

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



***Ubuntu***  
**May 2011**

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

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Sarah Moore (Administration)

### **Stewards**

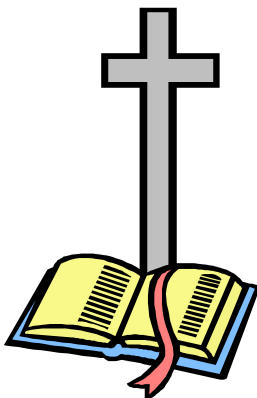
George Alleyne  
Jane Bennett  
Liz Edwards  
Janet Jones

### **Junior Steward**

Emily Hampton

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

Dr. Peter Bullett



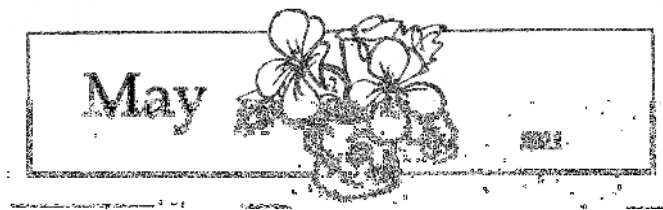
*"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very 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 June edition of Ubuntu will be available on Sunday 29th May.

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, 20th May. Thank you

**Rosemarie**

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

## **Minister's Letter**

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**Dear Friends,**

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

So what on earth has that to do with the Alternative Vote?

Everything.

In spite of what might be said at polite dinner parties, it is not actually possible for religion and politics to be separated without causing irreparable damage to the integrity of both faith and democracy. The sad thing is however, that all too many Christians and politicians think that religion and politics can and should be separated, whilst still more act as though they already are nothing whatsoever to do with one another.

Christ is risen – the world is different now – especially for Christians. There is a new order of justice and peace to be built, a new community of grace, and we are called to share in the building of it. The Kingdom that Christ spoke of, that he calls us to be citizens of, is not some mythical heavenly other world – but this world, here and now. If Christ's kingdom only existed in some afterlife – then what was the point of the resurrection? We were taught to pray 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven', because the risen Christ expects us to play our part in helping to answer that prayer. Those who choose to follow Christ therefore cannot simply absolve themselves of the responsibility to ensure that the hungry are fed, the naked clothed, the prisoner visited and taken proper care of, the widow supported and the child educated. Neither can they just delegate that task to the government and then insist that any failing or injustice, any abuse or neglect of the poor, the sick and the underprivileged is all the politician's fault.

Governments are not scapegoats for our collective acts of negligence. God will hold us, not the government, to account for the state of our society and the fate of the poor and the sick amongst us. It is for this reason that Christians in a democracy have a responsibility to be involved in government, to participate in whatever way they can in order to ensure that our 'state' is not an affront to God. The fact is that the way in which a people choose those who will represent them in government is as much a statement about their faith in God's future, as it is about their politics. We can see this as we look around the world at the moment. People of other nations are protesting, rioting, and even fighting for a

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system of government that they can believe in, that can translate their hopes for the future into reality, and be the answer to their prayers.

Christians are called to live as a resurrection people, to work for the future that God has promised and release the potential of humanity so that all can grow into the likeness of Christ. This does not mean to grow into a passive, weak and pious people! It means to grow into active, dynamic and purposeful people willing to do whatever it takes to make God's kingdom of justice and peace a reality on earth. Christ worked for the kingdom by addressing and challenging the government and institutions of his day, he was not afraid to speak out when it mattered most. Had there been a ballot box in his day, I have no doubt that Jesus would have voted! He did everything he could do to build an inclusive society and he taught us to do the same.

Christ is risen – the world is different now for his followers.

In his name, and by his power, we have choices to make and a job to do, a kingdom to help build and people to love. Lets do it!

**Angie**

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### **Church Family News**

Very many congratulations to **Emily and Sophie Hampton** who have both been given a Jack Petchey Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement for work in the community through Brownies.

We regret to have to inform members that **Mrs Julie Baker** died unexpectedly. Her funeral took place at Bonner Hill Crematorium on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Lambert Tracey** is on Chestnut ward at Tolworth Hospital for rehabilitation after his back surgery. He is doing well and would welcome visitors.

