

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



Ubuntu
November 2011

Who's who at New Malden Methodist Church

Circuit Superintendent

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard
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Assisting Minister

Rev D Finnan

Church Workers

Julia Morton (Youth and Children's Worker)
Sarah Moore (Administration)
Angy Stagg (Pastoral work)

Stewards

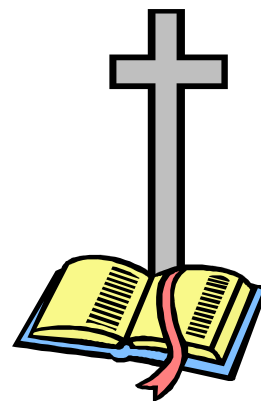
George Alleyne
Jane Bennett
Maurice Chattle
Liz Edwards
Janet Jones

Music Co-ordinator and Organist:

Dr. Peter Bullett

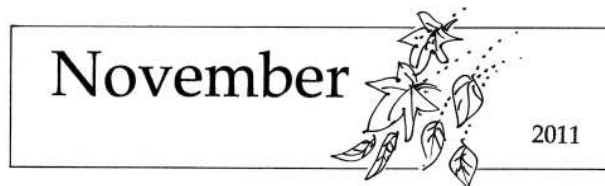
“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

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 December/January edition of Ubuntu will be available on Sunday 27th November. 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, 18th November. Thank you

Rosemarie

(Additional material courtesy of parishpump.co.uk)

Letter from our Circuit Superintendent

Superintendent's Letter – November 2011

A Training Circuit...

It was just a little over three years ago that Angie and Dong and I sat together in the front room of my manse for our first Staff Meeting. We were all new to our particular positions in the circuit, Angie and I being new to the circuit as well. We spent the first bit of the meeting introducing ourselves to each other – relating bits of our journeys so far, our family connections, the current (mostly practical) challenges we were facing at the moment (“How DO I get from Alexandra Drive to Chessington?”). And then we spent some time sharing our hopes and dreams for the circuit and how we would work together. Two items in particular come to mind: (1) we were determined that the four churches of Kingston Circuit would lose their “four separate kingdoms” mind-set and become more circuit-minded: four churches working together for God's Kingdom in Kingston. (2) We recognised that amongst ourselves and the laity we had already met in the circuit, there was a large capacity for teaching and training, and so we would offer our circuit as a “training circuit” for the district.

With regards to both dreams, it seems God has really taken us at our word! Since Angie has died and Dong has been replaced with a (wonderful!) probationer, I now, by default, go to ALL the Church Councils and many of the church meetings at every church – which means that, more than ever, at least I know what is going on in every church! Our reduction of ministerial staff also means that we are increasingly looking at using our resources in the most efficient ways possible. On matters such as Attendance at Evening Services, or Pensions for Lay Employees, or Ordering New Hymnbooks, or Setting up Nomination Committees, we're increasingly able to capitalise on each other's efforts instead of each church having to come up with its own answers. I'm also in a better position to know what lay resources are available in each place and which people could lend their expertise easily enough to another congregation...

The second dream of becoming a “training circuit” has also become a reality few of us could have imagined. Three years ago we had two Local Preachers in training: Linda Davis and Pam Vincent. They were both coming to the end of their training, and we were wondering if anyone else would feel a call to go On Note. Since then we have had **ten persons offer for Local Preacher** training in our circuit! Not all of them have been able to stay in our circuit for the completion of their training, but certainly, this is a big increase! We have also trained **four Worship Leaders** in the past two years. We have hosted training events such as our **EDEV Fests and Safeguarding** training as well as hosting a **Connexional Mission Evangelism Day**. We are continually offering **Membership Classes** for those who want to become full members of our churches. We have had at least two **Ministerial Candidates assigned to our**

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circuit to “shadow” either Angie or me over the period of a few months. At present we have a **Candidate for Ministry from our circuit** (Sangwoo Seo) who is going through the initial intensive period of discernment before beginning his official Ministerial Training. And we have Elizabeth, for whom this period of **Probation** is the last stage of her practical training as a minister leading up to her Ordination. We have certainly become a “training circuit”.

Some would point out that often as soon as we get people trained, they move on to serve in other places. “Can’t the people we’ve trained stay here with us?” Certainly, many of the lay people in our midst HAVE stayed with us, and for that we are grateful. Others have moved on – some even across the world (as with Lou Gallardo who has taken her Lay Preacher training to the Philippines!). Perhaps this is a contribution we are making to the wider Methodist world.

And then we can remember as well all the ministers and lay persons who have come to us already trained in other places. Have we sent our thanks back to each of the churches and circuits that trained and nurtured those who serve us now so ably?

Before I was a minister, I was a teacher for some 25 years. The beautiful thing about teaching is the passing on of knowledge and experience to ensure that another generation can survive and thrive – and perhaps even exceed in areas where we were just beginning to understand.

I’m proud to be a part of this “training circuit”. I’m proud that our Church Councils and Circuit Meeting and Local Preachers Meeting keep approving new names to be trained and that our Circuit Treasurer and the Leadership Team keep approving new budgets to pay for the training. I’m pleased that the Local Preachers keep agreeing to “mentor” the new ones stepping up to the pulpit to preach and that local church stewards and officers willingly agree to train new ones in their duties. I’ve been delighted to be able to use the insights and expertise of people such as Olive Gibbins, Stan Brown, and Donald Finnan (and Angie and Dong) to train our new Local Preachers. I’m thrilled that Rev Eric Murray has agreed to take on the position of Local Preacher Tutor and that Julia Morton and Judith Jewell are running training events for those in our circuit who work with Children.

In all of this, I feel God’s Spirit pushing and prodding the Kingston upon Thames Circuit in new and exciting directions. Perhaps this is a training ground for the Kingdom of Heaven to come here to earth...

Bonni-Belle

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Evening Worship



The number of people coming to evening services has been falling over the last year or two so we are looking at different ways of how we can worship. We are going to try some of the suggestions raised during our worship consultation evening.

Every month we will have the following:

- A bible study led by Rev Donald Finnan as the main part of the service. This will be interactive.
- Cafe Church, which will sometimes include communion. This has been a very exciting way of sharing the gospel with each other over tea or coffee. We are given biblical passages which encourage us to discuss and reflect on current issues that have often been in the news during the week, however difficult. There is a real buzz around all evening where there is a lively exchange of views shared around the tables in the coffee area! Ages range from 14 to!
- A communion service (when not part of cafe church)
- Occasionally we will have what we are calling 'Church Lite'. This will be a shorter time of worship of a more relaxed nature; more singing and it will finish by sharing refreshments together.
- Sometimes we will have a traditional Methodist Service

We do hope that you will feel you want to be a part of this experiment and if you would like to know more please contact any of the stewards. Activ8 will be an integral part of some the evenings as well. We will review how these services have been received in 3-6 months time. You may say that the winter is not the best time to try something new but why not? Let's give it a go!

Janet Jones

A once-in-a-century Remembrance Day – 11-11-11-11

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011, the nation will pause to remember those who have given their lives in fighting for this country.



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World Church Weekend

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th November 2011.

We look forward to the visit of Deacon Glenda Sidding on the Sunday morning to lead our worship. She will tell us about the work of Wells for India which is the overseas project to which we are donating this year half of the net proceeds of our servery. She will also make the annual presentation to the JMA collectors of awards given for raising funds for the World- Wide Church.

After the morning service Deacon Sidding will show us a DVD & tell us more about the charity in an informal session in the church.

Then there will be a faith/buffet lunch at 1.00pm. If you want to come to the lunch please give your name to either Carol Dadds or Julia Morton beforehand so that they can co-ordinate the contributions of food for the meal.

On the Saturday morning we shall be serving coffee & selling cakes in the Welcome area in aid of the World Church. Offers of cakes to be sold and help in the servery will be warmly welcomed.

David Willis (8942 7444).



