

Dear Friends,

One of my favourite theologians, who is also a philosopher, mystic and poet, is John O'Donohue. He tells the story of a British anthropologist researching a Hindu village in India where there is a tradition of weaving the most beautiful and stunning designs in cashmere.



The intricacy and delicacy make them more like works of art than mere fabrics. Anyway, the anthropologist notices that the way in which they achieve this artistry is by gathering around and weaving together in a very easy and natural way. The weavers sit together, share their stories, they laugh together, they celebrate, they weep together over the ups and downs of life and out of this sharing stunning works of art are woven. Well the work is so beautiful that the anthropologist decides it's worth researching the details of how they actually do it.

And so he observes the weavers over weeks and months listening to what they say, observing their movements, making his notes - and bit by bit he records his findings. Once he has the information he goes off for more weeks to analyse his data, to pick apart the fine nuances of their words and works so that he can get under the surface of their creative process.

Finally he manages to model precisely the component parts of their creativity and he heads back to the village in order to tell the weavers all about how they produce such stunning work. But as he does so they become self conscious and creatively inhibited as

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they realise he has taken away the magic and the mystery that had been an integral part of that village life for generations. There was a craft of the Spirit shaped by the soul of the village and now it had been subjected to the reductionism of the human mind and would never be the same again.

It's a sad story yet a perfect depiction of what can happen when the inadequate faculties of the human mind attempt to analyse the great mystery of God through the lens of reductionism; as if the mystery were something to be picked apart, the data sifted and filtered until we arrive at an explanation that we then erroneously think of as truth about God.

Such profoundly inadequate attempts to explain God will almost certainly result in Spirit ceasing to flow and in our losing touch with our inherent wisdom.

All we can really say with any certainty is that we can never comprehend the mystery of God but what we can do is experience its presence within us, around us and through all of life.

We are not called to understand, but we are called to be in relationship with this beautiful, loving presence despite it being kind of unknowable. Paradoxical for sure but the more you veer towards simply being with the mystery, in prayer, in silence, in nature and in worship rather than trying to work out what God actually is, the more the sense of presence will develop within you along with the inexpressible joy of 'inner knowing'.

Blessed be,
Jayne

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Dear Friends

I am truly blessed to be able to write this from the beautiful Lake District which despite worrying weather forecasts has, on the whole, been warm and sunny. Depending which window of the cottage I look out of I can see the majestic rise of Skiddaw, or the slightly less challenging but equally beautiful heights of Catbells. (Wainwright said it was the perfect summer evening walk with your granny – yeah right....!) We are also directly under the flight path of the RAF Jet planes which zoom by at remarkably low levels making a thunderous racket, but, in their own way still fascinating to watch.

Being so connected with nature is just awesome – I can't think of a better word. The bird song, the tranquillity, the vast sky and landscape, the shadows on the mountains which change with every cloud that passes – away from the hubbub of daily life, and, dare I say it? – Party political broadcasts. You cannot bury your head in the sand all the time, but the opportunity to switch off and just enjoy our surroundings is one we should always try and take advantage of. God's earth can be a truly soothing and healing place.

Back to this summer's edition. I'm grateful for our regular contributors – you are what make the magazine so interesting. I am continuing our "Chat With..." Series and this time it is with Deacon Kath Hutton, a friend at Tewkesbury for many years. We also have a new addition of "Your favourite recipe" so any suggestions for that will be most welcome.

Contributions from our section churches are particularly welcome and bring us together. I hope members at St John's will receive copies of this magazine as they join us officially in September and I would welcome their contributions to future editions.

In the meantime may you have rest and enjoyment during the summer months as we thank God, our Creator, for longer, warmer days and the opportunity to be outside and enjoy His creation. All blessings -

Jean (Davies)

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Church Family News from Tewkesbury

We remember and send our love to all the members of our church family and particularly those who live in Residential Homes: Joan Bottrell, Joyce Sanders and Pat Taylor.



We were sad to hear the news from her daughter-in-law that Nora Booth died at the end of May, at the age of 102. We send our love and condolences to all the family.

