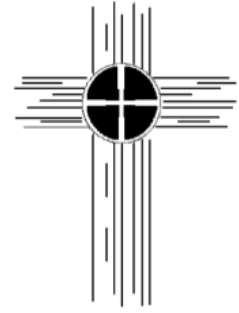


# The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church November 2016



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## Message from Reverend Choi

Dear friends,

Last month I went up to Swanwick in Derbyshire, with our Superintendent Rev. Stan Brown, for a conference titled 'Re-Imagine', which was a residential conference for three days, attended by about two hundred church leaders and ministers. It was mainly designed to explore different ways of being Church for the 21st century and to share their experiences of moving from ideas to action. Personally I felt it was an excellent conference, well-organised with excellent speakers and workshops. And, I was challenged and inspired a lot by some fundamental questions and issues, difficulties and opportunities we are facing as 'Church'.

What impressed me most was that most of the keynote speakers rarely mentioned any particularly strategies or policies of mission, rather they seemed to stress on the fundamental element of our faith, that is, Love. To be honest, I haven't heard any

great, new ideas of mission, or projects or activities. All the stories of so-called successful churches were not anything new: what they do is not that different from what we do here – coffee bar, mums and toddlers, messy church, house groups, café church, engaging with community groups (including uniform groups or pre-school), and so on. Of course, there might be some differences in running or organising those activities. But, I don't think we are any less professional than others, and our facilities are less equipped than others, I dare to say. What makes a difference, then? The answer may not be easy. But, we may need to think of a question 'Why do we do this?'

The word 'mission' seems to have emerged as something we should take seriously today, as we face serious decline in membership and church attendance. But, that shouldn't be a reason in the first place, because it sounds like shouting 'Save our church'. Yet, we are here to 'save the people' with the love of God. More importantly, what we should remember is we are here for God's mission, and He says 'You don't need activities. You need Me. You need 'Fresh Expression' of Me, My love'.

As we are preparing to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the church, I hope we may Re-Kindle the love of God and share his love more with the people in our community.

Every blessing,

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## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations



**To celebrate that New Malden Methodist Church has borne witness to the glory of God for 150 years, to raise our profile as a force for good in this changing community and to strengthen our fellowship.**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

### **Celebration Preparations**

The celebrations will begin on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June with a service being led by Rev Steve Wild. Invitations to be sent to friends who have moved away will be available in the Welcome Area from November 20<sup>th</sup>. These can be included with Christmas cards to give people opportunity to plan ahead. There will be no central list for this reunion so please be proactive and consider to whom you may want to send an invitation.

Thank you to all who have offered to help. Please see the notice in the Welcome Area and add your name against the item(s) you could support.

More volunteers are needed for the following:

- 'Service Crew' for Bring & Share Lunch on 18.6.17
- Catering at children's party on 24.6.17
- Stewarding or Coffee Bar on 1.7.17, 7.7.17, 8.7.17
- Involvement with the New Malden Fortnight Parade on 1.7.17
- Clearing away tables after the meal on 8.7.17

Peter Bullett is compiling a list of 150 hymns for us to sing during the Hymnathon on 1.7.17. If you would like to choose a favourite please let him know.

There is a vacancy for someone to take overall responsibility for the Exhibition 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July. If this appeals please let Julia Morton or me know.

### **Fundraising Events**

Thank you to all who contributed to the fantastic sum of £1400 from the Harvest Supper Auction.

- Shopping Evening – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November (see details on page 4)
- Christmas Fair – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (see details on page 7)

Special mugs with a wonderful depiction of the church by Sarah Choi will be available to buy at the Christmas Fair.

This year at the Christmas Tree Festival starting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December there will be a tree dedicated to our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fundraising. You are invited to bring a decoration for the tree on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The decoration could be home-made and/or linked to the 150<sup>th</sup> theme!

### **Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

All are welcome at this meeting at 7.30pm in the Choir Vestry. It is hoped that an outline of the mosaic can be shared at the meeting. Agenda items include:

- Publicity intended for those not currently involved with the church
- Sunday services during the celebratory period
- Exhibition
- Any other ideas

Hope to see you there however if you have any suggestions please email me on my address in the directory.

Liz Edwards

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## Profile on...Alison Bullett

**Name** Alison Bullett

### Best invention in your lifetime

Central heating (I know the Romans had it but it didn't reach my house until 1971).

### Best film

A Fish Called Wanda. Gone with the Wind. Shawshank Redemption. Depends on the mood!

### Earliest memory

My brother's arrival in a big black car when I was 3. Took me a while to adjust to the fact he would be STAYING.

### Previous occupation

I have worked in a packing factory and as a wine waitress – both holiday jobs.