NMMC – Extraordinary AGM

- Please note that an Extraordinary AGM, chaired by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard, has been arranged for Sunday 6th November at mid-day (following the morning service)
- The purpose of the meeting is to reach a decision on the possible purchase of the new Methodist hymnbook, *Singing the Faith*
- All members and friends of New Malden Methodist Church are invited to attend
- More information on *Singing the Faith* is available on a Methodist Church website: www.singingthefaitth.org.uk

Rosemarie Lester

Christmas Fair

Friday 25th November

New Malden Methodist Church



5pm-7pm



Featuring:

Food, crafts, cards, toys, fair-trade

Father Christmas in his winter
wonderland

Preserves, £1 stall, books, raffle and
much more

**Proceeds to Royal Marsden Hospital &
Princess Alice Hospice**



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Wives and Friends Fellowship

Programme 2011-2012

Meetings are on Mondays at 7.30pm (*Subscription - £1 per meeting*)

14 th November	Crafts for Christmas
28 th November	House swaps – <i>Ann W</i> Walking on Samos – <i>Stella Chattle</i>
12 th December	Flower arranging for Christmas - <i>Members</i>
19 th December	Christmas Carols and Readings
9 th January	Collections – <i>Members evening</i>
23 rd January	Meal – <i>In</i>
13 th February	Favourite music – <i>Alison Bullett</i>
27 th February	<i>Julia Morton</i>
12 th March	AGM & “A good read”
26 th March	All year colour in the garden – <i>Claire Brown</i>
2 nd April	Easter thoughts
23 rd April	St George’s Day Celebration
14 th May	Visit to Isabella Plantation
21 st May	Painting with Stella
9 th June	Fund Raising event
11 th June	Meal – <i>Out</i>

Joy Clarke - Leader



Night Shelter – 2012

The night shelter will commence on the evening of Thursday, 19th January. It will continue every Thursday evening and Friday morning for six weeks. We will be able to accommodate up to 12 guests, providing an evening meal and breakfast. There are three shifts; 6.00pm – 10.00pm, 10.00pm – 6.30am and 6.30am – 8.30am.

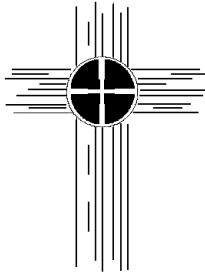
A planning meeting will be arranged in the near future. We need volunteers to help with the provision of meals; evening dinner and breakfast. Volunteers are particularly needed in the mornings as the premises are to be vacated by 8.30am ready for Abacus.



This is the only outreach that the church carries out which involves the whole church.

Des Hancock

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Music in New Malden *Series Four* 2011 – 2012

The church in the High Street
KT3 4BY

We are delighted to announce the fourth series of concerts of music on authentic instruments master-minded by two local professional musicians
Jane Booth and John Irving.

An hour's music at 3 o'clock on the second Sunday of the month
followed by tea and cake.

13th November

DeNOTE

Jane Booth – *clarinet*
John Irving – *fortepiano*
Vanhals, JC Bach and Haydn.

2012

8th January

Jane Booth – *chalumeau*
Henrietta Wayne – *violin*
Karen Glen – *harpsichord*
with string trio
Graupner and Fasch (chalumeau concerto)

11th March

Jennifer Morsches – *cello, piccolo cello*
Robin Bigwood – *harpsichord*
Bach, Lanzetti and Franciscello

10th June

John Irving and Steven Devine – *fortepiano*
Mozart piano 4 hands



Retiring collections in aid of charity

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Rotary Shoeboxes

Thank you!

The Rotary shoebox representative came to talk to Meeting Point on 18th October and we were able to give him an amazing 81 boxes!! Thank you so much to all those who donated filled boxes or items for the 'Church' boxes. They will be so welcome when they arrive in Eastern Europe. We were also able to pass on a cheque for £100 to help towards transport and postage from your donations and this was very gratefully received.

At Meeting Point we were shown a couple of short films of the boxes being taken to Romania and the picture on the faces of the children was so moving. Julie Haines has a copy of the DVD to show to Junior Church at some time. If you would like to look at it with your organisation, do please speak to Julie.

We also received copies of the latest newsletter and I will put a couple of copies in the Welcome Area in case you would like to read them. However, to summarise, the most recent delivery took place in April this year and a total of 12,714 boxes were delivered to Eastern Europe, mostly to various destinations in Romania but also to Croatia and Kiev in the Ukraine. The driver was accompanied by a photographer who went along to collect material for a new, up-to-date DVD, which, hopefully, we will be able to see one day.

Once again, many thanks for your efforts.

Carol Dadds

Core Skills - the Methodist training curriculum for Children's Workers.

Julia Morton is planning to offer this course as a succession of monthly Sunday afternoon sessions at New Malden Methodist Church in January 2012 and a series of dates will be given out soon. Julia had been planning to start the course in October but has had to postpone due to unforeseen circumstances. Please note the change of date and contact Julia for more information.



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NMMC Church Council Meeting – 5th October 2011 Summary of main discussion points

- The meeting was chaired by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (BBP) with 23 members of the Council, plus 5 observers attending.
- BBP passed on several messages of condolence and thanks that she had received following Angie's funeral service.
- Peter Bullett informed the meeting that he had received advanced copies of the new Methodist hymnbook, *Singing the Faith* and that he was considering its merits. It was agreed that an Extraordinary AGM would be called for 6th November, following the morning service, to allow an opportunity for debate and to come to a decision on whether the church should purchase the hymnbook.
- BBP explained that following on from Angie's death, Rev Donald Finnan had agreed to take on pastoral "responsibility" for NMMC, whilst she would be responsible for administration or pastoral "charge". The London District is working towards providing some additional pastoral support for the Kingston Church as well. Jenny Impey, District Chair, would be doing all she could to provide us with a new minister as soon as possible but this was unlikely to happen until September 2012. The stationing process had started and she hoped that we would know who our new minister would be early next year. Expressions of thanks were offered to Donald.
- It was agreed that a regular Leadership Team meeting for stewards and key officers would be introduced at NMMC and that the next meeting would take place on 16th November.
- Julia Morton has agreed to become the circuit steward for NMMC; Sarah Moore has volunteered to take over responsibility for Action for Children and Pam Vincent has agreed to sort through the NMMC archive material before this is handed over to a church archivist, once appointed.
- BBP proposed that a Nominations Committee should be introduced at NMMC and this was agreed. It will be tasked with identifying church vacancies, considering job descriptions and compiling a list of volunteers in readiness for next year's AGM. Work will start on this at the next Leadership Team meeting.
- Julia Morton reported that although Shell Club had ended in July, a new monthly Youth Club and a new Brownie Pack (meeting on Fridays) were running successfully. Trips to Fort Rocky and Greenbelt had been very enjoyable and it is hoped to repeat both next year. Julia thanked those who had sponsored the

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the Greenbelt trip. Julie Haines would like to “retire” from her role in Sunday School/Junior Church once a replacement can be found.

- BBP drew attention to several youth events; Camas Youth Camp (part of Iona) in August 2012, A District Youth Board event in Wembley District on 22nd October (Edward Nkwelle is the new youth co-ordinator) and 3GENERATE (Youth Assembly) is planned for the 1st weekend in November.
- Doreen Downey reported that in March 2011 our church membership was 121; with 2 young people becoming members in the summer. The Pastoral Visitors' Rededication Service had taken place in September and the “Getting to know you” lunches had been going well.
- Julia Morton announced that the Christmas Fair would take place on Friday, 25th November and that the nominated charities would be Royal Marsden Hospital and Princess Alice Hospice.
- Following a report from Irene Chalk it was agreed that the toilets in the welcome area would be refurbished and the kitchen in the flat would be replaced (a Quinquennial requirement). It was further agreed that quotations would be sought for the redecorating and re-carpeting of the Sanctuary. This would be planned for summer 2012; in faith that funding would be achieved through fundraising in the meantime.
- Alan Vincent announced that income from room lettings had risen significantly and that a wide variety of activities was now taking place in the halls. He reminded church members to ensure that they book meetings with him to avoid problems with availability. Concern was raised about outside organisations failing to comply with their conditions of hire regarding safeguarding. It had been noticed that the doors have not always been manned or latched shut. If church members see this happening they were asked to remind outside groups that this is a condition of their hire and to inform Alan, who has the authority to write to the people concerned. It was suggested that a bell system could be considered to alert hall users that someone was waiting outside. Clarification on safeguarding responsibilities when outside groups were using the premises would be sought.
- Eric Murray gave a positive report on the work of the counselling service and was pleased to announce that the financial contribution to the church had been increased this year in the form of a bonus. He paid tribute to Angie for her support; particularly when the relationship between the service and the church had been under discussion earlier this year. The service valued being part of the church family and had appreciated the setting up of the Liaison Group. Work had been undertaken to raise the profile of the counselling service and to become

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more “visible” in the welcome area.

