

New Malden Methodist Church
'The Church in the High Street'



Ubuntu
February 2011

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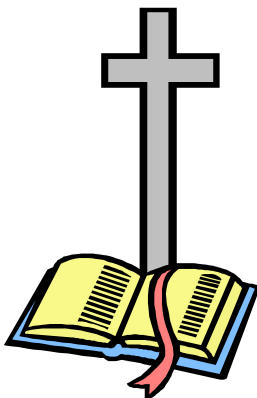
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"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen"

1 Peter chapter 4: 8-11

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Ubuntu

Ubuntu is an African word highlighting the importance of our common humanity, the relationships we share and the connections that bind us together. If we want to display Ubuntu to others we will be hospitable and compassionate; willing to share and caring in our attitudes. We welcome you to our Church family here at New Malden Methodist Church and invite you to join us in our fellowship and worship.

The March edition of Ubuntu will be available on Sunday 6th March.

Contributions can either be sent by email to:

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Or, they can be left in the Church newsletter pigeonhole by Friday, 25th February. Please note the later date (due to the half-term holiday).

Thank you

Rosemarie

Additional material courtesy of parishpump.co.uk

Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

I was struck this week by part of one verse in my daily Bible readings. Luke 4:16 says that 'when Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, "he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom." I was struck by it because there are so many people who claim to be connected to God, who say they are aware of the movement of the Spirit of God in their lives and in the world around them who do not feel the need to go to church regularly. There are still others who claim that they can be Christians without attending Christ's church; yet the most holy person this world has ever seen - a person who had the deepest kind of prayer life and a profound intimacy with the creation attended public worship on a regular basis.

Why ?

I think that there are several reasons. The first and most basic of these is that Jesus attended the worship held each Sabbath because it is part of what it means to keep the Sabbath Day and to keep God's commandments. "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy." To make something holy is to set it apart and to dedicate it to God. Although Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath he himself still took time for worship and prayer and hearing the Word.

Secondly I think that Jesus went to the synagogue to hear the Word of God even though he was the Word of God made flesh! He knew and taught that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Those words are read each week in our churches just as they were read in the synagogues in the time of Christ.

And thirdly I think he went because he chose to be at one with us. To share in fellowship and to experience God through the wonderful gift of knowing that you belong to the people of God. We learn that he preached, prayed and acted in the synagogue. He took part sometimes rather than simply sat and listened.

He went to share in the means of grace that God provides for us. What he didn't do was find out who was preaching and then decide whether or not to go. We know that Jesus thought that the Word of God was worth hearing no matter who taught it or read it. I am also quite convinced from the Scriptures that Jesus would not have checked what 'sort' of service it

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would be before attending either. He just went – as was his custom.

What of our customs ? What makes us decide when to come to Church and when to stay away? What do our Covenant promises mean with regard to our worship? Is God asking us to make a commitment to worship more regularly, to sometimes take a more active part in the service, perhaps to hold office, or to read the Scriptures, maybe even to consider preaching or sharing in intercessory prayer with the rest of the Church family? When the world outside the church door sees the people inside interested in and wanting to do what they are doing – then maybe, they will become curious enough to want to come inside.

We are all walking adverts for our faith. What we have on offer inside the church is advertised to others by the way in which we live our lives, which includes our life of worship. On that basis - be honest would you go to church if YOU were the only advert you had ever seen for it ?

Thankfully – the best advert for the church was Christ. This year as we explore new forms of worship and focus especially on the reading of the Word, I hope we succeed in making our own Church customs ever more Christ like.

Wanted: Willing workers for God.

At this time of the year the Church actively seeks, amongst its friends and members, those who are willing to work in the service of God. Here at New Malden we have many varied forms of ministry that you, YES YOU, can become involved in and perhaps discover hidden talents.