### Favourite time of the year

Summer

### Best meal

Spicy casseroles

### Did you have any childhood pets?

Hamsters mostly. I wanted to be a vet.

### Favourite Book of the Bible

I'm afraid there are several I haven't got round to yet ...

### What does your faith mean to you? (in no more than 50 words)

Music and hymns are the key. I grew up in a Methodist household and Sunday School so all the old hymns are familiar. At school we had the English hymnal too. Great choral works of Bach, Mozart and Brahms say it all for me.

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## Unsung Heroes

A new feature highlighting some of the "hidden" tasks that keep the Church running smoothly - undertaken by members of the Church, for which they often receive no recognition or thanks. Until now...

Every Friday she receives the information and then starts to phone one of the people on the list. If no reply then try someone else till she finds a couple of people to read the lesson on Sunday morning. Then on Saturday leaving a note for the stewards as to who she has found. Thank you **Jane**

On Sunday morning at about 10 am he arrives and turns on all the sound equipment. Checking the mics and fitting the minister with the roving mic. Throughout the service he turns on and off the various mics as they are needed and ensures they are at a suitable volume. Thank you **Tony**.

**If you know of other unsung heroes, drop me a line. [Caroline]**

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## Names

Names in the Bible often have a special importance because they are given for a reason and that reason is in the meaning of the name. We read about this frequently in the Old Testament stories; and in the New Testament Jesus gives Simon the name of Peter, the rock for his church; Saul becomes known as Paul following his conversion.

Today the meaning of names is still important in some cultures and even in Britain books of names for new born babies will give a meaning for traditional names.

Due to a strange family practice I am called by my middle name, Jennifer, which I chose to shorten to Jenny; when I attend any appointment with the NHS I am called Frances Reid, which makes me feel a different person, not quite me. I think we all like to be called by the 'right' name.

Do we all know the names of everyone in Church on Sunday? We are so pleased to see new comers, but we do not know all of them by name and for them there are many names to be learned. So to enable us all to get to know each other's names the

suggestion was made at the Pastoral Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> October that we wear name badges once a month. We will start doing this on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November and hope to continue to do so each Sunday when there is Communion.

Jenny Reid

Pastoral Secretary

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## **Wives and Friends Fellowship**

The full programme for 16/17 is now available – ask Alan Clarke for a handy flyer – but below are the dates. All meetings are Mondays with a 7.30pm start. It's only £1 per meeting. See Joy Clarke (leader), or Joan Lewis (Treasurer) or Glynis Fox (Secretary) for more information. All are welcome.

November 14<sup>th</sup>: Crafts

November 28<sup>th</sup>: More Songs we Love – Alison Bullett

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Junior Diabetes Research Fund

December 19<sup>th</sup>: Carols and Readings

January 9<sup>th</sup>: Follow the Acorn – Judith McCarthy

January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Meal IN

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Room 101 – Glynis and Angela

February 27<sup>th</sup>: Women's Land Army – carol Harris

March 13<sup>th</sup> AGM and Quiz

March 27<sup>th</sup>: River Mersey – Irene Chalk

April 10<sup>th</sup>: Easter Thoughts

April 24<sup>th</sup>: Mosaic – Our Contribution

May 8<sup>th</sup>: Visit Isabella Plantation

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Carpet Bowls and Exercises

June 5<sup>th</sup>: Meal OUT

June 10<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Event

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## **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 5.00 – 8.00pm in the Welcome Area**



**Come and make an early start to your festive shopping this year.**

There are a variety of stalls including

Stocking Fillers for all the family,  
Forever Aloe Vera Products, Jewellery,  
Handbags, purses and scarves ,  
Seasonal Plants and Decorated Door  
wreathes,  
Handmade mosaic mirrors, Homemade jams  
and preserves

Coffees and teas with mince pies will also be available.

**Free Entry**, so why not pop along and see what is on offer in a relaxed atmosphere and avoid the last minute rush.

## **Around the Circuit**

### **Worship Today and Tomorrow**

**Saturday 26 November from 10am to 1.30pm at New Malden Methodist Church: A Workshop with Rev Paul Wood & Rev Ian Worsfold**

Ian and Paul lead the Worship Team for the Methodist Conference. They were both part of the editorial group for *Singing the Faith*, and contributed three of their own songs to our hymn book. Paul heads the team responsible for writing the new Local Preacher Training materials, whilst Ian is chaplain at City University.

**What is it?** A workshop looking at Methodist worship and the ways this is developing

**Who is it for?** Anyone with an interest in worship. Preachers, Worship Leaders, Musicians, Stewards... and those who sit in our congregations!

