

# The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church April 2017



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## Message from Reverend Choi

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."*  
(Matthew 28. 5-7)

Dear friends,

This year, Easter seems to come still at a challenging time, with no splendid forecast for the future. Looking around, there seems little room for optimism, rather more concerns, such as uncertainty on economy after Brexit and continuing threats of the terror attacks as we've just seen in Westminster. Around the world, we still face the challenges of on-going battles in the Middle East, and extreme poverty in Africa, let alone the growing threats of nuclear weapons from North Korea.

Then, what does Easter mean to us in this time of uncertainty?

The Easter story is, in a sense, about a small group of people who spread a dangerous rumour, which became their conviction. Although at first even some people in that group wouldn't believe "We have seen the Lord", they all became stronger in believing that the risen Jesus was present with them. And, they were the ordinary people, who were not with much money, not with much power, nor in a high position. But, they did take a risk of believing that their living Lord, the Christ could change the world. And it happened. So, it is a story of good news, good news of hope. And, it comes true to our lives, I believe, when we boldly live out what we have seen and what we have been taught. And, the glorious thing is that we see it start from a small group with a little faith or even doubt.

Individually, or as a group, we may be under pressure of uncertain future, in one way or another. But, I'd like to assure you of the hope Jesus revealed on Easter morning. So, I pray that we may encourage each other to take a risk of hoping a glorious future, shouting aloud "Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Happy Easter!

SC. Choi.



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**To celebrate that New Malden Methodist Church has borne witness to the glory of God for 150 years, to raise our profile as a force for good in this changing community**

### April Update

**Lots of “bits” of news and updates from the different activity leaders.**

**The mosaic** is rapidly coming together with 3 more groups having made their contribution to this unique work of art. A good time has been had by all. Thank you to all who have contributed so far.

Forth coming dates:

- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10.30am
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

### Malden Fortnight Parade July 1<sup>st</sup>

The annual parade down the High Street will take place on the above date and we need people of all ages to walk in it as part of the community celebrations.

We will be following a Light house as a flotilla of boats and fish and so we need lots of participants. Age is no barrier! Decorated buggies are also welcome. Please consider this and sign up to take part so we have an idea of how much of a splash we can make in the parade!

We will have a workshop day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10am-4pm to make the items, please come and support this even if you are unavailable to walk in the parade.

See end of Newsletter for Malden Fortnight logo competition.



### Launch Service Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 am

Past president Steve Wild will be preaching at this service.



Please ensure you have invited past members of the church to attend too. Invitations to the event are still available on the table in the welcome area to send out. Please sign the sheet on the notice board to indicate how many people you are expecting and an indication of what “bring and share donation “ you may be providing so we can have an indication of numbers to expect.

### Meal and Magic Evening Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

This will be in the sanctuary with Steve Price entertaining us with his magic show.

He is a Christian and will add gospel references into his illusions in the second half of the show.



Tickets will be on sale for £10 each on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April onwards and we have limited spaces so please don't miss out.

The evening will be in a cabaret type setting with individual tables. The menu will be:

- *Lasagne and Salad*
- *Cheese and biscuits*
- *Cake and coffee*

If you can provide a lasagne, lettuce, tomatoes etc, cupcakes or are willing to wash and chop the salad please sign up on the sheet on the notice board stating quantities.

Thank you.

### **And finally and most importantly**

The date of the **next meeting** is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



#### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th - 20th MAY 2017**

Christian Aid's theme this year is *Refugees* and the following is just one of the many harrowing stories of families who have lost their homes, possessions and way of life.

#### **Nejebar's Story**

Nejebar fled Afghanistan with her family after the Taliban threatened to kill her husband, Noor, who was a teacher. It wasn't an idle threat - the Taliban first blinded, then murdered, another member of their family. 'The last days and weeks in Afghanistan were the hardest' says Noor. 'When I went to work, my heart was beating harder. I didn't know if my family were going to be alive when I got back.' When the family arrived at the refugee camp in Greece, they thought they would only stay for 10 days. But they have been there six months now and there is no end in sight. The only protection they have against the wind and rain is their tent. There is no school for their children. Five year old Sudai, their youngest child, is ill but Nejebar and Noor don't know what is wrong with him because they cannot communicate with the camp's doctor, who is

Greek. Nejebar is the rock at the centre of her family, holding them together throughout all this uncertainty. She has even welcomed Faraidoon and Farzad into the family, two brothers who don't know where their parents are or even if they are alive. 'We still have some hope for our children's future,' says Nejebar. 'We only want a peaceful life. We want our children to go to school. The most important thing is our children.'

