated, and choirs begin the rounds of community centres and retirement homes with their seasonal offering of carols.

In our preparation we remember John the Baptist, who came to prepare the Jewish people for the arrival of Jesus— John, who would prepare a way through a call to repentance, so that hearts would be ready to receive the one who was to come.

Father God, prepare our hearts not only for the celebration to come but also for sharing that good news with friends, family and colleagues, should the opportunity arise. Grant us courage and a willingness to talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us.

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 8th December – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Tewkesbury –

10.30am – Colin Pascoe

4.00pm – Harmony Praise Christmas Special

Apperley –

11.00am – Nick Butler

Sunday 15th December – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Tewkesbury –

9.15am – Praise and Worship Fellowship

10.30am – Jenny Jackson

Sunday 22nd December – 4th Sunday in Advent

Tewkesbury –

10.30am – Revd John Kime

4.00pm – Carols by Candlelight (preceded by tea and mince pies at 3.15pm)

Apperley –

11.00am – Revd Jayne Webb

THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY

Thursday 12th December -

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 13th December -

2.30pm – Choir practice

FUTURE DATES –

TEWKESBURY

Wednesday 18th December –

10.30am – Holy Communion followed by coffee and fellowship

Wednesday 25th December –

10.00am – Christmas Day Service

Please note start time

Wednesday 1st January –

NO Holy Communion

Wednesday 15th January –

10.30am – Holy Communion followed by coffee and fellowship

Sunday 19th January 2025 –

Festive Lunch – tickets will be on sale from 5th January 2025.

APPERLEY

Wednesday 18th December –

7.00pm – Carols by candlelight

CHRISTMAS QUIZ – Christmas Musical Quiz sheets are still available for £2 a copy – available now from church stewards. All money raised goes to Church Funds. Please put your completed answer sheet in the box in the church.

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARDS – the postbox is now available in the church for your Christmas greetings. The cards will be sorted ready for collection on 21st and 22nd December. Please address your cards clearly – I'm sorry but we will be unable to hand deliver any that are not collected. For those who prefer not to send individual cards there is a notice board for your card to the whole church family at the back of the church. Please attach your card there.

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.

CRAFT GROUP – The next craft meeting will be on Thursday 6th February 2025.
Margaret Forster

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING COURSE
Thursday 6th February 2025 by Zoom
6.30pm – 9.00pm

I would like to encourage all volunteers whose training is out of date and those who need a refresher course at the beginning of 2025 to sign up for this course.

I would be grateful if volunteers could book a place before 31st December – please contact **Iris Brown, Safeguarding Officer**, for more information about this course.

CROSSPOINT – I hope everyone has received their winter copy. The next edition will be published early/mid March. All contributions are welcomed – and if you would like to be interviewed for the “Chat With.....” feature please let me know. Favourite recipes are needed too. Please let me have features as early as possible in the new year, as the last minute assembling is quite stressful! – and sadly I mistakenly deleted an important page from the Christmas edition in my haste to complete.
Jean Davies

IMPORTANT!! CHURCH GROUPS – *A big thank you to those groups who have cleared out cupboards and sorted and labelled their items. We have started the sort-out and disposed of items which are no longer in use. We shall be clearing the hall cupboards in the next couple of weeks.*

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 so please, when using church premises - Wash and save silver foil for reuse where possible.

Plastic bags, biscuit, cake and bread wrappers and flower wrappers – these can all be saved and taken to large supermarkets for recycling. Please don't put these wrappers in the general waste. I am very happy to collect these if left in the kitchen or given to me. Please put food waste and tea bags in the green bag bins.

Patricia Turner

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

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* - [Isaiah 9:](#)**