



Welcome to New Malden Methodist Church

Sunday 17th December 2017
Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am Morning Worship led by
Revd Karl Rutledge

6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols



WELCOME

It is good to have you with us today, sharing in our Worship. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again.

Tea or coffee is served in the Welcome Area after morning Worship. Please stay so that we can get to know one another.

So that we may keep in touch, please fill in your details on the Welcome card in the church chairs. There is also a Welcome pack available in the Welcome Area listing all our regular events.

If you would find it helpful to use a Korean-English Bible, these are available in the Church – please ask one of the stewards.

THIS WEEK, beginning Sunday 17th December

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| MONDAY | 7.30pm | Wives & Friends – Christmas Carols & readings |
| TUESDAY | 7.00pm | Senior Badminton |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.30am | Wednesday Fellowship |
| | 12.15pm | Mid Week Communion this week |
| THURSDAY | 8.00pm | Blue Christmas Service |
| SATURDAY | 10.00am | Coffee Bar –Music Group for Organ Fund |
| | 10am – 2pm | Christmas Tree Festival |
| | 10.30am | Saturday Prayers |
| | 11.30am | Community Carols |
| SUNDAY 24 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion led by Revd Stan Brown |
| | 5.00pm | Christingle Service |
| | 11.30pm | Christmas Eve Communion led by Revd Karl Rutledge |
| MONDAY 25 th | 10.30am | Christmas Morning Family Celebration led by Revd Karl Rutledge |

Churches Together in Malden – This week's PRAYER THEMES

Christmas Services Crisis at Christmas (volunteers and residents)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Please pray for any you know who are in hospital, bereaved or unwell, or who are going through a difficult time.

We are very sad to announce that **Rita LeVine** died suddenly on Tuesday night after being taken ill at home.

Also, sadly **Barbara Clarke** has also died this week. Our prayers and thoughts are with the families and friends of them both.

JUNIOR CHURCH NATIVITY

Thank you so much to all the children that took part in last Sunday's nativity, as well as the last minute 'extras'. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to the Junior Church leaders for coordinating the service and for the time and dedication that they give to the youth of the church.

The collection taken at the service for Action for Children amounted to £104.06.

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Don't forget to add your name to the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard!

The **Church collection** for 10th December was £480.00 plus a weekly average of £641 in direct giving. The grand total to date for the Organ Fund is £59,150.00

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Please spread the word amongst you friends and neighbours about the festival. It will be on all week and next Saturday from 10am until 2pm. The more people come and see it, the more money the charities will make and it would be lovely to have as many people as possible to see the church so beautifully festooned!

Help will be much appreciated for the dismantling of the festival after the service on Sunday 31st December.

COFFEE BAR SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Hello! I would be delighted if you could join me on Saturday 30th December for the morning coffee bar at church. As you may know, I've applied to be a leader on an expedition to Malawi in summer 2018 with Girlguiding. I am one of four leaders that will be taking fourteen 14-17year olds away for an amazing adventure. We will be working with an organisation called Fisherman's Rest that supports sustainable and ethical community projects in Malawi. I am therefore fundraising for this expedition. I would be delighted if you could pop along for a tea or coffee. Offerings of baked goods that could be sold would be the cherry on the cake!

Many thanks, Becky Edwards

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – Thursday 21st December 8pm

Blue Christmas, or Longest Night, is a service for those who find Christmas difficult, perhaps because of bereavement, being separated from family, losing a job and so on, and those who wish to be alongside people in these situations. In the midst of a season where the pressure to appear to be 'happy' can be overwhelming, it offers time for reflection and space to breathe, in which these things can be held before God. All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

It's essential that everyone whose role in the church involves working with 0 – 18 year olds, or vulnerable adults, undertakes appropriate training. The Methodist Church has produced material which serves as a basic starter to understand safeguarding and our collective responsibility for it. For people who come to this with prior learning and experience, it gives a clear marker for where the Church stands, and how our safeguarding commitments are made real across the Church's work.

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It's now about five years since there was any safeguarding training in our Circuit, so we will be running it again in the New Year. If you've done the Circuit safeguarding training before, you will need to attend a Refresher course. If you have taken on a new role in the last few years you will need to attend the Foundation course.

The sessions are :

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| 8 January | Refresher Session | Surbiton Hill | 7.30pm – 9.30pm |
| 9 January | Refresher Session | New Malden | 2.30pm – 4.30pm |
| 16 January | Refresher Session | Chessington | 10am – 12noon |
| 20 January | Foundation Course | Kingston | 9.30am – 12.30pm |

Refreshments will be available before each session, so that we can make a prompt start.

The following people are required to attend, and will receive a specific invitation:

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| Lay employees and volunteer workers with pastoral responsibility | Pastoral visitors | Anyone working with 0 – 18 year olds in the name of the church |
| Anyone working in activities targeted at vulnerable adults | Circuit and church stewards | Local preachers and worship leaders (and those in training) |

If you are not in one of these roles, you are still warmly invited to attend.

If you need any more information, please contact

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Notices sheet entries to nmmc@hotmail.co.uk or 020 8942 1288 or

Lay Worker pigeonhole by **2.00pm Thursday**