We would like to warmly welcome **David Knowles, Senja McKellar** and **Andrea Mooton** into our membership.

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### Diary for May

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Guides
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	WAGS: Devotional Afternoon
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Meeting Point: AGM
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Friday Fellowship
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Fort Rocky Fun – Julia Morton
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Church AGM
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Activ8 – Café Church
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Wives: Visit to Isabella Plantation
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	WAGs: Rita Le Vine - Chartwell
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Junior Badminton
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Meeting Point: Buffet Supper
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Youth Club
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-5.00pm	Create
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	Christian Aid Coffee Morning
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Christian Aid Lunch
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pam	Activ8 – Powerful Witness
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	WAGs: AGM
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – World Church Doug Bryan & David Willis Annual Plant Sale—Doug Bryan & David Willis
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Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pam	Activ8 – Enduring Witness
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Wives: Quiz
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar- Fircroft Trust – Stella Chattle

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### Christian Aid Week - 15th-21st May

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday, 14th May** and a **Bread and Cheese Lunch** on **Sunday, 15th May**. At both these events, I hope to be able to show a short film called *Out of Poverty* which will tell the story of Nicaraguan coffee farmers and how, with the help of Christian Aid, they have been able to work their way out of poverty. YOUR contribution can make a real difference!

If you would like to join us for our **Bread and Cheese Lunch**, please sign your name on the list in the welcome area so that we have an idea of the numbers for catering.



**Jennifer Townsend**

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### Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011 from 9.00am to 12.00 noon

***Please come & buy & enjoy a cup of coffee in the welcome area***

We also require plants to sell and will be happy to receive them on the patio from 8.30am on the day

All proceeds will go to the Methodist Fund for World Mission

***Robert Edwards & David Willis.***

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### Triodos Bank - Bristol

Unlike other banks, Triodos invests only in projects that actively promote the wellbeing of people and the planet, and reports all of these to its investors. The 16<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. is to be held in London on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2.30 pm to 6.15 pm at the Mermaid Theatre, Blackfriars and I have been invited. I am allowed one guest. If anyone would like to come with me, could they please contact me as soon as possible as places are allocated on a "first come first served" basis.

***Gwen Bryant (Telephone: 020 8546 0712)***

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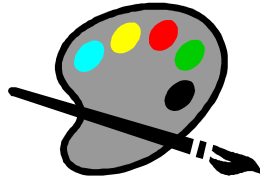
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### Create

Friday, 13th May - 2.00-5.00pm

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

**“Peace”**



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!**

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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, 2nd May, starting at 8.00pm.**



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### Action for Children (NCH) – Annual Report by Bob Bridges

<u>Contributions (£)</u>	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>2009/10</u>
Stewardship contribution	550.00	Nil
Christmas services	514.31	968.40
Donations	104.74	45.00
Memorial to Miss Reed	20.00	368.00
Special events	388.00	Nil
Sales (diaries etc)	73.98	59.95
Home Boxes	307.92	379.46
Income tax refund	Nil	7.05
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>1958.95</u></b>	<b><u>1827.66</u></b>

I have a supply of Home Boxes gathering dust instead of CASH, for you to put your small change in, instead of filling your handbags and pockets. I would be delighted to get rid of these – PLEASE OFFER TO TAKE ONE.

We are showing a slight increase in our contributions this year because the Stewardship contribution for 2009/10 was not received in time for inclusion in that year's total.

I am extremely disappointed that, despite several appeals, we have no volunteer to organise the House to House collection. The table below shows how we have reduced our help in this very worthy organisation over the last 10 years and how much the House to House collection contributed to the figures.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>House to House</u>
2002	2136.83	1123.86
2003	2641.77	1225.62
2004	3843.85	1275.22
2005	3069.35	1159.94
2006	2921.01	1509.90
2007	2974.01	1309.68
2008	3173.47	1163.09
2009	3369.21	859.63
2010	1827.66	Nil
2011	1958.95	Nil

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### **Night Shelter**

A big thank you to all those who helped in any way in the running of the night shelter. This year we had some younger volunteers who came through K.C.A.H. Their input was invaluable and helped to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We also had new volunteers from the Church and its contacts. There were between ten and twelve guests each Thursday. The meals were of a high standard which shows the dedication of those who provided them.

