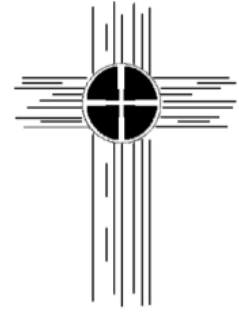




The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church: July



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*By faith Abraham made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
(Hebrews 11: 9-10)*

Dear friends,

Abraham's story is one of my favourites in the Bible, not because he is the great father of faith, but because, like me, he spent most of his life as a stranger in a foreign land. And, as we see from Hebrews, it is said that he lived in tents. To be honest, I don't know whether tent was the common accommodation in those days, or not. Whatever the case it was, living in tents doesn't seem to guarantee security or stability of their lives. However, it would mean that they had to be more dependent on God, wherever they were. The only advantage I can think of in terms of living in tents is

'mobility'. So, they might have been able to move easily with less hassles, as they followed God's command.

As you know, Methodist ministers are to move on after a certain time of ministry, five years or more. I often hear people argue on this issue of itinerant ministry, with different opinions. But, here, on this issue, we may need to listen to the comment John Wesley made. He said: "Joyful to meet, content to part!"

As he was travelling around the country to preach the gospel, obviously, on his journey, he must have had so many occasions of meeting and parting with the people; some joyful, others difficult, or sad ones. Having experienced all sorts of mixed feelings and emotions, he is to advise us to make a joyful meeting and to be content to part. It's because, I believe, he was standing on the faith that our meeting and parting are not something we can plan, but to be arranged by God according to His purpose.

Five years ago, when I was stationed to this Circuit, it was rather a surprise to me, and might have been a bigger surprise to you, I can imagine. But, who could know what God was thinking? Who could understand his ways? I can only say 'now' that it's been a precious time for me to see lots of issues around us, which might have been ignored otherwise. And, I am so grateful for the time we've been through, and for your

tolerance and patience over the last five years. Now, as Wesley said, I am content to leave you, because I know it is a time for me to move on and firmly believe that God has got the plan for us and the plan for the Circuit as well. God is wonderful, and his love is amazing! But, it will be a challenge to us, a challenge, perhaps, bigger than we think. So, I hope you to continue to pray for us, and we will remember you in prayer.

Thank you, and every blessing to you all.

Choi & Sarah.

Message from our Family Worker

Didn't we do well?



The big news this month is, of course, the mosaic. Julia has this to say:

Hi

Well, doesn't the mosaic look simply wonderful! I hope you are rightly proud of the bit you did.

The reaction of passers-by, has been great, people stop to look at it and go up close to see it more clearly. I think it looks good from the other side of the road too.

Although we worked on it in separate groups and on separate occasions, thus only getting a glimpse of the whole I was reminded of a very old hymn of

"Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light
Like a little candle burning in the night
In this world of darkness we must shine
You in your small corner, and I in mine"

When it was put together it became a truly beautiful thing with the cross of Jesus central to the mosaic as he is in our lives. This piece of original artwork shows what can be achieved when the church works together, may we go forward finding ways to work as a team to achieve great and wonderful things

God bless
Julia

To which the Tarrants have added these words:

Our Wonderful New Mosaic

Initially, when the idea of a mosaic was mooted as a means of opening our 150 year celebrations, we were a little sceptical. How wrong we were! Our minds have been totally changed by seeing this beautiful and wonderful missionary advert for our Church in The High Street.

Last Wednesday, during our coffee duty, we went outside, and while looking at this masterpiece, two different passers-by stopped, exclaimed the wonder of it, and said it would give joy to the community. They wondered who had made it and what it represented. As we explained our 150 years of history and chatted, we were firmly of the impression that this lovely mosaic could be a perfect start and catalyst for mission in our Church.

So a huge thank you to all who made this mosaic possible. Particularly our artist adviser, and for the unstinting work of Julia Morton and, indeed, all who during a Sunday morning service helped tessellate this beautiful work of art.

John & Jacky Tarrant

There are more photos from last week's service and unveiling on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NMMC150/>

Of course, the 150th celebrations have only just started so here is a recap of what's still to come

150th Anniversary Celebrations



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

Sunday 25th June 10.30 am

Following the morning service led by Rev Stan Brown, starting at approximately 1pm you are invited to join us for the **Church Family Picnic** in



Beverley Park. Bring your own food and join in the rounders, cricket, races etc which will commence about 2pm. Meet by the playground, bring

seating/rugs.