For those who like meeting people, (but are perhaps a little shy?) who want to increase their circle of friends and enjoy something of the endless diversity of humanity – we invite you to consider offering two hours a month (or more) to serve in the café during the week. We need volunteers who will help from 10:00am till 12 noon or from 12 noon till 2:00pm. The bigger the pool of volunteers, the more fun it is – so please do consider this. We will provide what little training is necessary for you to serve and chat to your hearts content.

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For those with a love of children, and young people we can always do with more help at Mums 'n toddlers on a Thursday, Shell Club on a Wednesday, Junior Church and Activ8 on a Sunday. This is a great way to get involved in the lives of some amazing young people – to travel with them to far off exotic places (fort rocky) to learn how to make amazing eatable pictures, but above all – to share the fun of the gospel.

There is of course a business side to the Church; we have a building to maintain, expenses to evaluate and work to be done on behalf of the local community, the circuit, district and wider Connexion. We may be based in New Malden, but the work of the Kingdom extends to the far corners of this earth. All that takes professional organization, management, communications, technology and other skills. To learn and develop these skills, or just to share the skills God has already given you, why not consider offering to serve as a steward, Web designer, treasurer, manager, secretary, Council representative, or any one of the many other officers who enable the Church to run so smoothly?

For people who just like people – we have amazing pastoral opportunities. We need more pastoral visitors for example – people who are willing to visit their Church family and friends to share the greetings and blessings of the Church. We also need people willing to chat to others in the café over a cup of coffee (or tea!) People willing to greet others as they come into the Church, or to serve coffee at the end of the service.

And if worship is your calling – we have plenty of opportunities for you to discover how you can grow in grace through reading in Church, leading the prayers of intercession, singing, playing an instrument, sharing in the distribution of communion – and – yes – preaching too!

As a part of the covenant, God calls each of us to work for the Kingdom, to try something new, to experience love in service to others. So – what's your calling, and how will you respond? Training and assistance can be provided where needed.

To talk through any of these opportunities – just speak to Angie or any of the Church stewards.

Angie

Church News and Announcements

Diary for February

Thursday 3 rd		KCAH Night Shelter
Friday 4 th	(10.00)	Friday Fellowship
Saturday 5 th	(10.00-12.00)	Coffee Bar – Turner Family
Tuesday 8 th	(2.30pm)	WAGS: Revd Donghwan Kim
Tuesday 8 th	(7.00pm)	Junior Badminton
Tuesday 8 th	(8.00pm)	Meeting Point: Over the Counter – Tony Townsend
Thursday 10 th		KCAH Night Shelter
Friday 11 th	(2.30 - 5.00)	Create Workshop
Saturday 12 th	(10.00-12.00)	Coffee Bar – WAGs
Saturday 12 th	(6.45-9.00)	Beetle Drive
Monday 14 th - Friday 18th		Julia & Sarah away on Lay Workers' Conference
Monday 14 th	(7.30pm)	Wives: Romantic Music with Alison & Peter Bullett
Tuesday 14 th	(2.30pm)	WAGs: Members' Afternoon
Tuesday 14 th	(8.00pm)	Meeting Point: An Actor's Life – Terence Denville Falkner
Thursday 17 th		KCAH Night Shelter
Saturday 19 th	(10.00-12.00)	Coffee Bar – Women's World Day of Prayer Carol Dadds
Monday 21 st - Friday 25th		Schools Half Term
Tuesday 22 nd	(2.30pm)	WAGS: Julia Morton

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Tuesday 22 nd (8.00pm)	Meeting Point: Street Pastors – Paul Jacobs
Thursday 24 th	KCAH Night Shelter
Saturday 26 th (10.00-12.00)	Coffee Bar- Arthritis Care
Monday 28 th (7.30pm)	Wives: Keeping Bees – Chris Feltham

Summary of December and January's Sunday Notices

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Peter and Suva Catford are on the move again – just down the hill! As from 9th December their address will be 11 Lapwing Rise, Whitchurch, Hants RG28 7SU. Telephone and email is unchanged.

