**Ministry among Seniors in Holy Trinity 2023**

**Outlook**

Outlook is the name (for historical reasons) we give to the opportunities that we have had to go into various places around Tewkesbury to take simple services, currently at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. This year we have gone into 3 Care Homes, 5 “Over 55s” Flats, Tewkesbury Hospital and, sometimes the Day Centre. “Congregations” may have been very small at one venue and up to 25 or 30 at another. We use simple services which include traditional hymns as our congregations are all Seniors (except the carers who often stay in for the service). We have always been made welcome, and we have rejoiced at the opportunities to share the gospel by invitation with those who don’t, or can no longer, go to church, and those whose contact with the Christian faith may well go back to childhood. We have left them with some verses of scripture in the form of a greeting card, and a small gift, such as a small Easter egg and palm crosses at Easter. There is room for Outlook to expand.

There is a small committed team of about a dozen– between 3 and 5 involved at each venue . We pray that God will speak to those who have come in the services, and afterwards, remembering that for some this may be the last time they heard the Gospel.

We are grateful that Simon, the Senior’s Pastor was involved at Christmas and has now taken over as leader of the Team Jean Herrick

**“Afternoon for You” outreach**

After another successful year of running 6 Afternoons for You for the more senior residents of Tewkesbury, it still remains a very popular venue with many returning to each event. The number of guests   attending are  approximately 30 to 45 each time Many of  the  guests do not attend any church  and are invited  by our church members  who come.

We  start the afternoon with a quiz and time for conversations to take place. We  have a guest speaker, then tea and cake is served and a fun sketch is done centred around a Christian theme. We finish with an epilogue  of approximately  10 minutes.

Of the guests who come, many live on their own and  so the afternoon  gives them  an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of others and even make new friendships.

Julie Pinder

[**Wednesday @ 10.30**](mailto:Wednesday@10.30) **Service**

From James McMullen

**In addition to the above** there were monthly Holy Communion services at two “over 55s” flats, as well as occasional visits to the sick or shut in. The leadership and oversight of all of this is now part of Simon’s role as Seniors’ Pastor which he took on towards the end of 2023**.**