We were able to benefit from the experience of last year to ensure the shelter was well run. Next time we could do with some extra help in the mornings as it is a quick turn around.

The downside of the night shelter is that unlike last year it has been more difficult to place guests in more permanent accommodation which raises huge moral questions.

### ***Des Hancock***

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### **Cake Appeal**

This is an appeal to all cake makers to think about donating a cake on a more regular basis to the charity fundraising on a Saturday morning. The coffee bar is run every week for a charitable cause and the fundraising would be helped if instead of making individual appeals we could all, if we have time on a Friday, make a cake for whoever is manning it. The number of regular cake makers has declined recently.

Alternatively if you do not bake you could contact the organiser and donate the milk or the biscuits. Offers of help on the day also spread the load too. Every bit helps!

Thank you,

***Julia***



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### **Abacus**

One of the best things that ever happened to my family was getting a place for Mark at Abacus when he was small. That eventually brought us to become members at New Malden Methodist Church which has been another one of the best things that has happened to us. So I have a soft

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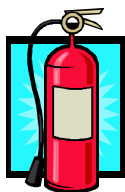
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spot for Abacus, and together with Sarah Moore, Sue Knowles, Greta Curry and Frank Rees, I continue to be active on the Abacus Board. At the last meeting, there was mention that some church members had made clear to Abacus mums that they were unhappy about Abacus using the kitchen and also the oak double doors for exit. (Both are within the scope of what the Church has agreed with Abacus.) Although I don't doubt that there are times when some Abacus families could be more considerate, it was unhappy news for me that church members might not be being polite to them. I suppose that I think that for many families that attend Abacus, the first (and perhaps only) exposure that they get to our church is through their comings and goings associated with Abacus. Because I know what a great and caring place our church is, I want that exposure to be positive so that others will also know. Please remember it is a part of our witness to be good to these families, even when they themselves might be more considerate, and remember that they may be struggling to maintain their own equanimity while facing the unique challenges of sleepless nights and small children.

**Angie Turner**

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### **Fire Safety Notice:**



Exit from the oak double doors leading out from the kitchen needs to be quick and easy in the event of a fire. There have been occasions when cars have parked too close to the doors for easy opening and exit, including by families with pushchairs. The property committee will shortly have a line painted on the forecourt in front of the doors to act as a guide. In the meantime, please could those using the forecourt area to park try to leave about two feet of clearance for exit through the oak doors. There should still be space to park a car in front of the doors, but this will ensure that if there were a fire all would be able to use the doors to exit to safety.

**Sarah Moore**

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### **Seize the day!**

*Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be, so enjoy this day while it lasts.*

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### Teaching in Kenya

Under the auspices of “Christians Abroad” I recently taught for 6 weeks at Heritage of Faith School ([www.heritage-of-faith.com](http://www.heritage-of-faith.com)), which is a Christian school serving an orphanage, at M’longo, 40 mins. outside Nairobi, in a small town where the lorry drivers from Mombasa meet the prostitutes. Travelling along this main highway every day by car or “matatu”, minibus, I was treated to the sight of multiple accidents and near-misses, a fate which I was grateful to avoid! Our regular route involved doing a U-turn onto the *fast* lane of the opposite carriageway, then immediately crossing two further lanes of traffic to turn left!

The reward was, however, the joy of teaching delightful, eager children, so keen to learn they snatched the new books out of my hands! One little boy jumped up and down with excitement upon receiving his first book. I am sure that particular seed was sown on fruitful ground.

The teachers were amazed by the sheer amount of materials (c. 50kg, including sets of Bibles) and eager to use them and to learn new ideas - and new tunes. (We did some lovely 2-part singing).

I was very impressed by the achievements of the school, where I witnessed the transformation of sad new arrivals into happy normal youngsters. The learning progress I observed, even during that short period, was very marked. Even the government has recognised the efforts of this centre and offered them land to build a new, larger orphanage. There is, of course, a waiting list of desperate cases. Apparently, their academic results are high and all last year’s cohort passed the competitive exam to go on to secondary education (Year 9).

Alas, Kenya lacks thousands of trained secondary teachers; so many children can proceed no further with their education. They have nearly finished the building of a bigger, modern orphanage, thanks to American funds. The two founder managers, Joseph and Teresia, with whom I stayed, are always glad to welcome more volunteers. They were both very devout Pentecostals, dedicated to their work.

Some of the children are ex-street children, rescued by Teresia, herself, from the streets of Nairobi and at first housed in their own garden, until the project expanded. 2 girls had been saved from the Congo, whilst 3 came from Somalia. I had one Masai pupil who lived in the nearby village.

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When I visited his home, I was amazed that *anyone* could manage to do sufficient homework to reach Grade 8, living in a hut so small and dark, with no running water, electric light, or personal belongings. It really is a Triumph of Will and Faith.

Altogether, it was a humbling experience, to see how much good can be achieved by simple people of faith, working day in, day out.

I felt that my visit to the school made considerable impact and my sincere (if regretfully belated) thanks go to friends at New Malden for their support and prayers and to Stella and Greta for goods knitted - gratefully received.

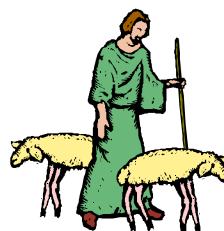
***Deo gratias.***  
***Hazel Crossley***

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### Versions of Psalm 23 - written by Activ8

*A big thank you to all members of Active8 who have contributed the following versions of Psalm 23, (whether you have added your names or have preferred to remain anonymous!)*

The Lord is my healer  
He makes me see the beauty of the world  
Even when I am blind  
Surely He can help others to see what He can.  
***Hannah Moore***



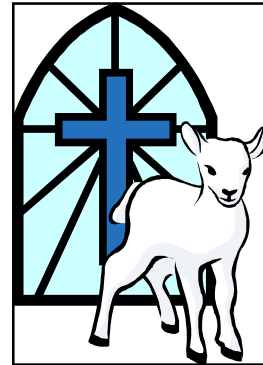
The Lord is my friend, he caress for me.  
He makes me happy when I am sad.  
He leads me safely through dark and rough terrains.  
He guides me for tough decisions even though I know what I want.  
You prepare a bed for me to sleep in.  
Surely he will love me forever.

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The Lord is my guide  
He makes me do the right thing  
Even though I against you  
Surely God will always be there for me.

*Stephen Edwards*



The Lord is my mentor. He provides all I need.  
He makes me rest when I am weary.  
He refreshes me.  
He leads me the right way to fulfil His name's duties.  
Though I may wander in Dangerous territories  
I fear nowt for the Lord's with me.  
Surely you'll remain by my side as long as I live.

The Lord is my guide, I need nothing.  
He makes me lie in fields and lets me rest.  
Even if I walk through rough streets, I'm not scared as He's with me.  
Surely you'll guide me forever.

The Lord is a hot drink on a cold day.  
He makes me feel full and content even with the bleakest of outlooks.  
Even though I was cold and empty I always knew He was there for me.  
Surely happiness should always be this simple for everyone.

*Ellie Moore*

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### Eulogy given for Edmund William Allen

#### **But when you pray...**

There are some people, for whom life can only be lived as a question or a prayer. They are often wise people, aware of the complexities of the decisions we all face, yet able to cut to the simple honest truth of a matter, because they know what really matters in life, and are not so easily led astray by the things that others value more. They are always humble prayerful people, spending many hours quietly in the company of the Lord, drawing their strength and support, their inspiration and their guidance from the source of all truth. They find in their prayers, both the questions that seek them, and those that God gives them to ponder, and their lives are spent searching out the answers that God alone can provide.

Eddie was such a man, someone whose life was lived out in quiet obedience to the commandments of God. A humble, dignified gentleman who kept faith with God all his life without false piety or bravado. Someone who would be utterly amazed to see anyone here at his service today – and who would be totally abashed to think that he inspired such respect and admiration. But the truth is that though he was, as the gospel commanded, a quiet and private man – the story of his life is an illustration of what Jesus was saying.