Please note **Pam Bugeya's** new email address:
lawrence.bugeya@btinternet.com

Gareth & Beckie Morton are delighted to announce the birth of Ethan Michael Henry on 30th December weighing in at 9lbs 9oz. They would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and presents for Ethan. The baby will soon be among us!

From Bob Bridges: I had the pleasure of seeing Margaret Sydney in her lovely flat while I was away. She is very happy and is certain she has done the right thing in moving. She sends new year greetings to everyone.

METHODIST HERITAGE HANDBOOK 2010

This free booklet provides information for visitors to historic Methodist places in Britain. How many have you been to or do you know about? Please take a copy from the Bookstall if you would like one.

Sarah

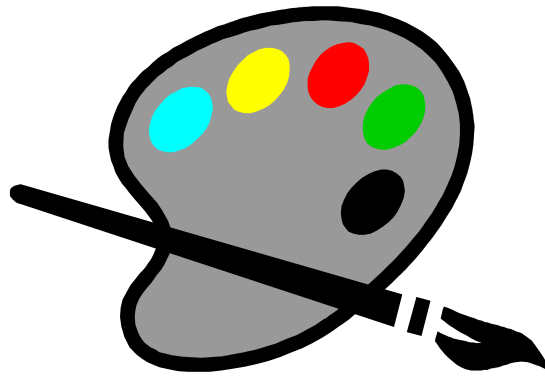
Create

Friday, 11th February

2.30-5.00pm

If you have not yet had the opportunity to experience 'Create', then do join us for our next 'workshop' when the theme will be:

“Love”



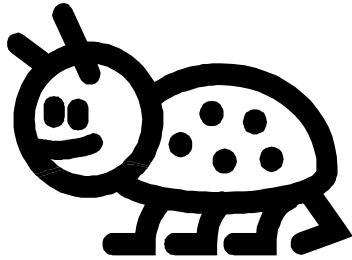
Come and share with us in art, music and poetry; Explore new ideas and allow Scripture to stimulate your faith and imagination;

Try your hand at drawing, sketching, calligraphy, painting, collage, clay modelling, cross-stitch, or one of the many other art forms on offer.

You don't have to be an expert to come to 'Create' (none of us are!) just willing to relax, experiment, and enjoy the gift of creative time.

All materials are provided free of charge, though you may bring your own if you prefer.

You will be very welcome!



Beetle Drive

Family Fun for February
Saturday 12th February
6.45 for 7pm start

Tickets on sale in now £4 adults, £2 children
Nibbles & a drink included
Raffle

Proceeds to SCRUF

If you can throw a die and draw a beetle you can take part!

Stories to Make you Smile

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversation, I've changed my will three times!"

Looking over the log book kept by the computer support staff at my office, I noticed several entries stating the problem was PICNIC. I asked one of the technicians what PICNIC meant.

He laughed as he told me it meant "Problem In Chair, Not In Computer."

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Hall Bookings

Naturally, the Church Family assumes that our premises are ours to use whenever we need them – and, of course, they are.

Our events will continue 'to take priority' but if we are to keep Church finances in the black we need to maximise our income from lettings. Over the past six months word has been getting around and I am receiving more and more requests for outside bookings.

All I ask is that as soon as Church organisations and committees make plans for events or meetings, please will they let me know so that I can reserve accommodation and we don't find ourselves with double bookings. Would regular users also let me know when they are not meeting.

I usually arrange to meet potential hirers at the Church to show them around but should people come into the Welcome Area and ask to see our accommodation, I'd be grateful if someone would show them the halls - but please don't make promises. Ask them to contact me. Thank you.

Alan Vincent

Singing the Faith, Telling the Story

A website is offering a new insight into the story behind the new Methodist hymn collection, *Singing the Faith*.

Visitors to www.singingthefaith.org.uk can read about the journey from the initial proposal for a new collection through to the work now being done to launch the Singing the Faith collection in June 2011. They can take a peek inside the collection at the full list of hymns and songs, check out the online users' guide and read John Wesley's rules for singing.

