



## TEWKESBURY & APPERLEY METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

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This is Advent, the season of expectation. In homes throughout the land, Christmas cards stand on mantelpiece and windowsills. Festive trees are adorned with tinsel and baubles, and children wonder what gifts will lie beneath the tree this year.

Two thousand years ago, a people waited expectantly as they listened to a prophet called John speaking of one who was to come, and they began to prepare themselves to meet him. Father God, your servant John the Baptist came with a call for repentance and lives to be transformed. Those who heard were filled with expectation, waiting for the Messiah, and yet they failed to notice his arrival. This Advent, may we too be filled with expectation as we celebrate the greatest gift of all – your Son, Jesus Christ.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Tewkesbury –**

**9.15am – Praise and Worship Fellowship**

**10.30am – Jenny Jackson**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tewkesbury –**

**10.30am – Liz Ledger**

**THIS WEEK AT TEWKESBURY**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December –**

**10.30am - Holy Communion followed by coffee**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December -**

**2.30pm – Choir practice**

**FUTURE DATES –**

**TEWKESBURY**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December –**

**10.00am – Christmas Day Service**

Please note start time

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January –**

**NO mid-week Holy Communion**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thanksgiving Service for the life of Roger Davis – 2.30pm followed by tea in the church hall.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January –**

**10.30am – Holy Communion followed by coffee and fellowship**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 –**

**Festive Lunch – tickets will be on sale from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**APPERLEY**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December –**

**7.00pm – Carols by candlelight**

**COFFEE MORNING Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

– this will be run by Owen Radtke who is supporting the charity HCPT which is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes, for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. The letters "HCPT" stand for the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust. Your donations on this particular Saturday will go to this charity. Please come along and support Owen if you are able.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ –** Last chance for

Christmas Musical Quiz sheets still available for £2 a copy – available now from church stewards. Why not take a few to share with family and friends over the Christmas period?! All money raised goes to Church Funds. Please put your completed answer sheet in the box in the church. All quiz answer sheets should be back by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**MESSAGE FROM KAREN MARSH –**  
“Sending Christmas greetings from Pembrokeshire to all my friends at Tewkesbury and Apperley Methodist Churches. Karen Marsh”.

**CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARDS –** the postbox is available in the church for your Christmas greetings. The cards will be sorted ready for collection on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**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](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com) or 01684 772178. The deadline is 4.30pm on Thursdays.

### **Loving God –**

**Help us to find those glimmers of light, those reminders that even in the midst of our darkness, you are there – shining. As we continue journeying through Advent, we ask that you would give us moments of joy that help us to bring light to those around us. We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen**