We continue to remember all those who suffer with ill health and mobility issues and hold them in our prayers. And we also remember those who struggle silently with their own personal problems. Many of us have been there, and hope that it is some comfort and support to know you are cared for and held in our prayers.

I have been in touch with Jeff Fletcher again, who continues to support us all at TMC, and sends his love and greetings to all, and wishes he could be with us.

Hilary Jebson has now transferred to a church in her new local area. We continue to keep in touch with Hilary and wish her continued health and happiness in her new surroundings.



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Andrew is the Lay Community Outreach Worker at Bishops Cleeve and here he continues his diary to share his thoughts, joys and trials and tribulations of his vocation.

The diary of a Geriatric Lay Worker

Chapter 2

As I have repeatedly said many times in the last 2 years, my appointment as a Lay Community Outreach Worker at Bishop's Cleeve, was one of the most exciting things to happen to me. Having been given a couple of months' notice of my appointment, I had to now prepare for my role, which was due to start in January 2022. I think in reality the church probably needed 2 months to "brace themselves" for my arrival.

I can remember spending hours in the local library in Dursley, viewing a wide variety of Church websites, from different Methodist Circuits, in different parts of the country, to try and draw inspiration and ideas for my new position. As Rev Rachel Leather was to later inform me... "there are few new ideas in church.... just ideas we borrow from other people, who have used them previously". As a fully paid-up member of the local "Luddite Society", I was impressed at my ability to negotiate the World Wide Web, to access this information.

There were some websites that inspired, but sadly, there were also some reflecting the decline in their church and the fear of future closure. Within many denominations, this threat of closure and lack of growth remains the single greatest challenge the church has had, for many years. With no formal training and a manic personality, my initial and subsequent approach to my role, has been to adopt "the Scattergun Approach". This involves me shooting off in several different directions, and seeing what works, or has the potential and support of the church, to work. At this point, I would like to thank the members of the church, for their amazing support,

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encouragement and affirmation. Without this, it would not have been possible to do some of the things we have done together.

My role requires my attendance at Church, one Sunday each month. Although I had been to the Church as a Local Preacher to take services, I found the experience of turning up there to sit in the pew as their Lay Worker a rather daunting one. My natural shyness, and my inability to shake hands with people (a legacy of Covid), meant that I couldn't engage with people, as much as I would normally have done, or in the same time-honoured way, as I had as a Local Preacher. I had the usual warm reception, however, and any awkwardness that I might have been feeling on my first such encounter, soon melted away, within the warmth of their welcome.

I arrived with, and still retain, a head full of ideas and frustrations. I was impatient to get started, but with what? There is only one thing to start, before I get started, if that doesn't sound contradictory? That one thing was a prayer group. A minister recently described his Christian life and ministry as "a bit of a roller coaster...." That is probably a fair reflection of my own "highs and lows" on the spiritual journey called "Christianity". One of the sustainable "highs" on that journey, was the work I was engaged in with the Gideons (now known as "Good news for all") This was during a particularly vibrant time in Bristol in the 1980's and 1990's, when I found the work "exciting and life changing". I was encouraged by the testimonies of those people who came to faith, through this ministry. This was what really mattered, I was seeing lives changed and transformed, as we worked in "the highways and byways of life". This was like what I read about in the early exciting New Testament times.

What made a difference in those exciting days... ? It was the conviction that everything that was done "was bathed in prayer". How could anything we did work, unless bathed in prayer. If I was to be engaged in God's Business, then I had to engage His help to do His business, and that is through prayer. I have been blessed by those members of the church, who have joined me in

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this important ministry. Having started a Prayer Group, we met and still meet, on a Monday at the beginning of the week, to pray for God's blessing on the activities of the Church during that week, and for our churches in the area, and for our, and their ministers and their respective ministries.

With my work bathed in prayer, I was now ready to start my role with confidence....and with that scattergun.