Anyone can also now take advantage of the pre-publication discounts on Singing the Faith. These include a saving of £5.00 on the full music edition, £2.50 on the words edition and £5.00 on the electronic words edition. Discounts are available when ordering direct from Methodist Publishing (tel: 01733 235962).

People can also pre-order the free Singing the Faith sampler from Methodist Publishing, which will be published in January 2011.

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Wings of Hope Nursery School - Johannesburg

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that I recently posted 9 parcels of knitting to Johannesburg.

For the 40 little 'street children' who will begin school this January I sent 50 teddy bears + 50 cotton bags to store them in, plus 45 hats, 45 scarves and 45 pairs of mittens.

I also included 45 scarves for the class above them, because in 2010 we supplied them with hats and mittens only.

It was a great thrill to post everything off, but the cost (£179) was high. Fortunately, New Malden Rotary Club have given us £140 towards the cost, and I am very grateful for their generosity.

I shall continue to raise money for more wool - in the hope that all those who enjoy knitting will do so for the new class which will start in January 2012.

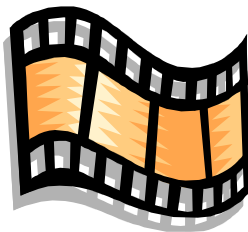
Finally - a very big 'thank you' to all who have knitted, sewn and generally supported the venture.

Stella Chattle



Heretics Club

What on earth is the world saying about religion through the media and popular culture these days? What image of the church and Christianity is found in films? Come to Heretics Club and find out. Heretics Club is a once a month highly informal get together. *Come and share a DVD and join our friendly discussion group.*



Our next get together will be at Conifers, High Drive on Monday, 7th February, starting at 8.00pm.

God in Music

'There is sweet music here': the violin and the lark

On a cold January morning in 2008 a lone violinist was playing in the Washington underground as a thousand people rushed by on their way to work. A middle-aged man stopped momentarily to listen, and a three-year old boy paused to look. The majority of people carried on their way. At the end of his playing, no one applauded. The violinist was in fact Joshua Bell, who in that 45 minute session had played some of Bach's most intricate music - on a violin worth 3.5 million dollars!

The story tells us of the need to stop and listen if we are to appreciate the music that is played. We have to give our attention to enter that world of sound and harmony conjured up in this case by the violin. In an essay of 1702 Jeremy Collier asked, 'What can be more strange than that the rubbing of a little Hair and Cat-gut together should make a mighty alteration in a man that sits at a distance?' 300 years later in that rush hour few people felt that alteration. But if we pause and listen, then we can enter a world of marvel and mystery.

Vaughan Williams knew this special power of music that is listened to when he wrote in 1920, 'In our imperfect existence what means have we of reaching out to that which is beyond the senses but through those very senses? Would Ulysses have been obliged to be lashed to the mast if the sirens instead of singing to him had shown him a printed score?' In that same year he composed 'The Lark Ascending' and showed how the violin can lead our ears and hearts into that other world.

The work is inspired by a poem of George Meredith about the lark in song and flight.

'He rises and begins to round,
He drops the silver chain of sound,
Of many links without a break,
In chirrup, whistle, slur and shake.
For singing till his heaven fills,
'Tis love of earth that he instils.'

In just thirteen minutes the violin captures the lark singing and soaring higher and higher in its flight in a work that is both lyrical and mystical. It is of the earth and there is a folkish lilt to the music, but it is also heaven

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bound as the song of the violin somehow dissolves into the shimmering sky.

In this month of February we are conscious of being earth bound as we wait for spring to transform the world and lift our own spirits with signs of new life. Try and find time to listen to this beautiful work, which can lift our hearts into the realm of the spirit as the lark ascends higher and higher in the rapturous enchantment of Vaughan Williams' music:

'And ever winging up and up,
Our valley is his golden cup,
And he the wine which overflows
To lift us with him as he goes.'