Our church supports Christian Aid with a very generous donation and also through house-to-house collections, coffee mornings and a bread and cheese lunch so, once again, I am asking for your continued individual support in attending these various events. Here are the dates for your diaries:

- Coffee and Cake Morning - Saturday 13th May
- Bread and Cheese Lunch - Sunday 21st May

I hope to produce a quiz next month so keep your eyes open for the notice!

Many thanks

Jennifer Townsend

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#### **Prayer Stations for Holy Week**

You are invited to have a time of quiet reflection in the Sanctuary any time when the coffee Bar is open and interact with the prayer stations if you so wish.

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Sarah Moore has found us a delightful Scottish blessing for Easter – enjoy:



If there is righteousness in the heart,  
there will be beauty in the character.  
If there is beauty in the character,  
there will be humanity in the home.  
If there is humanity in the home,  
there will be order in the nation.  
If there is order in the nation,  
there will be peace in the world.  
So let it be.

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### **Be Creative!**

The annual Easter Egg decorating competition will take place on Easter Sunday.  
You are invited to decorate your egg and bring it to church (group entries are also welcome) on Easter morning by 10.25am. Judging will be by the number of coins placed by each entry and the proceeds will go to JMA.



## **Around the Circuit**

### **CHURCH EVENTS**

#### **Kingston**

Kingston Methodist Church will be holding its annual Plant and Produce Sale on Saturday 6 May, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. This year all proceeds will go to The Fircroft Trust, which for 50 years has supported adults with mental health issues in our local community.

#### **Surbiton Hill**

Drop In Fellowship takes place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Hall at Surbiton Hill (from 1.45pm for a 2pm start).

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **MHA - Methodist Homes: Best Sunday for Ages - 11th June 2017**

Methodist Homes is a charity providing care, accommodation and support services for older people throughout Britain. Best Sunday for Ages, held at the start of Best Week for Ages, will generally be celebrated on the 11th June but can be held on an alternative date to suit individual churches. The theme of worship is 'Befriending Age' and we are invited to look at ways in which we can help and support older members of our church and society, as well as learn best from them how to plan our own ageing journey.

To enhance and enjoy celebrations, whilst supporting MHA and building bridges in the community, there are many suggested types of events such as quiz nights, afternoon teas, dinner parties and sports events. More ideas are welcome and the website is [BestForAges.com](http://BestForAges.com) and the telephone number is 01332 221 641.

MHA, founded 75 years ago, is one of the largest charities in the U.K., delivering a range of high quality services to 17,000 individuals and is grateful for all your support, especially your prayers.

Please contact Corinne Foster via Kingston

Methodist Church if you need more information or have any queries.

### **Prudential London & Surrey Cycling Event**

This year's event takes place on Sunday 30 July. As in previous years this will involve a number of road closures, and the impact on church services will once again need to be considered.

### **May Newsletters**

If your church has any news or a forthcoming event you would like to share with the Circuit, please forward details to Michael Axton at the Circuit Office so that it can be included in each Church's newsletter/magazine.

*Please send your contributions by Tuesday 11 April to:*  
[circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk](mailto:circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk)

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## **Summary of Recent Notices**

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### **Summary of March Notices**

#### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Please pray for a speedy recovery from a broken leg for **Gillian Kitcherside** who many of you know from her regular Monday morning shifts on the Coffee Bar.

I would like to say that the many hugs and words of comfort helped me curing a difficult time. I much appreciated the church flowers which cheered me. Thank you **Andrea Mooton**

**Doreen Coombs** has moved to the Midlands to be near her brother and family. We all wish Doreen every happiness in her new home. Her new address is Hafod Nursing Home, 9-11 Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B74 2PJ, telephone 07538 145339

**Monica Shaffer-Fehre** is in Derwent Ward, Kingston Hospital following a fall in which she injured her back. She would welcome visitors.

Well done to **Nicky Horton** who last Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> March) walked the 14 mile Marsden March raising money for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. If you would like to sponsor Nicky, please go to [Justgiving.com](http://Justgiving.com) and search Nicky Horton or there is a sponsor form in the Welcome Area.

### **CHURCH DECORATING WEEK**

It's not too late to come along and help!! The plan is to decorate the Extension and Lower Hall from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If possible we would also like to decorate the connecting corridors and kitchen in order to spruce up the building for our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. The more volunteers, the more work we get done! Thank you.