Equipment for the activities will be provided.
Drop in and out as you wish.

Saturday 1st July

Coffee Bar open 10 am onwards. We will participate in the **Malden Fortnight Parade** so please join in or come along to cheer wildly as



we pass! This will be followed by a chance to SING as we attempt to make music together and "perform" a

verse and chorus of 150 hymns at our

Hymnathon, pop in and sing your favourite.

Sunday 2nd July 10.30 am Service led by Rev Choi with Holy Communion.

Friday 7th July – Sat 8th July "The Church in the High Street – An exhibition of 150 years of

Methodist Memories". Come along and find yourself saying "Oh yes I remember that! Free Entry

Saturday 8th July 7pm

A Meal and Magic with Steve Price. Tickets now available £10 per person.



Come to be astounded by the sleight of hand and illusion before your very eyes whilst feasting on good homemade food and jolly company.

Sunday 9th July 10.30 am

Service led by Rev Jo Henderson who grew up in our church community and was the first woman in Abu Dhabi to be ordained.

Tuesday 11th July 7.30 for 8pm (refreshments available before the talk)

A Talk by Robin Gill – History of the Local Area with reference to 150 years.

Sunday 16th July 10.30 am

Led by the Junior Church an interactive service for all based on the phrase "Fishers of Men" this will include the bringing in of the **Prayer Net** which will have been placed outside the church for yarn to be added to the net as a sign of a prayer for someone. The fish from the High Street and beyond will have returned to the harbour to feature in this service too.



During the Malden Fortnight, there will be fish to spot in New Malden made by the congregation of the church – just for fun and a Prayer Net outside our premises.

Prayer Net "immediately they left their nets and followed Jesus"

Jesus' first followers were fishermen. Jesus called them to leave their nets and follow him. Why not take a piece of wool and tie it to the net as a symbol of a prayer. Return as often as you like. It can express the prayer of your heart without speaking a word.

Greta retires: it's the end of an era

After more years than many of us can remember Greta Curry is retiring as a leader in the Toddler Group. She has faithfully provided the juice, cake and biscuits for the mums, dads, carers and their children, popping into Sainsburys to find the best fruit loaf! She offers a wonderful welcome and sunny smile to all who attend. Greta has also knitted chicks, rabbits, humpty dumpty and dolls clothes for the group. She has made jam and marmalade and provided plants for many a garden in New Malden. It was she who was determined that it would keep going when other leaders left for jobs or pastures new. She has kept the books for the group too, with meticulous accuracy.

So from all of us who have had the pleasure of your company over the years Greta both young and old "Thank you" and from the team of helpers "It's been great!".

Make Lunch

At the last Church Council we approved the initiative to provide lunches during the holidays to children who receive free meals at school, and therefore may not have access to a hot meal during the holidays. I have the information from an umbrella organisation "Make Lunch – Filling the Hunger Gap!" who would aid us in this venture. They would provide the training and cover the regulations necessary for us to proceed. I have spoken to the network and training manager and she would be willing to advise as necessary. There could be funding available too.

In order for us to proceed however we need at least two others to train with me, as a core team in aspects of food preparation, safeguarding, funding, records and how to navigate the "red tape".

Obviously this will all take time and so a proposed date for the launch would be in the Easter Holidays next year.

If you are interested please see me so we can proceed. Extra helpers/leaders will be required too, but unless we have 2 more people to commit time and effort to this we cannot proceed any further, so please don't leave it to someone else.

Julia Morton

Church Garden Party with Cream Tea

Tuesday 8 August

We are looking forward to welcoming the Church Family once again to a Garden Party on Tuesday 8 August at Conifers, High Drive from 3 pm onwards. Should the weather be bad we can always stay indoors. Please make a note of the date – more details and a list will be available later.

We will have homemade raspberry jam and scones as usual but would welcome offers of cakes. We would also appreciate garden chairs from those who come by car. As in previous years some people may need drivers to bring them to our home.