Andrew Maxwell

PASTORAL CARE - Tewkesbury

I am indebted to Patricia Turner and Mike King who join the team of pastoral visitors. As we have had a few changes to visitors' lists over the last few years I am putting a list up in the church showing who your pastoral visitor is. Please be understanding if you do not receive regular visits or contact – if you are a regular attendee then all of us are hopefully interacting with you and checking you are “ok”. Please do get in touch with me though, if you would like to talk to someone – I'm well aware some people carry a burden that we won't necessarily know about. And do continue to pass on news of anyone who is unwell or struggling. And of course we continue to support all our members and friends through prayer.

Jean Davies (Pastoral Secretary)

CROSSPOINT MAGAZINE COSTS

I do hope you enjoy receiving your copy of Crosspoint. We do appreciate your continued financial support towards the production of Crosspoint, which costs about 80p a copy to prepare. There is a box in the church porch for donations or you can pop an envelope in with your regular giving. The suggested donation is 80p per copy or £3.20 for the year. Thank you for your support.

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CHURCH FLOWERS

On behalf of all church members I would like to thank Jenny Lemarechal, who is standing down as flower arranger at Tewkesbury after 40 years. That is quite a commitment and we are grateful for all the wonderful displays she has created throughout that time, particularly for special events at the church.

Our other arranger, Wendy Allen, who has been assisting for several years now, will take on the role, for which we are thankful, so our arrangements in memory or celebration of loved ones will continue.

A reminder that for a small donation (suggested minimum £10) we will provide flowers for the church in memory of someone or in celebration of an event. There is a clipboard in the vestry for you to sign up for a specific date throughout 2024.

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

Your support continues and my contact Avril tells me "Thank you so much for your continued support. Your (TMC) generosity is so heart-warming". I will let you know if and when there is a specific need.

Jean Davies

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Twenty Five Years "Beyond the Number"

This is a year of Anniversaries for me - 65 years since I became a Local Preacher "On Note", 60 years since I was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry, and 25 years since I became a Supernumerary Minister. Methodist Ministers don't retire, they become "Beyond the Number", for that is what Supernumerary means. Alas, the number never seems to be enough for anybody to be beyond it!

In 1999, when I was Superintendent of the Tewkesbury & Cheltenham Circuit, and living in Cheltenham, a spell of extreme stress and sky high blood pressure led to my becoming what is called a "Junior Supernumerary". The immediate question was - where are we going to live ? As our only assured income would be my ministerial pension, Eileen would have to continue her supply teaching, and that would be much easier where she had contacts. Hence the decision to stay in the area and come to Tewkesbury, a decision we have never regretted ! Tewkesbury has the advantage of being large enough for plenty to be going on, but small enough for you to be almost sure to see somebody you know when you go into town. What is more, Tewkesbury Methodist Church has been, and still is, a very precious spiritual home for us.

At one time ministers coming to the end of their Circuit ministry sought permission "to sit down". Until recently there hasn't been much sitting down ! After a 6-month break from preaching I began to take services again - at first just in the Gloucester Circuit, to which we were attached for the first year of "retirement", following the convention, now scarcely observed at all, of not staying on in your last Circuit, but later in the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Circuit as well. It was a particular joy to be twice invited to preach at the 10.15 Communion at the Abbey, which we attended quite often in that first year. I took my last Sunday Service on Easter Day 2019 at Randwick Parish Church - and on the Thursday of that week was diagnosed with heart failure. Preachers are not always very good at sitting in the

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congregation (!), and I wondered how I would cope Sunday by Sunday, but with one or two notable exceptions it has been liberating to worship without being responsible for the conduct of that worship.

From the very beginning of my "retirement" I was looking for ways to supplement our none too great income. So, that first Christmas I was relief Father Christmas at Tewkesbury Garden Centre - the outfit I was supplied with coming in handy in subsequent years when playing Santa at the school our daughter was teaching at in Warwickshire. As the Cheltenham Gold Cup meeting approached my eye was caught by a notice in the Job Centre about work at the racecourse, and an interview was arranged. I imagined I might get a job replacing the turf the horses had kicked up. or something like that, but I ended up as assistant porter in the Royal Box and in subsequent years the porter itself. In all sorts of ways this was one of the best things that have happened to me, for I was working with a team of people who became very good friends, and still are, though we have different views on many things, especially politics (!). Perhaps also I helped to change one or two people's image of a parson!

