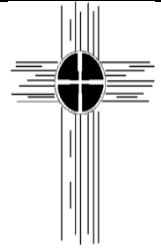


The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church October 2015



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Message from Reverend Choi

Just left 'the jungle' in Calais. It was humbling and inspiring to see so many people smile as they read a Bible in their own language. Eritreans and Ethiopians were thrilled to receive Amharic Bibles. Iraqi Christians took Arabic Bibles too. We also gave personally donated clothes, shoes and blankets to the leaders of St Michael's church to distribute to those who needed it most. There were many, many western charities there giving aid. People there need hope - they feel abandoned. Many said the Bible has given them that hope. They have been on boats where they saw people washed away and have left wives and children behind. There are also 333 women and 123 children in the camp and we talked to a woman who is 5 months pregnant. We prayed with people who asked us and felt humbled by their faith.

(quoted from Bible Society, 19 September 2015)

Dear friends,

Couple of weeks ago, after the service, a lady came to me and said, "So, what can we do? If they all come over here, how can we cope with them?" Well, to be honest, I don't know the answer. And, I fully appreciate her genuine concerns. Yes, before we open the

border, we must be well prepared to tackle all the issues which may affect our usual

lives. We must be realistic and practical in dealing with this unprecedented humanitarian crisis. But, on the other hand, what best can we do, except praying to God for his wisdom and following his command? In Leviticus 19. 34, it says, "The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

There doesn't seem to be any condition in doing this. He just asks us to do this only because they are aliens, no matter who they are.

This must be a big challenge to each one of us, I believe. But, I am sure we will grow in faith by facing it obediently.

Every blessing,
Choi.

Wives and Friends Fellowship Annual Programme

Meetings are twice a month on a Monday evening, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome, cost is £1 per meeting. Contact Joy Clarke, Joan Lewis or Glynis Fox for more details.

12th October **Snack and Chat**
26th October **Born Too Soon** – Maureen Hawkins

9th Nov **Crafts**
23rd Nov **Journeys on the 213 Bus** – Amy Graham

7th Dec **Christmas food and quiz**

14 th Dec	Christmas carols and readings
January 11 th	Holiday incidents
January 25 th	Meal "IN"
February 8 th	Useful or Useless
February 22 nd	"Mary Portas" – Irene Chalk
7 th March	AGM
21 st March	Easter Thoughts
11 th April	Songs we love – Alison Bullett
25 th April	1942 onwards – Mike Brown
9 th May	Visit to the Isabella
Plantation	
23 rd May	TBA
11 th June	Fundraising event
26 th June	Meal "OUT"

Around the Circuit

Circuit News & Events

Quiet Day – Saturday 17 October

A Quiet Day provides a valuable opportunity to develop an understanding of oneself and one's relationship with God and to find peace in his presence. The next Quiet Day has been arranged by Surbiton Hill for 17 October at the House of Prayer, Seymour Road, East Molesey, KT8 0PB, and we are delighted that Choi (Rev Sooncheol Choi) will be leading it. His chosen theme is 'Psalms of Pilgrims, reflecting on songs of ascents' and he will guide our thoughts and meditations on selected passages from this section of the book of Psalms. Choi will lead us as we spend time separately and together concluding the day as we share in the act of Holy Communion.

The day will run from 10.00am to 3.30pm and is open to everyone from around the Circuit. You are asked to bring a packed lunch although hot drinks and light snacks are available throughout the day. There is plenty of parking on site. It is fine to just arrive on the day but it is helpful to have an idea of numbers expected and so we would

be grateful if you would us know if you intend coming by signing on the lists on the Church noticeboards. If you have any questions or require transport please do not hesitate to contact Jeannette Barwick by email (jbarwick313@btinternet.com; or by phone on 0208 941 8551).

Church Events

Chessington

Chessington is holding **"The Big Quiz"** on Saturday 10 October from 4.30pm to 7pm in the Large Hall. The price is £5 (children free) which includes a ploughman's tea, cakes and tea, coffee or cold drink. All proceeds go towards funds to purchase a new carpet for the stage in the Large Hall. Tickets only from Bernard China or Michael Penfold.

Love in a Box Appeal: Our annual appeal will take place on Saturday 17th October from 10 till 12, for box filling, coffee and cakes, and a bring & buy stall to raise funds for the postage. We are always overwhelmed and very grateful for all your generous and enthusiastic support, giving the needy children who receive our boxes such a wonderful gift of love from us all each Christmas. