

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



*Ubuntu*  
**June 2011**

## **Who's who at New Malden Methodist Church**

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### **Minister**

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### **Church Workers**

Julia Morton (Youth and Children's Worker)  
Sarah Moore (Administration)

### **Stewards**

George Alleyne  
Jane Bennett  
Liz Edwards  
Janet Jones

### **Junior Steward**

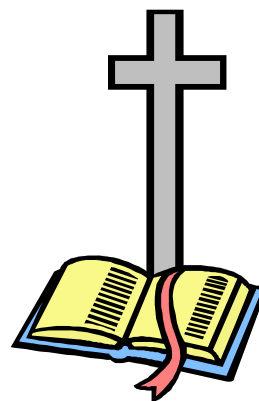
Emily Hampton

### **Music Co-ordinator and Organist:**

Dr. Peter Bullett

***“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”***

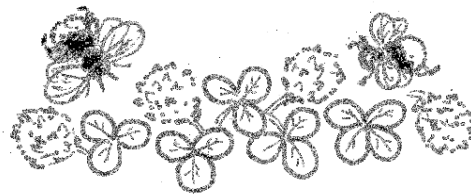
***1 Corinthians 12: 4-7***



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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 July/August edition of Ubuntu will be available on Sunday 26th June. Contributions can either be sent by email to:  
rosemarie.a.lester@btinternet.com  
Or, they can be left in the Church newsletter pigeonhole by Friday, 17th June. Thank you

**Rosemarie**

*(Additional material courtesy of parishpump.co.uk)*

## Minister's Letter

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### Dear Friends,

What do you want to do when you grow up – and no, I don't just mean those who are under 25 years of age. I mean everyone – because we are all called to grow in grace and holiness, to receive those gifts from God that will enable us to achieve our full potential. I have no doubt whatsoever that the first disciples thought that they already knew what they were going to be doing for the rest of their lives, until they met Jesus, then everything changed for them. They were already grown men, some of them with families, but fishermen, tax-collectors, accountants and scholars alike all found themselves doing something different after their encounter with the Spirit of God. The first apostles, deacons and evangelists were drawn from an astonishing range of people of all ages, nationalities and professions. So what makes you think that God might not be calling you to something different – regardless of what age you are, or how settled you think you are in your current job?

The time of Pentecost is an exciting time for the Church. It is a great reminder of how committed God is to empowering us to be the people God needs us to be. The world is as much in need of the Good News now – as it was on that first Pentecost when the lives of those gathered in the upstairs room were transformed for ever. God is still calling and empowering people to become preachers, teachers, deacons, pastoral leaders, apostles, stewards, elders, healers and evangelists in order to change the world. The only question is – which gift of the Spirit will God give to you this Pentecost? How changed by it will you be? What will you become when you have grown in grace and holiness?

There are some who insist that the time of the Spirit, the time for real life transformation and change has passed them by. But the evidence suggests otherwise. Throughout the history of Christianity God has chosen to use the most innocent, unsuspecting souls to communicate God's most powerful, provocative message of justice, peace and new life for all. I doubt that they would have said that they 'spoke in tongues' or that they were 'born again in the Spirit'. But they were open to being used by God, and they allowed themselves to be led by the Spirit into speaking or acting as required.

Just as 'growing up' doesn't happen overnight, so growing in grace can take a life-time before bearing fruit, but that doesn't make the gift of grace any less powerful or potent in God's eyes. Throughout the world, the

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Church is currently beginning to witness such a tremendous outpouring of grace that many people here in the UK are being urged to think again about their own calling. People of all ages are being moved by God to speak and act, to teach and to care, to stand up and testify to the work of the Spirit in their own lives. And they all say the same thing - Yes, it can be disconcerting, yes, it can be challenging, yes, it can even be a little frightening to discover that God wants to use you in some way – but it can also be incredibly affirming, life enhancing and exciting too! Being a part of God's plan for the world, helping to change it according to God's will and seeing it flourish is just amazing.

