

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



Ubuntu
October 2011

Who's who at New Malden Methodist Church

Circuit Superintendent

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard
(Tel: 07590 564477)

Assisting Minister

Rev D Finnan

Church Workers

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

Stewards

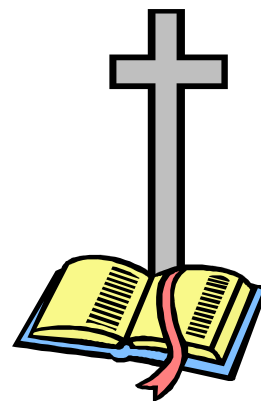
George Alleyne
Jane Bennett
Maurice Chattle
Liz Edwards
Janet Jones

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 November edition of Ubuntu will be available on Sunday 30th October. 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, 21st October. Thank you

Rosemarie

(Additional material courtesy of parishpump.co.uk)

Letter from Jenny Impey (Chair of District)

Dear friends

As most readers will be aware, the Rev. Dr Angela Shier Jones died peacefully at the Princess Alice Hospice at 5.10am on Sunday 11th September 2011. Angie was an internationally renowned theologian, a circuit minister, a wife, a friend, a colleague and so much more, but in all these things and in so many other ways she lived and died a disciple of Jesus and one of Mr. Wesley's helpers.

Angie had a gift for words and for putting profound truths into simple words in beautiful ways. In one of her blogs she wrote:

Life **and** Death are gifts from God, and the knowledge of both is a means of grace. Just because we don't *like* death, doesn't make it wrong or evil! It is not a mistake, a flaw, or a failure to die. Death is NOT a sign of God's displeasure. Neither did it result from any human wrong doing. It is not a punishment for any real or imagined sin either now or in some distant mythical past. Death is a part of God's gift of 'being' - whether we like it or not! Life and death are inseparable - without life there is no death, but without death there is no life! This is at the heart of the Good News. Without incarnation there is no crucifixion, without crucifixion there is no resurrection. The sad truth is that those who don't know they are dying probably don't know that they are alive either.

Angie was passionate about life, faith, the Methodist church and discipleship and so was not always comfortable to be around. She grasped hold of the life that she had been given and frequently spoke of her conviction that eternal life, the fullness of life, is a gift from God, and challenged us all to understand the life that begins here and now, a life that "can neither be crammed into a 9 to 5 existence or measured by the number of years lived on this earth."

At the end of last year Angie offered us a prayer as she reflected on life:

Gracious God,
Enable those who love me
And those who know me and care for me
To do so without pity or sorrow,
Rejoicing in fullness of life
That you have given to us all.
Grant them the ability to see all of me,

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The life and the heart of me,
And help them to know that what matters most
Is not how many years we have to live
But how, with you,
We are able to live the lives we have
Growing in grace and holiness.
Help me to live so that my whole life proclaims the good news
That whoever believes in you,
Will not perish
But have everlasting life.

The death of anyone brings a mixture of thoughts and feelings, but whatever your thoughts and feelings at the death of your minister, may you be given the grace to say Amen to Angie's prayer.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, as they are with Brian and those most affected by her death. Watch over one another in love in the days ahead and pray for one another as you continue to use the life and the gifts God has given to be the church in the High Street and to work for God's kingdom in the places God has set you.

In death as in life as John Wesley declared "The best of all is, God is with us".

Jenny Impey

Chair of District



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Funeral Arrangements for Rev. Dr Angela Shier-Jones

The funeral service for the Rev. Dr Angela Shier-Jones will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 2.15pm at New Malden Methodist Church, followed by the committal at Kingston Crematorium at 4.20pm. There will also be a service of thanksgiving and celebration of Angie's life at Wesley's Chapel on Saturday 3rd December at 1pm. All who knew Angie or were touched by her ministry are welcome to attend these services.



Note for those planning to come to the service at New Malden:

The church has an Ofsted inspected pre-school which meets each morning and you are therefore asked not to arrive at the church before 1.15 in order to allow children to be collected safely and the church to be prepared for the service. There are a number of coffee shops and eating places in the High Street itself.

Parking is not available at the church. The church is a two minute walk away from New Malden Train Station (turn left out of the station and the church is on your right on the High Street). There is a frequent train service from Waterloo and you are encouraged to use public transport if at all possible. If you intend to drive there is some limited on-street parking in the roads around but this gets quite busy. There is also a multi-storey car park at the far end of the High Street.

We are anticipating that it will be standing room only at New Malden but there will be a sound link into the hall to enable more people to participate.

*"The eternal God is your refuge
And underneath are the everlasting arms."
(Deuteronomy 33:27)*

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A Tribute to Angie from the Counselling Service

We have been very grateful to Angie for her support of the Counselling Service, for her affirmation of our work as being part of the Church's outreach to the community, and for her wish that the Church should ask for God's blessing upon the work of the Counselling Service annually in one of our Sunday services. This wish was confirmed by the inclusion of the counsellors in the Commissioning Service on 4th September, which Angie had hoped to conduct herself.

We will miss Angie, who was such a special person. In the words of Margy, one of the counsellors:

'Angie struck me as a woman who lived life to the full and had a wonderful sense of enjoyment with everything she saw and worked with, this is a sad day to lose such a good and fine person though she leaves behind a wonderful example of how to live.'

Eric Murray (Chairman)

Jenny Reid (Treasurer)

Summary of September Notices

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS Please pray for any you know who are in hospital, bereaved or unwell, or who are going through a difficult time.

New address for **Sandra Bergheim** who moved last week. She writes 'Both of us will start work on 1st September. I finished my training as layworker in Bad Rappenau, and now go on to my first own placement. Thomas will work in a private psychiatric hospital. Bad Säckingen is a small town at the border to Switzerland - we see across from our flat.'

Hope you are well, lots of love Sandra

Sandra Bergheim, Bergseestraße 38a, 79713 Bad Säckingen, Germany

Maggie Homer has had her operation and is recovering well.

HALL BOOKINGS

Please will leaders of all organisations let me have their hall and room requirements for the new session as soon as possible. These should include: All dates, start and finish times and the room(s) you need. A

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A copy of the programme would also help. Our premises are now becoming heavily used so it is essential for me to have full details to avoid double booking. Thank you.

Alan Vincent avandplv@hotmail.com

2011/2012 METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

'Run the Race' is now available on the Bookstall, priced £3.50. Large print edition also available. (See page 13)

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Since a number of people can't make the Finance and Property Committee meeting on the date we arranged in September, and because the meeting has to be held before the Church Council, I am suggesting we meet at

7.00pm on Wednesday 5th October and finish in time to attend the Church Council at 8.00pm on that night.

Irene

Rotary Shoe Boxes

As you know, we decided to collect the shoe boxes as part of our Harvest giving this year. Boxes are still available in the Welcome Area, along with lists of what to put in them. If you do not wish to fill your own box, we would welcome gifts of items to be included in the "Church" boxes. Donations toward the cost of the boxes and postage are also welcome.

There is a great need for the basic household items that we take for granted in these areas, and especially for toys for the children, so please make an effort to give something towards this wonderful scheme if you possibly can.

The deadline for contributions is **Tuesday 18th October** as our contact at Rotary will be collecting the boxes when he comes to talk to Meeting Point. This will also be a great opportunity to learn more about the scheme, so do come and join us then.

Carol Dadds



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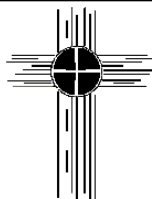
Diary for October

Saturday 1st	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Stella, Wings of Hope	
Tuesday 4th	2.30pm	WAGS	
Weds 5th	7.00pm	Finance and Property Committee Meeting	
	8.00pm	Church Council	
Thursday 6th	6.30pm	Youth Club (Dinosaur Golf)	
Friday 7th	10.30am	Friday Fellowship	
Saturday 8th	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – WAGs, Rita LeVine	
Tuesday 11th	7.00pm	Junior Badminton	
Saturday 15th	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Toybox, Birgit Cowan	
Saturday 22nd		District Youth event	
Sunday 23rd	2.30	Training for children's workers, anyone welcome	
Saturday 22nd	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Princess Alice Hospice – Rita LeVine	
Wednesday 26th	2.30	Pastoral Visitors' Meeting	
Saturday 29th	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – International Community Assist – Greta Curry	

Accident!

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray." From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

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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.