**Worship Today and Tomorrow**

a workshop on worship in the Methodist Church  
10am -1.00pm Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
New Malden Methodist Church  
High Street, New Malden KT3 4BY

there is no charge for the workshop and advance booking is not required, please bring some sandwiches and stay for lunch at 1pm.

Paul Wood and Ian Worsfold are accomplished musicians who lead worship for the Methodist Conference. They helped to compile *Singing the Faith* and contributed three new songs of their own. Paul oversees the team preparing a number of training resources including the new *Worship: Leading and Preaching* course whilst Ian is chaplain at City University

Kingston on Thames Methodist Circuit: 07341846601

Please bring some lunch, drinks will be available in the coffee bar.

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

### **Surbiton Hill**

Drop In Fellowship takes place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Hall at Surbiton Hill (from 1.45pm for a 2pm start). Please note the following events:

- 9 November: "Getting to Know You" – our Circuit Coordinator, Michael Axton
- 14 December: Our Minister and Circuit Superintendent, Rev Dr Stan Brown

### **Chessington**

The Chessington Methodist Church Winter Fair takes place on Saturday 19 November from 11.30am to 2.30 pm.

There will be English and Korean food, plants, books, toys, bric a brac, toiletries, a grand

Tombola, a raffle, and many more stalls. Please come along – everybody is welcome.

**Winter Fair**  
Sat. Nov. 19  
11:30-2:30

Grand Tombola  
Bric a Brac  
Cake Stall  
Fantastic Food

Come and Have Some Serious Fun!  
Get to see Santa early!  
Buy your Christmas supplies.

The Methodist Church  
**Chessington Methodist Church**  
Church Lane, Chessington, KT9 2DJ  
Tel: 020 8599 9344  
office@chessingtonmethodist.org.uk

**Free Admission**

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **ASK Topical Lunches - Autumn 2016**

Every Third Thursday of the month at All Saints Parish Church, Kingston Market Place. *Enjoy lunch & discuss Kingston's Topical Issues*

Lunch from 12:00 am – Sandwiches at the ASK East End Cafe; or bring your own. Introduction by Speaker 1:00 – 1:15 pm Questions, comments, discussion. Finish 1:45 pm

Thursday 17 November: Leading a Kingston school today – The challenges; the pleasures. Alison Vigurs, Headteacher of St Andrews and St Marks Junior School, Surbiton. Chaired by Rt Rev Dr Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston and former Chair of Southwark Diocese Board of Education

For further information, contact Leslie Packer [leslie@packerhome.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:leslie@packerhome.fsnet.co.uk) or 020 8549 1960

### **Surbiton Hill Methodist Table Tennis Club**

We would like some new members, experienced or not. We meet on Wednesday evenings 7.30-



10pm. We are a small but friendly group and its fun. Do some and try us out. More information from Malcolm Rheinlander: Tel 01372 810203 or email [malcolm.rheinlander@gmail.com](mailto:malcolm.rheinlander@gmail.com)

**And Badminton.** There are a few spaces available for people to play mixed badminton on a Thursday evening. Anyone interested should come along to the upper hall at Surbiton at 8pm on a Thursday.

### December Newsletters

If your church has any news or a forthcoming event you would like to share with the Circuit, please forward details to Michael Axton at the Circuit Office so that it can be included in each Church's newsletter/magazine.

*Please send your contributions by Tuesday 15 November to:*  
[circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk](mailto:circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk)

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## Summary of NM October Notices

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Hammond would like to say thank you for the Church flowers and for our prayers. She wishes she could get to Church but due to her heart condition she is not well enough come.

**Barbara Clarke** is out of hospital and back at the Devonshire House Care Home.

**Karen Ruppington** is recovering from an operation on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for her full and speedy recovery.

**Sheila Philpot** would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards, flowers and prayers.

Please pray for **Shirley Stewart** who was admitted to hospital on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October following prolonged stomach problems.

We are pleased to report that **Betty Thorogood** is back home following a successful knee replacement.

### THANK YOU

The Preserves Market on 24<sup>th</sup> September raised just under £100 each for Child Line and for the 150<sup>th</sup> Mosaic. Pam and Julie thank all for their support either on the day, or for the empty jars and fruit for jams.

### HARVEST SUPPER AND PROMISES AUCTION

Many thanks to all who provided greenery or who turned up to decorate the church for Harvest. It looked beautiful.



Many thanks also to those who helped set up the harvest supper and all who contributed their culinary skills and to Julie for co-ordinating. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who donated lots or bid for them in the auction. It was a great evening and a magnificent £1219.50 was raised towards the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mosaic.  
*(This total has now swelled to £1400.00).*

In case you missed the Harvest Supper here are a couple of photos: one of the fine spread of desserts, where it was easy to have your 5 a day in one go (5 desserts that is);



the other of Julia in her “hostess with the mostess” pose.