The Rev Michael Burgess, Editor of Parish Pump Ltd

One for the Theologians Among Us

One of my Christmas gifts was about the Italian Papal States circa - 1500 AD – and the lives of Leonardo, Machiavelli and Borgia. In its conclusions I came across the following:

'Machiavelli was one of the first to grapple with the inherent hypocrisy that springs from the pluralism that lies at the heart of the Western world view. Christianity (like almost all religions) is essentially spiritual: our attention should be focussed on the next world and our behaviour in this should be governed by such qualities as meekness, humility and love of one's neighbour. However, in the everyday secular world – the social and political world that we actually inhabit - we are expected to value precisely opposite qualities. In order to succeed here we need ambition, greed, self-assertion and so forth.....Some see it as our essential flaw, others as the inner contradiction that draws us'.

All ministers becoming ordained after working in the secular world have eschewed this pluralism. But what if we all do? Should we still be clothed in woad?

Perhaps some of our "theologically minded" Church members would like to respond?

Leslie Parker

Take my Wife and Let me Be....

There's a threatened species within the church today – men, especially men under 65. It's not just that we are outlived by the ladies and are busily making ourselves extinct by dying off too quickly, but rather that we weren't there in the first place. The Anglican evangelist David Watson once looked around his growing congregation and seeing so many wives in worship without their husbands announced the hymn "Take my wife and let me be..."

This wasn't always the case and even today it isn't everywhere the case, but sadly it is mostly the case. In many congregations women outnumber men by as much as 2:1.

As I attempt to analyse my own gender I'm aware that I'm not a typical specimen. I detest football and most other kinds of sport, and am generally pretty bored by all male society. This is, however, part of the problem, because I have been a minister all my adult life which means that I have learnt to live contentedly within the society of the church and have adapted to its ways. Male ministers tend to be representative of the men who are present in the church rather than those who are absent – so we are not necessarily part of the solution and many of us could be perpetuating the problem.

Wider society is gradually eroding traditional masculinity. The food that men like to eat is branded as unhealthy, traditional ways of socialising by sharing tobacco and alcohol face social disapproval and health campaigners, the love of risk, excitement and dangerous sports is ring fenced by safety legislation – the law won't even allow us to work the long hours that give men the all important sense of dedication and identification with their work. You might point out quite rightly that there are good reasons for all these developments – and so there are, indeed mostly I support them, I merely ask you to observe their impact on masculinity in our society. That impact has come not because we have tackled some serious issues and problems with traditional male values and behaviour but because we have only tackled symptoms and failed to recognise that all of these behaviours have roots in parts of our nature which need to be redeemed rather than denied.

I was recently in a meeting where domestic violence was being discussed - this is a major issue and one which the Churches must understand and

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respond to vigorously. We were told that this is all the result of men not knowing how to express and share their emotions, and I wanted to scream (a good manly angry roar that is...). The answer to male violence is not to tell men to solve their problems in the same way that women do, but to get men to solve their problems in a characteristically male way. In other words to get to the bottom of this and many other problems of men in society and the church we need first to accept some home truths about what men are like and what that nature is for rather than just tell men they have to change. Yes, men can be aggressive and all of us have the potential for violence however hard we try to pretend it is not so. There was a traditional set of values which understood this, accepted it and directed it with a Christian purpose, but for some strange reason we seem to have dismantled those values. The Object of the good old Boys Brigade tends to raise a sneer these days – indeed I've been guilty of sneering at it myself in the past, now I'm not quite so sure, it includes:

the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness

More than anything else men dread weakness. Those traditional virtues of the Christian Gentleman, stressed that it was weakness to be unable to control aggression, weakness not to use moderation towards food and drink, weakness to lose control of sexual desire and weakness to get your kicks without thinking of the effect on others. Strength and "Christian manliness" lay in the ability to understand, control and restrain oneself, in turning aggression into righteous resolution, in the ability to put the needs of others before your own needs and in the duty of service and protection towards those who were vulnerable. Now these are not of course exclusively male virtues, but these values gave a distinctively *male* rationale for why men ought to behave better and positively directed energies like aggression and risk taking instead of condemning and denying them.