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| 2011
9 th October | Musicians of London Wall:
Emily Baines – <i>recorder</i> ,
Alexis Bennet – <i>viola</i>
Vladimir Waltham – <i>cello</i>
Joseph Chesshyre – <i>harpsichord</i> |
| 13 th November | DeNOTE
Jane Booth – <i>clarinet</i>
John Irving – <i>fortepiano</i>
Vanhel, JC Bach and Haydn. |
| 2012
8 th January | Jane Booth – <i>chalumeau</i>
Henrietta Wayne – <i>violin</i>
Karen Glen – <i>harpsichord</i>
<i>with string trio</i>
Graupner and Fasch (chalumeau concerto) |
| 11 th March | Jennifer Morsches – <i>cello, piccolo cello</i>
Robin Bigwood – <i>harpsichord</i>
Bach, Lanzetti and Francischello |
| 10 th June | John Irving and Steven Devine – <i>fortepiano</i>
Mozart piano 4 hands |

Retiring collections in aid of charity

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**A New Style of Worship is coming soon to
New Malden Methodist Church**

in the form of

Church Lite

This is 30 minutes of Worship, Reflection and Fellowship

Come and try it

On Sunday 9th October at 6.30pm

Reports from Greenbelt

Overview

Greenbelt was a fantastic weekend and I think it is safe to say that fun was had by all. There was a huge variety of things to go and see, ranging from theatre and dance groups to all sorts of music. Some of the highlights for me included a spoken word showcase, acrobatics groups and the shed which was an area for 11-17 year olds. The craft tent was also very popular and I could have spent the whole weekend in there if the boys hadn't been trying so hard to escape. You could create necklaces, candles, wine glasses and tie-dye items of clothing. There was also an amazing variety of food as well and we bravely had our own barbeque on the last night which luckily didn't end in disaster although it did look highly probable that it would at one point. I think it is fair to say that the weather over the course of the trip wasn't ideal and that everyone felt a little more positive when the sideways rain had subsided, however this didn't stop us from having a great time although for Julia's sake, I wish we had seen a bit more sunshine. In some ways, it was quite nice to only have some bits of canvas as your home, but three nights was

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definitely sufficient and we were all very glad to get back into a proper bed at the end of it. Of course it wouldn't have been the same without all the people who accompanied us and so we owe a lot to them. I think everyone would be eager to go again next year, except maybe Julia.

Best bit

My favourite part of Greenbelt was when we went to see a group called Okham's Razor. The first exciting thing was that the show was in a proper building. One with walls and ceilings and even proper toilets with mirrors. This in itself was exciting and we would have quite happily sat through whatever was showing rather than face the cold, dark and wet alternative because although it was only Friday night, we had already become less than impressed with the pieces of canvas which were our homes for the weekend. The group we saw were amazing. They are an aerial theatre company who combine circus and visual theatre set to music on unusual pieces of equipment hung from the ceiling without any ropes or harnesses. Their work is simplistic and they try to convey real human emotions so that the audience can connect with the piece. The performance was frightening in places and the strength of the performers was incredible but you became so involved in the performance that it looked easy when quite clearly it isn't. They did two pieces, one of which was based around a grid of metal tubing which moved and rotated as they shifted their bodyweight around and the other piece used a single wooden frame. It was certainly different and I have never seen anything like it before, but I would love to see it again.



Ellie Moore

Greenbelt was full to the brim. Talks on everything from environmental issues to Jo Enright making audience giggle with quips about mothers and her local town. It made for interesting camping experience when the rain is coming at you sideways on the Friday night thankfully we had put the tents up. Greenbelt could be called a Christian festival if you wanted to feel your weekend with discussions, music etc but it's far more than this! Go next year (you don't have to camp)

Amy Jewell

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Run the Race – a prayer from the new prayer handbook

*May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus - as onward I go.*

(Verse 5 from 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour' by Kate Barclay Wilkinson, 1859-1928)

Run the Race is the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2011-2012. This year it is inspired by sporting metaphors in Scripture and hymns. In preparation for the Olympic and Paralympic Year in 2012, the handbook draws on themes of spiritual training, perseverance, endurance and self-discipline as well as focusing on our solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Run the Race contains prayers for all the districts for the Methodist Churches in Britain and Ireland, as well as Partner Church's around the world. For many people it becomes a treasured resource, either when used individually or in corporate prayer. "It means a great deal in the daily devotions of so many of us," says one user.

Prayer of a time trial cyclist

Companion God, thank you for
the gift of this day's journey
the holding of my life
the strengthening of my resolve
and the courage to endure and enjoy
the challenge of this course you set before me.
Amen.

By Malcolm Atherton

Shampoo with hidden properties!