Eddie's life story begins in great Massingham in Norfolk when he was born as the second son into a family of two boys and three girls. He shared the love of his parents with his older brother Joe, and his younger sisters Madge and Margaret. Sadly one sister, Muriel, died young. Home life was strict but loving – setting the pattern for Eddie's own life.

Church and faith were taken for granted. The village Church was the centre of village life, and Eddie, like so many of his generation, came to faith through the regular disciplined life of the Church and was confirmed in it as a young man.

Eddie was no natural adventurer. If there was a risky option, or a slow but steady option to achieve the same goal, Eddie would choose the steady – not out of any fear or cowardice, but out of love of the journey. Taking your time over something enabled one to really appreciate something, a skill that Eddie learned young.

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During the war, Eddie was conscripted to Logistics, where his careful, meticulous manner helped to ensure that the infantry had all the artillery they needed, when they needed it. His work took him travelling around the country, often visiting the camps, accompanied by a German Shepherd which he loved. On his discharge, he was highly commended for his diligence, loyalty and honesty and it was no doubt that commendation which helped him to obtain his life-long post in sales at Fishers. It was here he was to meet Muriel, the love of his life, who was in charge of one of the sections. Their marriage was long, and happy, and blessed, their only sadness being that they were unable to have a child together. This however allowed them to foster Bronwyn, who was deeply loved by them both. Bronwyn, brought great joy into their lives, and Eddie especially valued the gift of love and family that she shared with them throughout his life.

Sadly, Muriel developed Alzheimer's and her death from this disease hit Eddie hard. His heart was clearly broken and nothing was ever the same for him again. It took great strength and determination to face the world alone, to find the joy and the sunshine without Muriel by his side. But Eddie did what Eddie had always done – took one day at a time, put one foot in front of the other, and found a way to share a smile.

Eddie found companionship and friendship later in life here at New Malden through the coffee shop and in particular through the Old Codger's table (the first one as you come in through the door!) But it was characteristic of Eddie, that he never took this friendship for granted. He would wait to be invited to join the people present, not wanting to 'interfere' or presume on their company. Always a perfect gentleman, Eddie would be the first to try and give up his seat if he suspected someone else was in need of it!

He liked to participate in the mid-week communion service, always politely reminding me beforehand that he was confirmed in the Church of England. He talked openly about faith, and about the state of the Church – and it was clear that he was grieved by the decline of faith in the world. His own part in the kingdom of God had led him to believe in the importance of steadfast prayer and faithful living – not in a pretentious or pious manner, but in a quiet and dignified manner.

And so we come as his friends and family, to give Eddie the recognition he never sought in life. To honour his quiet fidelity to the gospel and to

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give thanks for the way in which he shared the gospel with us. Without fuss or favour, Eddie reminded all for whom he doffed his cap, that God is with us, in quiet unassuming lives lived in love for others. Eddie would always insist that people matter more than money, and courtesy cost nothing . His private prayers were only made public by his gracious actions, by his unfailing politeness and care for others. Eddie was a popular man here at the servery, because he could always tell a good story with grace and humour. He was a serious soul, yes, but he also knew how to appreciate and value the goodness in life and the laughter that can fill it.

He was, as Jesus asked him to be, an intensely private man, whose faith upheld and supported him all the day long. He serves as an example to us all of genuine humility and grace and for that, we give thanks to God.

**Angie**



## Circuit News

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

On behalf of the whole circuit, and in the absence of Bonnie Belle, I would like to thank Mike Bibby and Alan Bennett for “grasping the nettle” and, delivering four training sessions held at each of the circuit’s churches. They instructed around 120 attendees on Module A of the Safeguarding Children and Young People policy. The Methodist Church quite rightly places huge emphasis on our churches being safe space for everyone, and our circuit is ahead of many in rolling out this training programme. Who must attend training is stipulated by Connexion and includes those in office who are not directly associated with children’s activities so thank you to all who attended. Each church’s Safeguarding Officer will maintain a list of attendance and new officers/helpers or those who did not attend this time, will be informed of future arrangements for training in due course.