- Janet Jones reiterated the fact that the Liaison Group between the counselling service and church had been helpful in clarifying lines of communication; although most issues had already been successfully resolved by the time of the meeting. The group would be meeting again in advance of the next AGM.
- Des Hancock announced that the night shelter would take place on Thursdays, from 19th January to 23rd February. There will be a planning meeting in late November; more help will be sought with breakfast and cleaning and he will also be looking for another family or group to provide an evening meal. Des thanked Amy Jewell for her help.
- Tony Chalk was pleased to report an increase in church income; the first for a few years and he thanked Alan Vincent for his work on room lettings. He mentioned that the property reserve would be partly eaten up by the agreed works and that a response would be needed by the church to fund the redecoration of the Sanctuary. Members approved the list of charitable donations for the year and after some discussion, it was agreed that a flat rate of £10 would be charged for the use of the coffee bar on Saturday mornings. Tony would like to retire as Treasurer as soon as a replacement is found.
- BBP asked Tony to look into the issue of pension provision for lay workers with Geoff Turner at Surbiton Hill and it was confirmed that as Abacus was run separately from the church the recent increase in the London Living Wage had no implications for NMMC.
- Louise Mount reported that the circuit had welcomed Elizabeth Osei the new minister at Chessington in September and that Sangwoo Seo had been approved as a candidate for ministry. Ermal Kirby would leave the district at the end of the year, and Michaela Youngson would become a District Chair in September 2012. The next circuit service would be at Kingston on 30th October when the theme would be MEDAL 2012 (Methodists Enabling Discipleship and Leadership).
- Judith Jewell mentioned that she had been involved with MEDAL 2012 since its inception and that this is a new initiative to encourage lay leadership. There will be a conference for the district in February 2012.

The dates of the next meetings were agreed; 11th January and 12th March 2012.

Rosemarie Lester - Church Council Secretary

Prayer

I have long been a critic of Kitchen sink prayers where everyone asks God to direct his attention to all the world's evils and then we can all go home with a clear conscience as at least 'we prayed for them'.



I was delighted therefore, when clearing papers to make life easier for my Executor, to come across a prayer which had appealed to Irene and I when we visited a church at Tournon sur Rhône at the turn of the century. Translations are rarely satisfactory but I will attempt it:

*'Lord we pray to you;
Teach us to change how we see life
Open our eyes
To the realities of our world so that we can see them clearly and not be mistaken
or doubtful but welcome them as a meeting with God.
Teach us to change our conceptions of the certainties that enclose us, to the
value we give them and to question our judgements
Give us the knowledge how to receive, how to ask and how to speak to others.
The need one has of them.
Teach us to look to the future and not always look back.
Look to the future where God awaits us and of whom we should already have a
vision.
Teach us to listen and recognise the needs of others and to have no fear of the
unknown.*

To summarise, my attitude to prayer is that we should ask God to help us to understand and deal with the world and not expect Him to interfere in it.

Leslie Parker

Observations on our faith

- Man does what he can, and God what he will. *John Ray*
- We may ignore, but we cannot evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. *CS Lewis*
- Though the Lord is out of sight, we are not out of his. *M Henry*

Children's Pages

Hi

Imagine someone has promised to give you something or do something with you and then they have forgotten or ignored that promise. How would it make you feel? Upset? Disappointed? Let down? Would you trust them the next time they promised to do something? Maybe not.

That is the important thing about a promise. It isn't a maybe or an I'll see or even I will try. If a promise is made it is so important that it is kept. That the thing is given or the event takes place. So when a promise is made it is binding between the person making the promise and the rest of us whoever we may be.

I love the story of Noah which tells us about a man who really trusted God, enough to build a boat in the middle of nowhere, miles from the sea. It ends with God promising to never send such a flood again upon the earth and to show he meant it he sent the sign of a rainbow.

If you ever feel the need to be reassured of God's love for you just remember the rainbow and rejoice that God always keeps his promises....will you?