Breaking the mould is sometimes very important. Incidentally, my rating went up considerably when I recruited Janey, wife of our minister Oseias, as a member of the team. She could certainly win hearts!

It has been very good over the past 25 years to have time and energy for volunteering - for a time at the Tewkesbury Museum, and for many years as a community transport driver, during which I came to know so many interesting folk in our area, and just a very few awkward types like the lady who thought she shouldn't have to pay the statutory charge to the organisation because Eileen also happened to be in the car on that occasion. I also discovered how many wrong ways there are of trying to fit wheelchairs into the boot of a car!

I have always enjoyed a day's walking, and until recently this was very much

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a part of my life - including the various Sponsored Walks such as the Coast to Coast, accompanied by Eileen, the Circuit Walk visiting every one of the then 48 churches in the Gloucestershire Circuit, and , my swansong , the Severn Way Walk in 2016. I would like to thank all of you who so generously sponsored me on these, and also those who dropped me off and picked me up in their cars. Memories of those walks are precious now that I have entered the blue badge and mobility scooter phase of this so-called retirement.

So much has changed in the life of our church during the past 25 years. Ministers, with their different styles and qualities, have come and gone. Stalwarts of church life have died or moved away, but others have joined us. Some activities have ceased, but others have been introduced. So let us give thanks to God!

*We'll praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that is to come.*

God was talking to one of his angels. He said, "I have just created a 24 hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel said, "Yes, but what will you do next?" God said, "I think I'll call it a day."

The next issue of Crosspoint will be produced in August – please send copy for the next edition to Jean Davies (Tel: 01684 772178) by Sunday 11th August please.

Articles including family news are welcomed. It helps if you are able to send via email. Send to Jean Davies: jed0606@yahoo.com

Please note that articles reflect the views of the writer and not necessarily those of Tewkesbury Methodist Church.

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LEPROSY MISSION



This year is the 150th Anniversary of the Leprosy Mission, and in the January edition of their magazine “New Day” nominations were invited for “Leprosy Heroes” – those that have gone above and beyond their support of the work of the Mission. Roger and Dorothy Davis nominated our own hero – Gill Shelley – and out of hundreds of nominations Gill’s story was chosen to be included in the recent edition of “New Day”. This is the nomination as written by Roger and Dorothy – the sentiment of which we all wholeheartedly agree with!

Gill has worked tirelessly for the Leprosy Mission since the 1980’s. She has organised countless fundraising lunches, coffee mornings and craft sales. In 2007 Gill undertook a sponsored trek to Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. There she met leprosy patients, further fuelling her passion for the cause. Gill also organises the annual Leprosy Sunday at church and hosts the speakers. This year was quite a challenge. Gill had been evacuated from her cottage due to local flooding. But despite the setback, she still managed to run the Leprosy Sunday service”.

Many congratulations Gill – this recognition is so well deserved! (And readers might like to know that Gill and Adrian hope to be back in their home very soon).

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A CHAT WITH -

Deacon Kath Hutton

Our guest interviewee for our summer edition is our Deacon and friend, Kath Hutton. Kath has had a few health issues over the past few years, but stays positive throughout – definitely a “cup half full” person!!

I spoke to Kath at her home recently when she reminisced about her early life in South Shields.

Kath was born in South Shields in 1936. Her parents were not “church-goers” but she felt the call from God that church was the right place for her – and this at the very early age of around 6 years old. Incredibly Kath recognised where she belonged and has never faltered from that sense of belonging. Her mother was not too pleased with her decision but didn’t prevent Kath from attending church every Sunday. Kath left the local grammar school at 18 and following a period of work at a village nursery for the under 3’s began her nurse training at Newcastle General Hospital. Later Kath went to London to the Mothers’ Hospital run by the Salvation Army, where she did her midwifery training for a year and then worked as a midwife for a year before moving back to South Shields to work as a sister in the Special Care Baby Unit for some years.