Another circuit wide activity has been “Handwriting the Bible” in celebration of the 400 year anniversary of the King James Bible. Our circuit wrote and illustrated chapters from Ezekiel and these were presented at District Synod on 9<sup>th</sup> April. In July, each of the Districts will take their chapters to conference. Great care will be taken to accept each part of the bible in strict order so that it can be bound into over 20 volumes without further checking.

### Circuit Events

#### **CHESSINGTON**

**'10 Weeks' Gospel Journey'** Continuing on from the well attended Lent Course, Rev Dr Donghwan Kim will introduce us to the 'Q' Gospel during the first five weeks (Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May & Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June). Rev Donald Finnan will explore the 'L' source of Luke's Gospel and will take the following five weeks at dates to be confirmed. Venue: the Parlour at Chessington Methodist Church at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### **KINGSTON**

**Plant and Produce Sale Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 – 12.30**

#### **NEW MALDEN**

**Annual Plant Sale Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 9.00-12.00** on the Church Patio. Proceeds to World Church Funds.

#### **SURBITON HILL**

**Quiet Day** On Saturday 21 May, the Rev. Andrew Pakes will lead a Quiet Day on the theme "Nothing ventured....." Although this is a Surbiton Hill event, members of other Circuit churches will be welcome. The venue will be at the home of Maureen

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Campion in Claygate and will start with coffee at 10.00 am. A light lunch will be provided and the day will end with a cup of tea at 4.00 pm. If you would like to share in this day, please ring Maureen on 01372 465945.

### District Events

#### **London District Service of Celebration and Launch of the London District MEDAL 2012 initiative**

**(Methodists Energising Disciples as Leaders) 6.30pm 22nd May 2011 at Wesley's Chapel** with the President and Vice President of the Conference. An opportunity to recognise and celebrate the saints of God, those faithful members of our congregations who exercise discipleship, leadership and voluntary lay ministry in their many and varied ways week in and week out in our churches and circuits. The Ghanaian, Chinese and Korean Fellowship choirs have confirmed their participation as has the Wandle Valley Circuit and Shern Hall Methodist Church Youth Steel Band. Applecart will be performing. Our District Chair Rev Jenny Impey especially requests that representatives come from ALL churches in our district.

**Hugh Price Hughes lecture - series 2011** 7.30pm at Hinde Street Methodist Church Tel: 020 7935 6179 [www.hindestreet.org.uk](http://www.hindestreet.org.uk) 10th May - Professor Archie Lee: Department of Religion, The Chinese University of Hong Kong & 14th June – Dr Mukti Batron: The Queens Foundation

**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.

Rev Dr Angela Shier-Jones is "Acting Superintendent" whilst Rev Bonnie Belle Pickard is on sabbatical so please contact her on pastoral matters and, in her absence, contact Rev Dr Steven Talbot and Rev Dr Donghwan Kim. Please continue to direct administrative queries to me in the circuit office.

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## Children's Pages

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**Hi**

Are you good at speaking? I don't mean necessarily in front of lots of others, giving a speech, but also generally, chatting and exchanging views. Some people seem to be able to engage others in conversation really easily.

It does take quite a bit of confidence to get to that stage when it is a more natural way of speaking. Shyness and low self esteem can hinder the process. However the same is also true of spouting endlessly to almost fill a void and it can equally disguise a lack of self confidence.

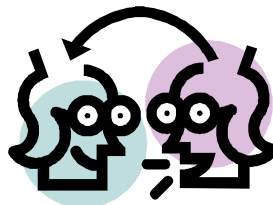
So, giving someone a compliment or commenting in a positive way can break the ice in new situations or relationships and aid and develop a good way of speaking using encouraging language.

Listening is a skill that we can all develop. Not just hearing the noise but really listening to what has been said before engaging your mouth to make the reply.

Listening to people can be life changing, for it can be the way God uses us, as his voice to get his message across. His language will be positive, encouraging and wise. We can try to be the same.