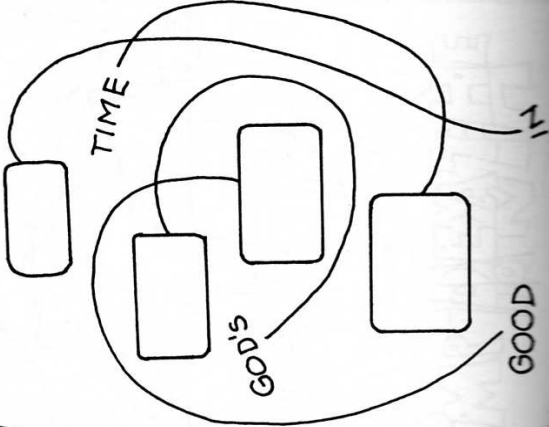
Love through Jesus

Julia



OUR HOPE FOR HEAVEN IS BASED ON GOD'S PROMISE.

Acts 26:6-7



What has God promised us?

Key:

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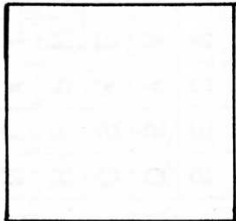
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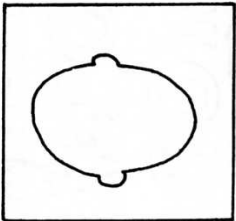
This means this:

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 IA, WMT VEH CUA
 AVANHJRSELD HEBA
 BTHH MB FMW,

Romans 5:2, 5



Draw a picture of something you have been promised



Draw your face when the promise was kept

Church Services in November

6th November	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service (BRV)	Rev S Brown Rev D Finnan
13th November Remembrance	10.30am Service (AAW/P) 6.30pm Service (HC)	Mrs P Vincent Rev B Pickard
20th November	10.30am Service (WC) 6.30pm Service (CC)	Mrs G Sidding Rev D Vernon
27th November Advent 1	10.30am Service 6.30pm Service (F of L)	Mrs C & Mr D Doe Rev S Brown

Notes

AAW/P - All Age Worship/Parade

BRV - Bereavement

CC - Café Church

F of L - Festival of Lights

HC - Holy Communion

WC - World Church



Flower Rota for November 2011



Date

6th November
13th November
20th November
27th November

Donated by:

Mrs M Dale
Miss M Eccleshall
Mr J King
Mrs S Knowles

Arranged by:

Julia
Pam V
Pam B
Birgit

Church Services and Activities

Sunday	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	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)
	8.00pm	Meeting Point*
Wednesday	10.30am	Bible Study (term-time)
	12.15pm	Holy Communion in the Church
Thursday	9.45am	Toddlers Group (term-time)
	6.30pm	Youth Club (Monthly, 1st Thursday in month)
Friday	10.00am	Friday Fellowship (once a month)
	5.15pm	2nd Brownies (age 7-10)
	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

Church Office telephone number: 020 8942 1288

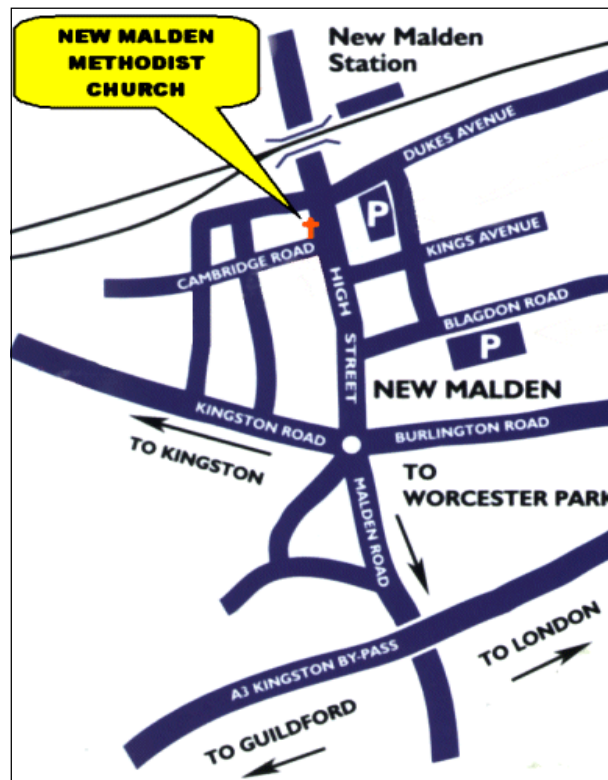
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Travel Directions

New Malden Methodist Church

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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