She continued to further her nursing career by completing her Health Visitor training at Newcastle following which she worked in South Shields dividing her work life between Health visiting and teaching biology and health-care to students in a secondary school. A two year course at Durham gave her full teaching qualifications.

It was when Kath turned 50 that she completed a year’s study at Cliffe College in Derbyshire and then candidated for the Methodist Diaconal Order – she was appointed and then, without further training, went straight to her first appointment as a probationer Deacon based in Dudley in the West Midlands. She continued her work as both a Health Visitor and a teacher of Child Care and Health in secondary schools.

Kath retired at the age of 63 and she made the decision to sell the family

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home in South Shields and buy a home further south which is how she ended up at Tewksbury! Kath knew little about the house before she bought it, but the fact that it had a pond in the garden, and she had an aquarium with goldfish, convinced her it was meant to be!

And so Kath started her long association with Tewkesbury Methodist Church, for which we are blessed.

And finally any special memory? Or any regrets?

Memory – being at Conference hearing the acceptance of presbyters – “Are they worthy?” “Yes, they are worthy” - powerful words.

No regrets – apart from the aches and pains of getting older – but, hey! – you can’t change it so we have to make the best of what we have. Typical upbeat view from Kath!

And any favourite Bible passage? Romans 8 – last few verses.

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

No words to follow those verses – thank you Kath for telling us your story.

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If you are unsure what a Deacon is, the Methodist Church website states – “The word deacon, and deaconess, is derived from the **Greek word Diakonos**, meaning servant. Deacons are specifically called to work in areas of word, service, compassion, and justice. The office of deacon emerged in New Testament times and today the diaconal movement exists all over the world.

In the Methodist Church deacons are men and women called by God to serve in many different ways, offering lifetime commitment, and a willingness to serve where needed. Their role focuses on bridging the gap between the church and the world, and has been described as 'standing in the doorway of the church', keeping the door open both ways”.

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## BREAKFAST CLUB - WILD GREEN CHURCH!

There is no Wild Green Church in August, but we shall be back on the first Sunday in September. Do see the weekly notices for updates.

Revd Jayne Webb

## TEWKESBURY SUMMER FAIR



Our fete will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July between 10am and 2pm. We will have our usual stalls ie books, crafts, jewellery, unwanted gifts to recycle, tombola all of which we would be grateful for suitable donations. We will also have a few independent crafters who are joining us so something new to browse. Refreshments to include some extra "goodies"! Please come along to support us and spread the word amongst family and friends. Proceeds urgently needed for church funds!

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We have a new feature for the magazine which is a favourite recipe slot. So please let me have your tried and tested recipes and the reason why they are a favourite with you – I look forward to reading them and trying a few!!

Our first contribution is from Wendy Allen, one of our stewards.

## MARINATED PORK STEAKS

4 pork loin steaks  
3 tbsp olive oil  
2 tbsp cider vinegar  
2 tbsp soy sauce  
1 tbsp chilli sauce  
200 mls single cream  
Salt and pepper

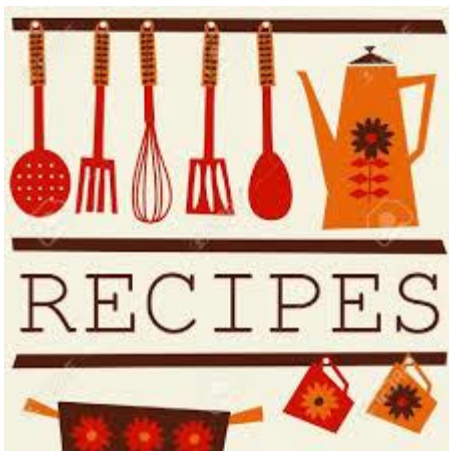
Put steaks into a shallow dish.

Mix together 2 tbsp olive oil, vinegar, soy sauce and chilli sauce, pour over steaks, cover and leave to marinate in a cool place for 3/4 hours. Heat remaining oil (1 tbsp) in a large frying pan.

Remove steaks with a slotted spoon and fry over a medium heat for 3/4 minutes until juices run clear then transfer to warm serving plates.