### **ROTA AVAILABILITY**

Please would you let me know your availability for the May – July Coffee Bar and Sunday rotas by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April please. Many thanks. *Sarah Moore*

### **NEXT MEETING of 3Fs**

The next meeting of 3Fs, Faith, Food and Fellowship, will be at Andrew and Angie Turner's house, 52 Acacia Grove, New Malden, KT3 3BP on Friday 7 April from 7.30pm. All are welcome: just let Andrew and Angie know by e-mail ([andrew.turner@ymail.com](mailto:andrew.turner@ymail.com)) or phone (02084080715) if you are coming and if you are able to bring some food. Beyond the food and the fellowship, we generally discuss an issue of current interest from the perspective of our faith. If you would like to know more about 3Fs, please feel free to ask Andrew, David Knowles or Birgit Cowan.



Kingston Methodist Church invites our friends from New Malden to a Maundy Thursday family supper, led by Choi, on 13 April at 7pm, together with friends and families from neighbouring churches. This year's light supper is part of a traditional Passover meal. If you would like to come, please let Ruby Esson know on 07984 764243 or [ruby1954@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruby1954@hotmail.co.uk). It would be lovely to see you.



## Message from our Family Worker

Hi

At the end of this month we will be working on the mosaic for the wall outside on the High Street. It is being made as a gift for the people of New Malden from the people of the church as a celebration of being here in New Malden as a place of worship for 150 years.

Various groups have already taken part in the making of this item which is based on the curtain we have in the church and the stained glass window. It involves placing and sticking cut pieces of glass closely together to form the design. It is going to look beautiful. All the church are invited to place a few pieces during the service that day, including you under the supervision of a grownup as we don't want any cut fingers.

Also during that service I would love it if you could help re-colour/mosaic the large sign we carry down the High Street in the Malden Fortnight parade. It is faded and needs reviving, so please come and help so when we (that's you I hope) join in the parade our sign will stand out proudly.

Both of these items will be an example of what can be achieved by team work and by the end of the morning we will look upon our creations and like God looking upon the world for the first time, know that "it is good."

God bless

*Julia*



## Services in April

2<sup>nd</sup> April 10.30am Reverend Choi – Holy Communion

9<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am Mr Lloyd

Maundy Thursday service at Kingston – see notices

14<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday Walk of Witness

16<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday Reverend Choi Holy Communion at 8am and 10.30am

23<sup>rd</sup> April – local arrangement at 10.30am, Mrs Davis Café Church in the evening

30<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am Reverend Clark

Circuit service at Surbiton Hill in the evening

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The old five pound note ceases to be legal tender on **5<sup>th</sup> May 2017** so don't get caught out! The old fiver can be exchanged at a bank after this date but shops will not accept it. Check your mattresses - we are very happy for you to put your old fivers in the collection!!



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Copy deadline for the May newsletter is Friday 9am 28<sup>th</sup> April by email to: [carolineauty@hotmail.com](mailto:carolineauty@hotmail.com) or in the pigeon hole.

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## Diary Dates



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Decorating of rear halls**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00am

**Good Friday music rehearsal**

**Coffee Bar – Blood Transfusion Service –  
Birgit Cowan**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

**Junior Badminton**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**Good Friday music rehearsal**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm

**Stewards' Meeting**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**150A Meeting**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am

**Friday Fellowship**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**3 Fs at home of Andrew & Angie Turner**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

**Easter Prayer Stations**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

**Coffee Bar – Women's Institute**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

**Good Friday music rehearsal**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

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**Wives & Friends – Easter Thoughts**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**Meeting Point – Music for Easter**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm

**Memory Café in the Welcome Area**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**Good Friday music rehearsal**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

**Walk of Witness**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm

**Good Friday Music performance**

**Note coffee bar is closed during the day**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

**Coffee Bar – Amnesty International**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER MONDAY – COFFEE BAR CLOSED**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

**Junior Badminton**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm

**Arts Group**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am

**James Berry MP surgery in Admin office**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am

**Coffee Bar – Kingston Vale Theatre Group**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am

**150A Mosaic-making as part of Morning  
Worship**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

**Kingston District Chamber Music Society  
Concert**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**Wives & Friends – 150A Mosaic**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm

**Property Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**Senior Badminton**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

**Coffee Bar – Abacus Preschool**