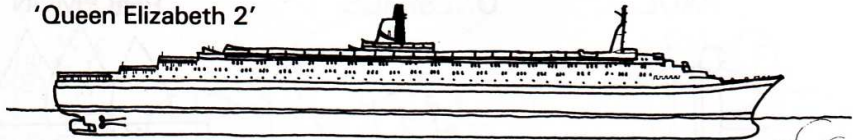
Love through Jesus

*Julia*

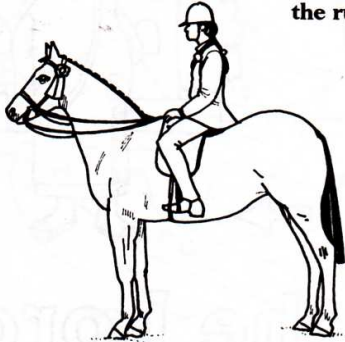


Find this in James 3

'Queen Elizabeth 2'



Draw a circle around the rudder.



Draw a circle around the bit.



Draw a circle around the match.

The mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:45

**THE MOUTH TEST**  
**Before you speak take the Mouth Test.**

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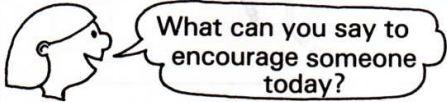
2. Is it helpful?

3. Is it loving?

**Wordsearch**

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- ENCOURAGE
- FIRE
- FLAME
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- MOUTH
- RUDDER
- SHIP
- STEERED
- TAME
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## Church Services in May 2011

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<b>1st May</b>	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service (W)	Revd Dr Shier-Jones Mr S Seo
<b>8th May</b>	10.30am Service (W) 6.30pm Service (CC/HC)	Rev D Vernon Revd Dr Shier-Jones
<b>15th May</b>	10.30am Service (AAW) 6.30pm Service (W)	Mrs P Vincent Ms L Webb
<b>22nd May</b>	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service (W)	Mr D & Mrs C Doe Rev Dr D Kim
<b>29th May</b>	10.30am Service (W) 6.30pm Service ( <b>Circuit</b> )	Revd Dr Shier-Jones <b>Surbiton Hill</b>

### Notes

*HC - Holy Communion*

*CC - Café Church*

*W - Preaching Service*

*AAW - All Age Worship*



## Flower Rota for May 2011



<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated by:</u>	<u>Arranged by:</u>
<b>1st May</b>	Mrs J Bedford	Doreen
<b>8th May</b>	Mrs G Curry	Julia
<b>15th May</b>	Mr A & Mrs P Vincent	Pam (W)
<b>22nd May</b>	Mr F Rees	Pam (W)
<b>29th May</b>	Mrs J Jewell	Pam (B)

## 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**

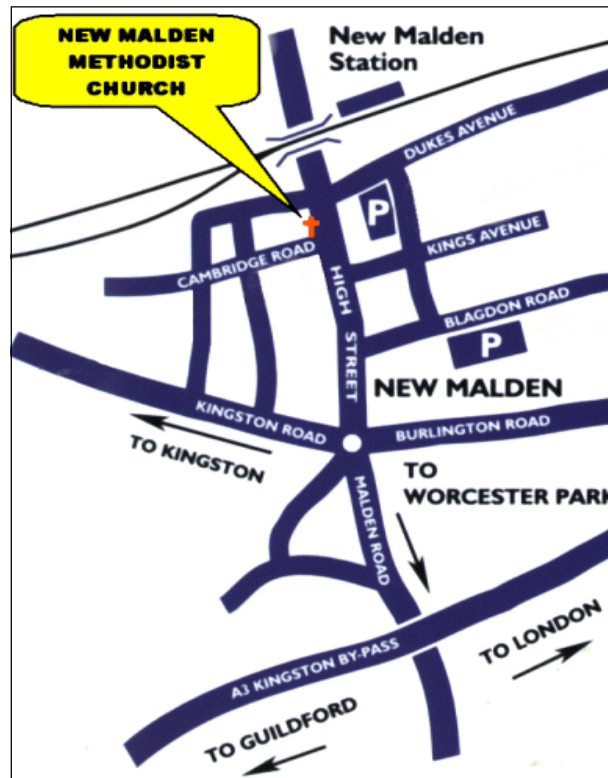
**Church Website: [www.newmaldenmethodistchurch.com](http://www.newmaldenmethodistchurch.com)**

**Church Admin Email: [nmmc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nmmc@hotmail.co.uk)**

## Travel Directions

### New Malden Methodist Church

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New Malden  
KT3 4BY



### 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