Our church life seems to have forgotten much of this. We want men to come along and unburden themselves in intimate groups, in many places worship sadly lacks thoughtful substance, we tend towards making things easy and draw back from offering challenges, we undervalue responses to the gospel which are physical and practical. Why is "I'm happy to paint the room/rebuild the church website/run a charity marathon" any less of a response to the gospel than "I'd like to join the fellowship group"? We are long on exploration and experience, short on decision and action.

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Typically Church social life usually has little in it to appeal to younger men.

I'm simplifying – there just are no rules that women must be x and men must be y, (well apart from the x and y chromosomes...) this is nonsense and denies the individuality which is God's most remarkable and perplexing gift to humanity. I absolutely do not stand in that tradition of religious conservatism which wants to permanently prescribe the roles of women and men, completely oppose any false theology that men have some kind of priority over women and seek to be careful that the language I use expresses this equality. I believe that the gospel breaks through such imposed boundaries of gender as yet another link in the chains restraining our humanity. What troubles and worries me, however, is our inability to understand the real value and purpose of some of those characteristics which we traditionally associate with maleness – aggression, competition, rationalisation and risk taking. If all we want to do with these characteristics in the Church is to bury them, then we will be forever denying something which God created to be redeemed in his Kingdom.

Stan Brown



Circuit News

Around the Circuit February news from your Circuit Coordinator

Our Churches had a very busy Christmas despite the challenges of bad weather and already our 2011 diaries are filling up with meetings, appointments and events.

On 14th February, five church workers from the around the circuit, Julia, Sarah, Sharon, Dorothy and I, will be attending the 2011 Connecting Disciples Conference which takes place over four days, during which we will gather together to be challenged, to worship and to develop professional skills, so with God's call firmly in our hearts we can go into the world as agents of change and can continue on the journey as disciples of Christ. We will return on Thursday 17th in time for the Circuit Meeting at Surbiton Hill!

Circuit Events

CHESSINGTON

The Korean Christian Fellowship are celebrating the Korean New Year at Chessington Methodist Church on Friday 4th February at 6pm, meeting first for a service of worship and prayer lead by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard, then followed by a traditional New Year's meal. Everyone is invited and reservations for the meal should be made in advance to Rev Seung Wook Jung by email to: dullose71@hotmail.com or by telephoning him on 020 8404 0282

Lent Course 2011 Entitled "Seven Signs", Rev Donghwan Kim will be leading a series of 5 weekly bible studies based on Johns Gospel. They will take place in the Parlour at Chessington on Thursdays starting 17th March at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome

NEW MALDEN

On Thursday 3rd February at 8pm at New Malden there will be a discussion with local Jewish people on the Conference Report "Justice for Palestine & Israel". Ministers of all churches will have a copy of the report should you not have seen it already. The meeting is open to everyone.

SURBITON HILL

"Spirit" Saturday March 19th at 7.30pm There will be a be showing of the video replay of the first major musical performed by members and friends in the circuit in 1982 as part of Surbiton Hill's Centenary Celebrations. "Spirit" tells the story of the birth of the early Church and the empowering of the apostles by the Spirit.

This also has a powerful message to the Churches today. There will be many faces you will recognise, even though some of us are three decades older! Tea and Coffee will be served afterwards and there will be a retiring collection in aid of Action for Children.

District Events

“Does God go to work?” Wednesday evenings, £7.50 including a two course meal 6.45 (for 7pm) - finish by 9pm. Advance booking is essential with The Church Office, Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH, or email church@mchw.org.uk No later than the Sunday prior to the meeting..