Turn down heat and add marinade and single cream to the pan and bring to the boil stirring until it thickens slightly. Pour over steaks.

Serve with mange tout or sugar snap peas and new potatoes.



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## NEWS FROM APPERLEY

*From Peter Stych*

Since the last issue of Crosspoint our services have continued on our normal pattern although we cannot say the same for the spring weather!



In April we were pleased to be able to provide overnight accommodation to a student from Queens College, Birmingham. One Bill Topping, who is studying on a Deacons' course there, had planned to walk from the college to his parents' home in Stonehouse during the Easter holiday period, a trip to take him about 1 week. He originally wanted to follow canals and rivers spending nights 'bunking down' in as many Methodist churches as fitted his route. What he had not bargained for was the unpredictable weather and consequential flooding of the very waterways he planned to follow! Having been thoroughly soaked and made numerous detours through Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, Apperley was one of the very few churches where he managed to achieve his objective.

Readers may by now have realised that Bill turned out to be the son of Reverend Simon Topping – known to many in our Circuit, and grandson of Reverend Frank Topping known to many across the UK for his 'Thoughts for the Day' and other radio presentations.

At the time of writing the wedding mentioned in the last issue is only a couple of weeks away. We do so hope that some summer weather will emerge by then and we wish Caroline and Josh every blessing and happiness for their future life together.

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## WINCHCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

*From Geoff Onions*

*Senior steward*

No news from our friends at Winchcombe this time but we look forward to meeting up with them at our tea party in August.



## **BISHOPS CLEEVE METHODIST CHURCH**

Greetings from Bishops Cleeve. On the 21<sup>st</sup> April

we celebrated the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Methodist Church building in Bishops Cleeve. Andrew Maxwell led our Worship in the morning and there was an exhibition of photos and memorabilia in the hall which the congregation enjoyed over refreshments after the Service.



A coffee morning on the 11<sup>th</sup> May in support of Christian Aid was enjoyed by a good number of people from the Community and Church. We raised over £410 including sales from a well stocked plant stall. Gotherington Nurseries

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kindly supply us with the bulk of these and give us half of the money raised which this year amounted to £100!

Sadly on the 28<sup>th</sup> May a few of us from Church gathered with her family and other friends in The Willow Chapel to say farewell to and give thanks for the life of our dear friend Brenda Murphy. She was a stalwart member of our Church and gave so much of herself to others. We continue to hold her family in our prayers.

We are delighted that the Circuit Assembly voted to extend the contract of our Community Lay Outreach worker for a few more months from January 2025 until August 2025 and we look forward to continuing to work with and support Andrew in exciting things in the months ahead!

We send you our blessings and look forward to seeing some of you in person at the section Tea Party in August. Thanks to the folk at Tewkesbury for hosting this forthcoming event!

**Ruth Whiting**

### **House Group 61 in Bishops Cleeve**

We have been meeting together alternate Thursday evenings for nearly 30 years now although there are only 2 of us from the original members who are still part of the group.

When we started, we had an Ecumenical parish in Cleeve and there were already about 8 house groups with a mixture of Anglicans and Methodists – they were numbered 1-8.

The one I attended got a bit too big, so we decided to split and form a new group led by Alison Richards and myself. We felt it was boring to go for the next number so we called ourselves house group 61 as we met in Alison's house which was number 61. When Alison left to train for the ministry Simon Archer shared the leadership – until he left to become a vicar! Since then, I have led it on my own but others help by

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leading sessions. We have 10 members, although not everyone makes it every week. The other ecumenical groups gradually stopped but we continue to have Anglicans and well as Methodists. We met in homes before Covid but since have been meeting in church.

Over the years we have done a variety of different studies – sometimes following a book, a couple based on films, studies from Spring Harvest and others. The studies we have followed the most have been the York courses which were very interesting as we heard from a variety of theologians as well as celebrities such as Patricia Routledge and David Suchet sharing their faith and the Lifebuilder bible studies which are based on a book of the bible or a theme. We have recently completed one called “Praying the Psalms” and are about to start one on Forgiveness.