So this Pentecost, I ask again –what do you want to be when you grow up – what gifts and graces do you want God to pour out on you?

**Angie**

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Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me,

Mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

***Daniel Iverson***

## Church News and Announcements

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### **BIBLE MONTH**

June is Bible month for us at New Malden with a whole series of special services and guest speakers helping us to explore and enjoy God's Word in this special celebratory year of the Bible.

June 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am

**The Revd Dr Kenneth Howcroft.** Will lead our worship on Pentecost. He is a New Testament Biblical Scholar and the author of the Epworth Commentary on the Gospel of Mark.

June 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

**Café Church** will explore what the Bible really says about Women, Abortion, Euthanasia and Homosexuality. Be prepared for good debate and a few shocks!

June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

**The annual Junior Church service** will focus this year on the Bible.

June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**The Revd Dr Erica Longfellow** Reader in English Literature at Kingston University and the author of several books including Women and religious writing in early modern England will treat us to an exploration of the history and importance of the King James Bible.

June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

**The Revd Dr Peter Philips**, Director of Research at the Centre for Biblical Literacy and Communication will share with us how iphones, ipads, film, the internet and other aspects of the digital age have changed the way in which the Bible is used, read and studied today.

***These services are open to all, and given the special nature of the subject matter and the excellence of the speakers, we would encourage you to bring along a friend or two.***

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# **THE KING JAMES BIBLE**

**A SPECIAL INTRODUCTION TO THIS AMAZING,  
HISTORICAL TRANSLATION**

**GIVEN BY**

**REVD DR ERICA LONGFELLOW**



**READER IN ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**AT KINGSTON UNIVERSITY**

**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> 6:30PM**

**NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH**

**ALL WELCOME**

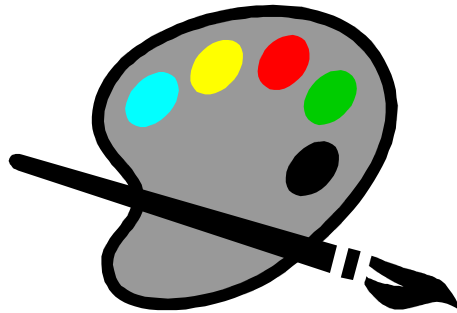
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**Create**

**Friday, 10th June - 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:

**“Pentecost”**



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!**

# Brownies

A new brownie pack (2<sup>nd</sup> New Malden) is opening and needs members. To qualify you need be a girl aged between 7 and 10 years and want to have fun! Brownies are part of the worldwide organization of Guides which has been running for 100 years.

*The pack will meet at  
New Malden Methodist Church  
on  
Friday evenings*

Registration is advisable.

Please contact Julia Morton at  
New Malden Methodist  
Church for further details.

Tel 0208 942 1288 between  
10am -2pm or email [brownies2@live.co.uk](mailto:brownies2@live.co.uk)



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### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2011

This year we collected a total of £1,730.63 in Christian Aid Week (15th May - 21st May) and it was made up as follows:

House to House Collections	£ 722.25
Methodist Church Donation	£ 440.00
Coffee Morning	£ 131.86
Bread and Cheese Lunch	£ 288.52
Other Donations	<u>£ 148.00</u>
	<u>£ 1,730.63</u>

I would like to thank three of our stalwart collectors, Gwen Bryant and John & Carol Dadds who have retired from door-to door collecting after many, many years of commitment. Their work for Christian Aid has been really appreciated and I know their support will continue in other ways. Thank you, also, to all the collectors, to Rita and Tony who helped with the coffee morning, to Julia and her band of helpers who organized another very enjoyable Bread and Cheese Lunch and, indeed, to all who gave so generously to the on-going work of Christian Aid.

***Jennifer Townsend***

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### 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, 6th June, starting at 8.00pm.**



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### SUMMARY OF CHURCH NOTICES FOR MAY

#### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Pam and Alan Vincent** celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Many congratulations to them on this magnificent milestone.