2 February 2011 “WHAT HAS RECESSION DONE TO US?”

What important lessons have we learned during recession? Speaker: Chris Moorhouse

HUGH PRICE HUGHES LECTURE - SERIES 2011

Whose translation? “Interpreting Scripture from contemporary perspectives”
The Methodist Church has designated 2011 as the “Year of the Bible.” We will be encouraged to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into the King James Version. This is the inspiration for this series of lectures. Recognising that translation isn’t simply a matter of language, and that we interpret scripture from and for a great variety of contexts, we have invited five recognised authorities who will speak from different perspectives.

8th Feb - Professor Christopher Rowland: Oxford University

8th March - Dr James Dunn: Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University

12th April - Professor Cheryl Exum: Dept of Bible Studies, University of Sheffield

10th May - Professor Archie Lee: Department of Religion, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

14th June - Dr Mukti Batron: The Queens Foundation

All lectures are at 7.30pm. Admission Free at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London W1U 2QJ Tel: 020 7935 6179 www.hindestreet.org.uk

And finally ... if your church has an event it wishes to share with the circuit, please forward details to me for inclusion in this section of each church’s newsletter/magazine.

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Children's Pages

Hi

This month there is a celebration of St Valentine on the 14th. It is a time when people celebrate love. There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine".

Perhaps we'll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages, when young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

In Wales wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favourite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

God doesn't need a special day to tell us that we are loved because he sent Jesus, proof that he loves us all the time. Now that is just lovely!

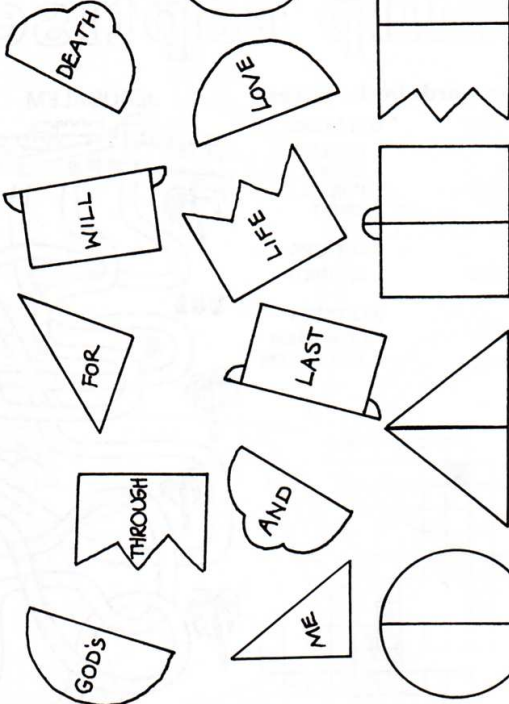
Yours through Jesus

Julia



NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S LOVE!

Romans 8:38-39



Q. Where did Jesus say he was going?

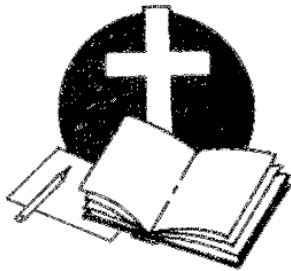
A. He said he was going to Jerusalem after three days.

John 16:28

put the shapes together and read the message

Church Services in February 2011

6th February	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service (W)	Revd Dr Shier-Jones Rev B Pickard
13th February	10.30am Service (W) 6.30pm Service (CC/HC)	Rev Dr D Kim Revd Dr Shier-Jones
20th February	10.30am Service (AAW) 6.30pm Service (W)	Revd. Dr Shier-Jones Rev B Pickard
27th February	10.30am Service (W) 6.30pm Service (W)	Rev S-W Jung Revd Dr Shier-Jones