I don't know why I didn't realise this sooner. It's the shampoo we use in the shower. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY." No wonder I have been gaining weight. I am getting rid of the shampoo and am going to use dishwashing liquid instead. It's label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE." Problem solved.

News Articles

Methodist News Stories from around the World

The Methodist Church in Britain works to ease the passage of aid to North Korea In June 2011, the Revd Alison Tomlin, the then president of the Conference, sent a public letter to President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea, urging him to allow aid to be sent directly from South Korea to North Korea to help mitigate the food crisis there. This led to discussions with embassy staff in London and questions being asked in Seoul.

The UK Methodist Church's partner, the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCKK), had been forced to send its last shipment of flour to North Korea via China, working with our partner the Amity Foundation in Nanjing. The Amity Foundation report on the delivery of the first shipment of flour revealed the terrible plight of the North Koreans.

The delivery of flour means that around 31,400 people, mostly children, in North Korea will be able to obtain food and survive from the severe food shortage caused by the natural disasters last year, including a significantly colder winter and increased summer rainfall.

But now, the Methodist Church in Britain has received a report from NCKK that the South Korean government has softened its stance on food aid and is now willing to give permits to religious and other organisations for the direct transport of food aid, even though there will be no official government aid. This will mean that desperately needed aid will reach those who need it quicker and easier.

Plans are now in hand for a further delivery by NCKK. The Methodist Church in Britain's World Mission Fund has donated £10,000 towards the costs.

Prayers for the Methodist Church in Fiji. The Fijian government has banned all Methodist Church meetings except for Sunday worship in an unprecedented crackdown on religious freedom. This includes house groups, women's prayer fellowship, choir practice, mid-week communion and youth fellowship, as well as the Church's governance meetings. All Methodist ministers are also forbidden from leaving the country for any meeting.

The Church is responding with prayer and fasting. The Methodist Church is the largest faith group in Fiji and the only group to receive this treatment by the Government.

"We are gravely concerned about how this situation is developing," said Michael King, World Church Relationships Team Leader for the Methodist Church in Britain. "**Our brothers and sisters in Fiji are asking us to keep them in our prayers.**"

Around the Circuit ...

With Daphne still away on Family Leave, Milly Pickard is in the Circuit Office Mon-Thurs mornings, 9-12 am.

There will be a Celebration of the Life of Sheila Hurton on Thursday 13 October at 2.00pm at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church. All will be very welcome to join us for this happy occasion.

The new Circuit Directory has just been published and is available to members who would like a copy. Please contact your church steward. Thanks to Milly and others who have worked long and hard on getting this document together!

Core Skills is the Methodist training curriculum for Children's Workers. Julia Morton from New Malden is trained in offering this course and will be offering it at a succession of monthly Sunday afternoon sessions beginning 23 October at the New Malden Methodist Church. Please encourage all your Junior Church/Sunday School teachers and helpers to attend; more details available from Julia.

A circuit-wide Membership Course will be held on Tuesday evenings at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church from 25 October, 7:30-9 pm. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Methodist Church or learning more about Methodism in general is welcome to attend.

Youth trip to Iona – we have been given the dates of 25-30 August 2012 for Youth from our circuit to go to Camas, a Youth camp connected with the Iona Community and located on the Isle of Mull (Western Scotland). The cost for the week's accommodation and food is approximately £200 per person; travel costs will be approximately £150-200 per person (depending on how many youth attend). Sign-ups have to happen very soon; contact Bonni-Belle for more information.

And finally if your church has an event it wishes to share with the circuit, please forward details to the Circuit Office for inclusion in this section of each church's newsletter/magazine. circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk
Tel 07510 548931, Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, 39 Ewell Rd., Surbiton KT6 6AF

Children's Pages

Hi

A few weeks ago in a service there was a type of “ceremony” when a number of people came to front of the church and made a promise to serve God by being pastoral visitors to other members of the church. I was one of them and I have a list of families I pray for regularly, see most weeks and church and occasionally visit. This is a great privilege and something as a Methodist Church we value very much. We celebrate the good stuff like exam results and share the harder things like Angie’s death together.

You like other people in the church may be wondering what you can do to help each other at this time. I believe we have a brilliant opportunity to show one another how much we care by being extra kind. Over the next few weeks and months we need to be patient and thoughtful towards “us”. This does not mean we go around looking sad and talking in hushed voices. It means we try extra hard to show a positive caring attitude to everyone. You could open a door for someone, tidy the papers away from the chairs after the service, and please, please smile and laugh because that is a great gift from God we need to use without restraint.