**Joyce Heath** is recovering well from shoulder surgery and is now having physiotherapy in Elm Ward, Tolworth Hospital. She would love to see some visitors. Free parking – call at Reception for free permit. Visiting times 2-4pm and 6-8pm.

Sadly, we regret to inform members that **Bob Bridges** has died unexpectedly; just after celebrating his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with his family. He will be greatly missed by us all.

#### PROPERTY MATTERS

There have been reports of doors being wide open as people arrive in the building in the morning. Also the cleaner has telephoned to say that the doors are occasionally wide open as he arrives at the empty building to clean. Clearly we are not being careful enough. Please lock doors as you leave. You can't lock anybody in, and you might just save the building from being vandalized. Thanks. *Irene*

#### ADULT BADMINTON CLUB

Just a reminder to everyone that we meet every Monday evening at 8pm in the upper hall and would be happy to have newcomers join us. Price per session £2. *Ching Yeung*

#### VACANCIES FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE FORMS

There are copies of the form in the Welcome Area should you wish to see what opportunities are still available to use your gifts and talents to serve God and the church in many different ways.

#### VACANCY WITH THE ONE PROGRAMME

Please see the welcome area notice board if you are aged 16-23 and interested in a part time post for one year working with the Methodist Church and Action for Children as part of the Methodist Youth Participation Strategy and its ONE Programme.

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### DIARY FOR JUNE



Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm	Youth Club
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Womens' Institute Rita LeVine
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.30	Church Family Barbeque
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Wives – meal 'OUT'
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Heretics Club
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	WAGs Tea Chat
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Junior Badminton
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Friday Fellowship
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30-5.00pm	Create - Theme 'Pentecost'
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Wives and Friends
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Junior Church Festival followed by church family picnic (weather permitting.)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	Fort Rocky Fund – Julia Morton
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Junior Badminton
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	Friends of Guiding – Joan Lane

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### LAST MINUTE

A minister waited in the queue to have his car filled with petrol just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

**F - THOUGHTS ON THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Luke 15**

Feeling footloose, fancy-free and frisky, this featherbrained fellow finagled his fond father into forking over his fortune. Forthwith, he fled for foreign fields and frittered his farthings feasting fabulously with fair-weather friends.

Finally, facing famine, and fleeced by his fellows in folly, he found himself a feed flinger in a filthy farm lot. He fain would have filled his frame with foraged food from the fodder fragments.

“Fooley! My father’s flunkies have fare far fancier,” the frazzled fugitive fumed feverishly, frankly facing fact.

Frustrated from failure and filled with forebodings, he fled for his family. Falling at his father’s feet, he floundered forlornly, “Father, I have flunked and fruitlessly forfeited further family favors....”

But the faithful father, forestalling further flinching, frantically flagged his flunkies to fetch the finest fatling and fix a feast.

But the fugitive’s faultfinding frater, faithfully farming his father’s fields for free, frowned at this fickle forgiveness of former falderal.

His fury flashed, but fussing was futile.

His foresighted father figured, “Such filial fidelity is fine, but what forbids fervent festivities?”

The fugitive is found! Unfurl the flags.

With fanfare flaring, let fun, frolic and frivolity flow freely, former failures forgotten and folly forsaken.

Forgiveness forms a firm foundation for future fortitude.

*Source: Rev. W. O. Taylor, 91, was the oldest man attending the Southern Baptist Convention a few years ago. At the annual breakfast for retirees, Brother Taylor rose and recited his own alliterative version of the parable of the prodigal son, which he entitled, “The Final Fixing Of The Foolish Fugitives” taken from “More Holy Humor” by Cal and Rose Samra.*

## Circuit News

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### Around the Circuit ..... June news from your Circuit Coordinator

Welcome back to Bonni-Belle who is back in the driving seat after her three month Sabbatical. No doubt many of you will already have heard some of her stories, and the rest will hear in the weeks to come.