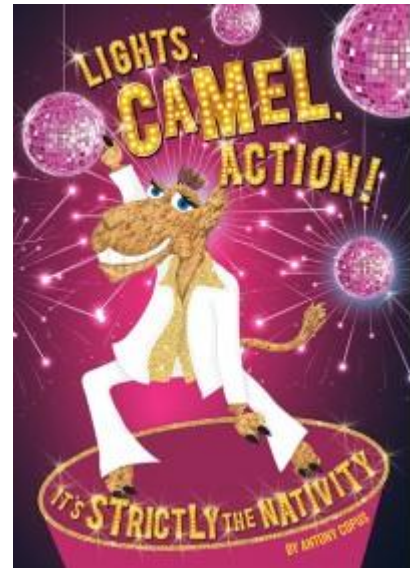


### NAME BADGES

Please read the article headed NAMES in the November Newsletter which will explain why you will be given a sticky label on which to write your name before the service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November. *The Stewards*

### STRICTLY NATIVITY

This year we would like to produce ‘Lights Camel Action’ for the annual Nativity service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. This will take the form of an all-age cast and if you would like to be involved, please let Julia know as soon as possible.



### CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are starting to think about our Christmas fair on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

We need offers of stalls, things to sell on them, people to man them, people to set up and clear away, refreshment sellers and of course people to buy. We need you! We have stalls that need sales staff. Please let us know what you/your group will be doing and help to make this into another successful and enjoyable way to begin the Festive Season. The money raised this year will go towards the Church 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations and the organ appeal. Christmas hats are optional!

*Julie and Alison*

### Donations required please:

Books, puzzles, DVDs (no videos please), toiletries, craft items, things for the £1 stall, soft toys for the tombola, toys and games, homemade cakes, chocolate for a tombola



Hi

As the clocks are turned back we live our days with more darkness than light. It becomes a season of shadows and shady corners. So it becomes increasingly important to us that we have artificial light to help us continue our lives as normal. We have electric light to help us see along our roads and light bulbs in our homes.

Elsewhere when people look up to the sky without the “light pollution” we have in our towns they see the wondrous sight of the stars in the heavens. It is a beautiful and awe inspiring thing, to see the thousands of stars twinkling in the universe. If you have the chance to witness this spectacle do take it. This is how the wisemen proceeded along their journey, by the light of the stars. They were star gazers.

Before the advent of electricity candles were used, they gave a softer light, a glow against the dark. Even the tiniest flame can be seen far off giving hope and reassurance.

We are told in the bible to not “hide our light under a bushel” which was a container that would let out no light and so be of no use. We need to let our light shine out into the darkness , telling the Good News of Jesus by our words and deeds.

God bless, Julia





## Diary Dates for November

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm  
Junior Badminton

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am  
Friday Fellowship

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Kingston Dementia Project –  
Glynis & Courtney Fox

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm  
Music in New Malden  
Iria Perestrelo Soprano, Isabel Calado  
Harpsichord  
*Day of Portugal – Music from C18 and C19*  
Works by Baptista, Silva, Mesquita and  
Moreira

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Meeting Point – Kathryn Ingham talks about  
her parents in WW2

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm  
Memory Café in the Welcome Area  
7.00pm  
New Malden Residents Association public  
meeting  
7.30pm  
150A Meeting in Choir Vestry. Everyone  
welcome!

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Transport for London public meeting about  
Crossrail

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
3Fs at the home of the Turners

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Ali Walsh – The Stroke  
Association

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Wives & Friends – Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Junior Badminton

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm  
Arts Group

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm  
Christmas Shopping Evening

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Inner Wheel – Brenda Powers

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm  
Kingston District Chamber Music Society  
concert

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm  
Finance Committee Meeting

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm  
Christmas Fair  
Launch of Sheep Trail

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Post Christmas Fair – Birgit  
Cowan

10.00am  
Workshop on Worship

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Wives & Friends – ‘More songs we love’ –  
Alison Bullett

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Junior Badminton

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm  
Stewards’ Meeting

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## Services in November

6<sup>th</sup> – Reverend Choi, Holy Communion

13<sup>th</sup> – Reverend Yu, family  
(Remembrance Sunday parade)

20<sup>th</sup> – Reverend Wilkinson

27<sup>th</sup> – Reverend Brown

Also on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the evening,  
the Festival of Light service with Choi.

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Copy deadline for the December/January  
bumper newsletter is Friday 9am 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December by email to:  
carolineauty@hotmail.com or in the pigeon  
hole.