Pauline Jones

## SECTION CHURCHES AFTERNOON TEA

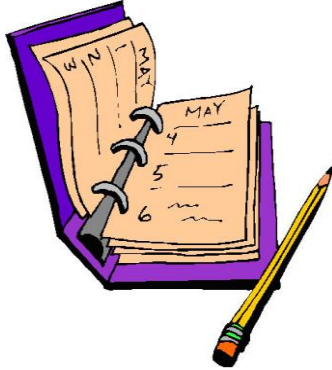


A reminder to our friends in Bishop's Cleeve, Winchcombe, Apperley and at St Johns, Gloucester that we are looking forward to hosting you for afternoon tea at Tewkesbury on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm. We will certainly be catering for those with gluten intolerance but please let us know if you have other dietary requirements that we can accommodate. Jean Davies ([jed0606@yahoo.com](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com))

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check the weekly notices or our website for any alterations to dates/times and more detailed information about events



### JULY

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2.30pm Wives and Friends AGM
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Coffee morning
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 9.15am Wild Green Church and breakfast
  - 10.30am Service with Holy Communion
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fete (MedFest weekend)
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am Service (note early start)
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Coffee morning
  - Art Journalism workshop – Gill Shelley
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 10.30am Service
  - Circuit assembly at Bethesda
  - 6pm Farewell service at Bethesda for John Hellyer
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Coffee morning
  - 10am Book Club
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Service
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> – 7.30pm Church Council

### AUGUST

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Coffee morning

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – NO Wild Green Church  
10.30am – Service with Holy Communion  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Afternoon tea for Section Churches  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Service

## FUTURE DATES TO NOTE –

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mop Fair  
13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival and Lunch  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 10.30am Commissioning Service  
9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Camerata choral group  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Sunday – 11.15am service  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Market  
30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Tewkesbury Players Concert



## CHURCH SERVICES –

Any alteration to dates and or times will be shown in the weekly notices (also available on our website). The church is generally also open to visitors on Saturday mornings (coffee morning).

*A service is held every Sunday at Tewkesbury at 10.30am service (with occasional changes to times as per the notices).*

*10.30am service **with** Holy Communion is the first Sunday of each month.*

*Wild Green Church with breakfast takes place on the first Sunday of the month at 9.15am.*

*We do not have a Junior Church as such, but all families and children are welcome to any of our services though there will be particular emphasis on involving children in our 9.15am Wild Green Church Breakfast Club.*

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## **CHURCH GROUPS AND MEETINGS**

**Please see weekly notices for dates of meetings as they are arranged**

**Church Council  
Worship Forum  
Welcome Space and Finance meeting  
Finance/Property  
Stewards  
Tewkesbury Churches Together  
Pastoral  
Publicity  
Green Group  
Wives and Friends  
Book Club**

**In the summer's warmth, my spirit awakes,  
As blossoms bloom and seeds take root.  
A season for growth, both inward and out,  
God's grace transforming, making all things new.**



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# THE METHODIST CHURCH

## Priorities for the Methodist Church

To proclaim and affirm our conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the church.

### Main contacts for Apperley and Tewkesbury Methodist Churches

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*Who also has pastoral responsibility for Winchcombe Methodist Church and Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church*

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Tewkesbury Senior Steward - Linda Sallis Tel: 01684 294169

Registered Charity No: 1136205

***We are in the Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire, part of the Bristol Methodist District***

***Web site for Apperley and Tewkesbury Methodist Churches with links to our sister churches, Winchcombe and Bishop's Cleeve***  
[www.tewkesburymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.tewkesburymethodistchurch.org.uk)

**Tewkesbury Church phone:** 01684 291101 This is situated in the vestry with an extension to the vestibule kitchen and is intended primarily for use by church officials and for emergency use.



### **IMPORTANT Booking rooms and events**

If you are arranging any event on the church premises of Tewkesbury Methodist Church, the room and time must be arranged with the bookings secretary, Andrew May 01684 291457 or email [ajm34@btinternet.com](mailto:ajm34@btinternet.com) (or contact Jean Davies 01684 772178 [jed0606@yahoo.com](mailto:jed0606@yahoo.com))



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