Pam and Alan Vincent 020 8942 3752

Sanitary Collection and Coffee Bar

Some young ladies are struggling every month to go about their everyday life because they cannot afford sanitary protection. Those families who use Food Banks on a regular basis often do not have enough money to cover this expense.

So, we are collecting **sanitary items** all during **August** and I am running a coffee bar to raise extra funds to purchase more on Saturday 12th August so help and cakes would be gratefully received.

Around the Circuit

CIRCUIT NEWS

Welcome Service for Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle as new District Chair

There will be a Service of Welcome for the Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle as he assumes his new role as one of the London District's three Chairs. The service will be held at 5.30pm on Sunday, 20th August 2017 at Methodist Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, SW1H 9NH. Refreshments are available from 4.30pm.

Jongikaya is currently a Minister in the Forest Circuit. Within his new role he will have particular pastoral oversight for the churches and Circuits of South London, as well as sharing in the wider work of the District.

For catering purposes, the District Office needs to know how many people intend to come to the service from each Circuit. Could you therefore let Circuit Coordinator Michael Axton know if you are planning to attend by email at:

circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2017/18

"Jesus the First and Last", the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2017/18, will be published on 1 August, but it can be pre-ordered now. The cost is £3.95, but for orders of 10 or more the cost is reduced to £3.50 per copy – but the order must be placed before 31 July.

If you would like to have a copy included in the Circuit's bulk order at the discounted price, please e-mail Michael Axton by 15 July at: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

CHURCH EVENTS

Chessington

22 July – Concert: The Meadows

The Meadows are a young and vibrant Folk band who draw their inspiration from a wide range of genres including Celtic, Classical, Folk traditions from around the world, Tudor and Contemporary. They are a family group comprising 3 sisters - Melody, Fantasia and Titania, and their brother Harvey. Proceeds from the event will go to the charity "Education 4 Everyone", which is run by Dean Brockway, who also brought us the "3 Nations 3 Voices" concert at Chessington in January 2016.

Tickets are available from John Harvey at Chessington.

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). Forthcoming meetings will include the following talks:

12 July: Anne Hackman: "How Did You Get Where You Are Today"

August – No meeting.

OTHER NEWS

Prudential London & Surrey Cycling Event

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

August Newsletters

If your church is issuing an August Newsletter and 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 Tue 8 August to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Summary of Recent Notices

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We were very happy to welcome Elvis, Albert and Kevin Addai into the Church family with their Baptisms on Sunday 4th June.

We also welcomed Fred and Hazel Bradley and Mrs Young-Hae's family into membership on 4th June

150th Anniversary Mugs Special offer

From 18th June until 16th July the china mugs are reduced from £7 to £5 (the same price as the earthenware mugs). Buy now while stocks last, available from the coffee bar or Jenny Reid.

Here is Jenny modelling said mugs in fact – thanks to Annie for such a lovely photo:



CONCERT 15th July

This is Advance Warning of an Informal Concert to be held on Saturday 15th July, to round off our 150Y celebrations. The idea is to have an 'In House' first half of Party Pieces, along the lines of the very successful

event 2 years ago, followed by a Bring it and Sing it performance of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Please mark this in your diaries now, and see Alison Bullett to volunteer....

6.45pm with bring and share FINGER buffet.

NEWSLETTER Special Edition

For this year only there will be a special August edition of the Newsletter with photos and write-ups from the 150th events. This can obviously only happen if people take photos and do write ups! So, please get working with your camera/phone/computer/ink pen to create a bumper souvenir issue!

Caroline Auty

Julie Haines would also like you to forward any digital photos you take during the celebrations in order that she can include them in the Sunday morning slide displays.

Jahaines2@hotmail.com

REFUGEE TALES WALK

Please see the noticeboard for full details of this walk from Runnymede to Westminster 1-5 July 2017 (in five separate walks) to show solidarity with refugees and detainees. Each evening on the walk celebrated writers read new tales of the refugee and detainee experience. www.refugeetalks.org

THANK YOU

From Kingston Methodist Church to all those who supported the 'Family Night Out' to raise funds towards Rebecca Quaye's legal fees during her visa battle, whether by attending or by donating. Apart from anything else, the support from the other Circuit Churches showed a wonderful, united Circuit spirit, and also demonstrated the warm regard in which Becky herself was held by us all.