#### Circuit Events

##### **CHESSINGTON**

**The Gospel Journey'** Rev Dr Donghwan Kim's extremely interesting introduction to the 'Q' Gospel continues on Thursdays at 7.45pm (last session on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June not Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>) From Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Rev Donald Finnan will explore the 'L' source of Luke's Gospel.. Venue: for both: the Parlour at Chessington Methodist Church at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Church Anniversary Summer Fair Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am until 2.00pm.**  
Traditional Stalls and lots of food including the famous Chessington Barbecue!

##### **NEW MALDEN**

**Mime Workshop led by Steve Murray from *Behold* Ministry**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Steve is a Christian artist whose vision is to "touch as many lives as possible with the power of Jesus Christ and the Christian message through mime. This is a circuit sponsored event open to anyone over 8, but especially teens. It would be wonderful if each church would bring a group to the event – a great way to wrap up the academic year. The workshop starts at 2pm and finishes with Steve participating in the evening service at 6.30pm. You don't have to stay but it would be a shame to miss out. If you can't make the workshop, just join the inspirational act of worship in the evening. No charge but bring something to eat – beverages provided. Please make sure all leaders of children and young people know.

##### **SURBITON HILL**

**Open Garden Afternoons:**

- **Sunday, 12 June 3 - 5pm in aid of The UK Friends of The Shepherd's Hospice**, Sierra Leone at 35 The Ridings, Surbiton Cream Teas and Treasure Hunt. Entrance: suggested donation of £6 to include Cream Tea & Treasure Hunt

- **Sunday June 19th 2 - 5 pm in aid of Action For Children** at 1The Crest and 68 Alexandra Drive, Surbiton. £3 combined entrance. Refreshments available at 1 The Crest

**District Events**

**Toolbox for Life & Church – Lost in wonder, love & praise Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm** A day workshop giving an opportunity to explore what it means to praise, lead praise, be creative in prayer and be a worshipper as well as a leader.

Ideal for house group leaders, worship leaders, local preachers in fact anyone who has a heart for worship or who encourages people formally or informally to be 'lost in wonder love and praise'.

Leader: Michaela Youngson is a Methodist minister in west London and author of 'Making the colours sing' and 'The Weaver, The Word and Wisdom'. Cost £50 (10% discount for groups of 3 or more).

For more information on any of these events, or the work of the Guy Chester Centre have a look at our website [www.chestercentre.org.uk](http://www.chestercentre.org.uk) or contact us on 020 8883 8204, email [admin@chestercentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@chestercentre.org.uk)

**and Elsewhere**

**Pentecost Festival 3-12 June** Events all over London. Watch out for programmes or check [www.pentecostfestival.co.uk](http://www.pentecostfestival.co.uk) for further information.

**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.

**Daphne Baker** email: [circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk](mailto:circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk) Tel 07510 548931

**Circuit Office, Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, 39 Ewell Rd., Surbiton KT6 6AF**



## Children's Pages

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**Hi,**

If you are in the middle of exams and tests I want you to know that you are in the prayers of the church and so are your families, who just want you to do your best! For that is all anyone can ask of you.

It can be tempting to cut corners or put some things off; that's why having deadlines and testing ourselves can be the challenge we need to push ourselves and, who knows, complete an activity beyond our expectations.

We don't always achieve the goals we set ourselves but we can try.

The cub scouts used to have a motto of "Do your best" (they may well still). At the meeting the arkela would challenge "Cubs do your best" to which the pack replied "We'll do our best"; it could be adopted by us all.

Doing our best or doing something as though it is for God makes the standards we set pretty high. It makes us continue a little longer, to clean in the corners or under the chair, to be more patient and loving.

In June this year let's all try to do our best, the results could be amazing.