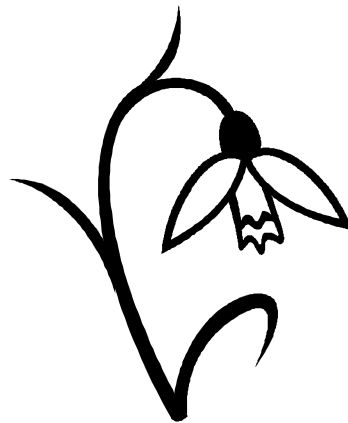


Notes

HC - Holy Communion
CC - Café Church
W - Preaching Service
AAW - All Age Worship

Flower Rota for February 2011

6th February	Mrs S Chattle
13th February	Mrs P Bugeya & Mr R Finch
20th February	Miss G Bryant
27th February	Mrs V Hoare



Church Services and Activities

Sunday	9.30am	Bible Study/Holy Communion (fortnightly)
	10.30am	Junior Church (3-16) & Crèche (0-3)
	10.30am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Junior Choir
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
	6.30pm	Activ8
Monday	8.00pm	Badminton Club
	7.30pm	Wives and Friends Fellowship (fortnightly*)
Tuesday	8.00pm	Heretics Club (1st Monday in month)
	2.30pm	Women's Afternoon Guild*
	4.15pm	Rainbows (age 5-7)
	5.15pm	Brownies (age 7-10)
	6.30pm	Class Meeting
	7.00pm	Junior Badminton (age 12-16) (fortnightly)
Wednesday	8.00pm	Meeting Point*
	10.30am	Bible Study (term-time)
	12.15pm	Holy Communion in the Church
Thursday	6.30pm	Shell Club (age 7-12)
	9.45am	Toddlers Group (term-time)
Friday	10.00am	Friday Fellowship (once a month)
	2.30pm	Create Art Workshop (once a month)
	7.00pm	Guides (girls, age 10-14)
Saturday	10.30am	Prayers in the Church (15 mins)

* Programme details announced separately. Please ask a Steward.

Coffee is served in the Welcome Area, Monday to Friday, 10.00am to 2.00pm and Saturday, 10.00am to Noon.

Abacus Pre-School (term-time) Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 12.00 noon and Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Housegroups meet on various days. Please ask for details

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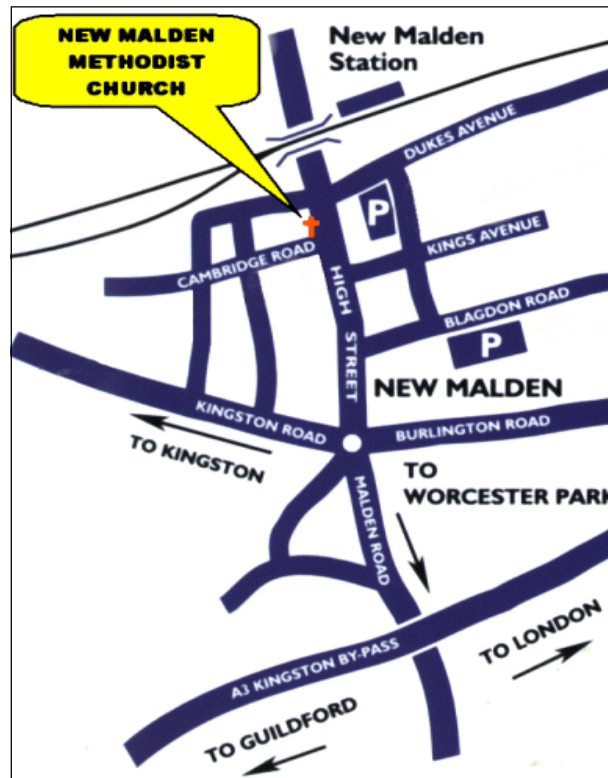
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Trains

New Malden Station (South West Trains)
2 minutes walk away

Buses

K1 (New Malden to Kingston) and **213** (Kingston to Sutton)
Both pass the door

131 (Kingston to Wimbledon) is a short walk from the roundabout at the Kingston/ Burlington Road junction