COFFEE BAR

Three regulars have had to step down from the rota and of course we are also losing Sarah Choi so if anyone has been thinking about volunteering, now would be a good time!! Thank you *Sarah Moore*

ROBIN GILL TALK

The local historian Robin Gill who regularly writes in the Village Voice will be here on Tuesday 11th July to do a talk about the local area with reference to 150 years of NMMC. It is sure to be an interesting evening so please come along. 7.30 for 8.00pm.

GRENFELL TOWER FIRE

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday, 2nd July, for victims of the Grenfell Tower fire.

YOGA FUNDRAISING

Rachel Ridley who runs the regular yoga classes in our halls offered an extra yoga class last Tuesday to raise funds for the families who have lost everything in the dreadful fire. The church waived her fee for the class and she raised an incredible £1035.



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Services in July and August

2nd July – Rev Choi – Holy Communion
Café church at 6.30pm with our very own
Doreen Downey

9th July – Rev Jo Henderson

16th July Junior church lead the service

23rd July – Rev Choi
Rev Brown and café church

30th July – Rev Clark
Circuit service in the evening at NM

6th Aug – Rev Paul Han – family service and
Holy Communion

13th August – Rev Lloyd – family service

20th August – Rev Sang Wook Han – family
service

27th August – Ms Lorraine Webb – family
service
Rev Clark for café church

Don't forget there will be an August edition of the newsletter covering all the 150th anniversary events. So just a gentle reminder that I will need photos and text by 21st July to carolineauty@hotmail.com or in the pigeon hole. I'm not entirely sure when the special issue will be out as I have to find someone to print it etc but look out for it in the church.

Diary Dates for July

Saturday 1st July

10.00am Coffee Bar - NMMC

2.00pm Malden Fortnight Parade

(meet at Church at 1.00pm if you are taking part)

2.45pm **150th Anniversary** Hymnathon

Sunday 2nd

6.30pm Café Church – Interview with Doreen Downey

Tuesday 4th

7.00pm Senior Badminton

Wednesday 5th

8.00pm Worship Committee Meeting

8.30pm Stewards' Meeting

Wednesday 5th

7.30pm Malden Community Choir
Performance of Iolanthe

Thursday 6th

Exhibition Set-up

Friday 7th

10.00am – 4.00pm **150th Anniversary**
Exhibition

Saturday 8th

10.00am Coffee Bar – NMMC

10.00am – 4.00pm **150th Anniversary**
Exhibition

7.00pm **150th Anniversary** Meal and Magic
Evening with Steve Price

Sunday 9th

10.30am **150th Anniversary** Jo Hendersen
leading Sunday Morning Worship

Tuesday 11th

7.00pm Junior Badminton

7.30pm **150th Anniversary** Meeting Point
with Robin Gill – History of the local area
with reference to 150 years.

Wednesday 12th

2.00pm Memory Café in the Welcome Area

Friday 14th

10.00 – 2.00pm Camera Club Exhibition

7.30pm – 9.30pm Camera Club Exhibition

Friday 14th

7.30pm

3 Fs

Saturday 15th

10.00am Coffee Bar – Amnesty International

10.00am – 4.00pm Camera Club Exhibition

6.45pm **150th Anniversary** - 'In House'
concert and Bring it and Sing it performance
of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour
Dreamcoat

Sunday 16th

10.30am **150th Anniversary** Junior Church
Festival 'Fishers of Men'

12.30pm Church Family Barbeque at home of
Birgit & Guy Cowan

Monday 17th

7.00pm Kingston District Chamber Music
Society Concert

Tuesday 18th

7.00pm Senior Badminton

Saturday 22nd

10.00am Coffee Bar – New Malden Guides

Saturday 29th

10.00am Coffee Bar – Glynis Fox –
Alzheimer's Society

Sunday 30th

5.00pm Farewell tea for Sarah & Choi

6.30pm Farewell Service for Choi

Diary Dates for August

Saturday 5th

10.00am Coffee Bar – Air Ambulance Service

Wednesday 9th

2.00pm Memory Café in the Welcome Area

Friday 11th

7.30m 3 Fs

Saturday 12th

10.00am Julia raising money for sanitary
products for UK teenage girls

Saturdays 19th and 26th

10.00am Coffee Bar – Vacant (please contact
Sarah Moore to book)