**Love through Jesus**

***Julia***



# Goodness for show, or goodness for real?



Look at the picture and answer the following questions:

- 1. Is the girl holding a book? .....
- 2. Is the baby crying? .....
- 3. Is the washing up done? .....
- 4. Is the person reading the Bible doing God's will? .....
- 5. What would be better than reading the Bible at the moment? .....

*Write or draw your ideas here.*

The Pharisees started well, but they had got too

How can we obey God's law?

about some things and

about the important things

*(Hand-drawn scribbles and letters like S, U, F, Y, N, H, U, F, S, U, F, N, G, H, S are scattered throughout the drawing area.)*

**Church Services in June 2011**

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<b>5th June</b>	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service (W)	Revd Dr Shier-Jones Rev B Pickard
<b>12th June (Pentecost)</b>	10.30am Service (W) 6.30pm Service (CC/HC)	Revd Dr K Howcroft Revd Dr Shier-Jones
<b>19th June</b>	10.30am Service (AAW) 6.30pm Service (W)	Revd Dr Shier-Jones Rev R Jones
<b>26th June</b>	10.30am Service (W) 6.30pm Service (W)	Revd Dr P Phillips Ms L Webb

**Notes**

*HC - Holy Communion*

*CC - Café Church*

*W - Preaching Service*

*AAW - All Age Worship*




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**Flower Rota for June 2011**



**Date**

**Donated by:**

**Arranged by:**

**5th June**

Mrs K Barnes

Julia

**12th June**

Mrs J Clarke

Jan

**19th June**

Mrs A Bedford

Audrey

**26th June**

Mrs J Reid

Pam (W)

## Church Services and Activities

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<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	8.00pm	Badminton Club
	7.30pm	Wives and Friends Fellowship (fortnightly*)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00pm	Meeting Point*
	10.30am	Bible Study (term-time)
	12.15pm	Holy Communion in the Church
<b>Thursday</b>	6.30pm	Shell Club (age 7-12)
	9.45am	Toddlers Group (term-time)
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am	Friday Fellowship (once a month)
	2.30pm	Create Art Workshop (once a month)
	7.00pm	Guides (girls, age 10-14)
<b>Saturday</b>	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

**Church Office telephone number: 020 8942 1288**

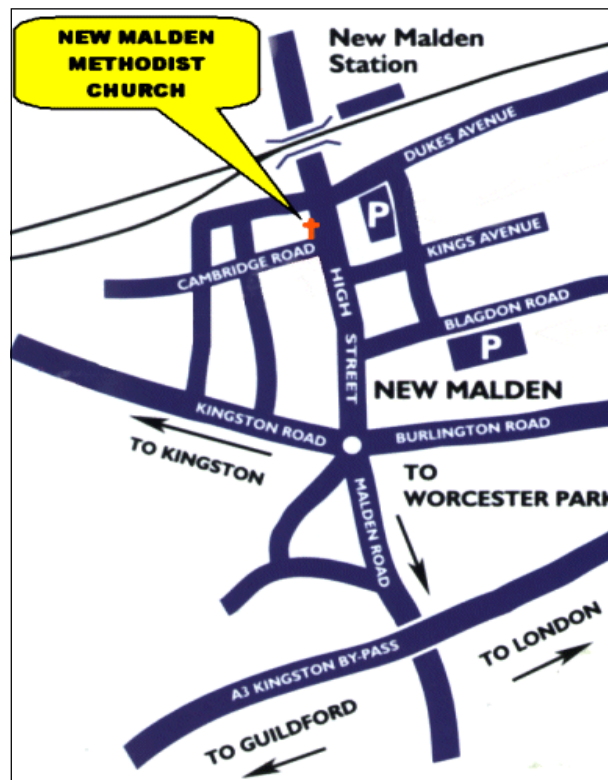
**Church Website: [www.newmaldenmethodistchurch.com](http://www.newmaldenmethodistchurch.com)**

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## Travel Directions

### New Malden Methodist Church

49 High Street  
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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