A smile will brighten everyone’s day and surely there is no sound on this earth better than that of children’s laughter. So keeeeeep smiling!

Love through Jesus

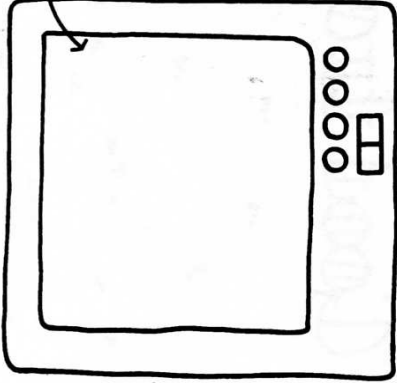
Julia



Love others as I have loved you

Attitude is how you act

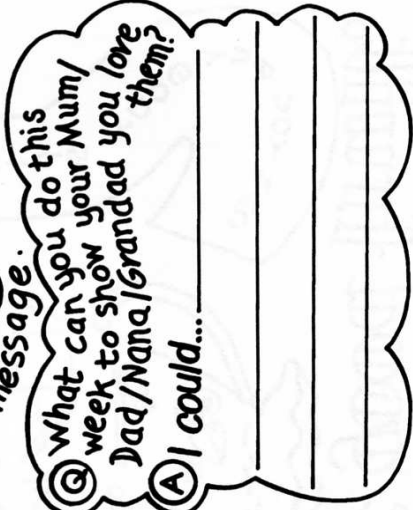
Colour in the dotty letters to see the message.



draw in the news~

1) Is it good news or bad news?

2) Is it loving or selfish?



What can you do this week to show your Mum/Dad/Nana/Grandad you love them?

I could...

Four horizontal lines for writing an answer.

Church Services in October

2nd October	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service (BS)	Rev S Brown Rev D Finnan
9th October	10.30am Service 6.30pm Service (CL)	Mrs C & Mr D Doe Mr D Lloyd
16th October	10.30am Service (AAW) 6.30pm Service (CC)	Rev E Osei Rev D Vernon
23rd October	10.30am Service 6.30pm Service	Rev S Han Mrs L Davis
30th October	10.30am Service 6.30pm Circuit Service	Mrs J Baker Kingston

Notes

AAW - All Age Worship

CC - Café Church

BS - Bible Study

CL - Church Lite

HC - Holy Communion



Flower Rota for October 2011



Date

2nd October

9th October

16th October

23rd October

30th October

Donated by:

Mrs P Bugeya & Mrs G Hammond

Mrs J Harry

Mrs B Thorogood

Mrs S Stewart

Mrs R McLeod

Arranged by:

Pam B

Jan

Sheila

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)
Friday	10.00am	Friday Fellowship (once a month)
	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

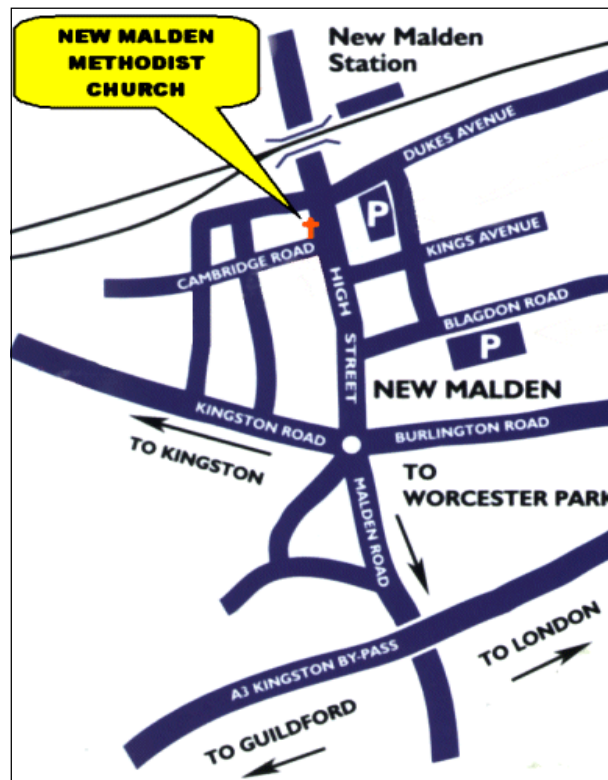
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Travel Directions

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49 High Street
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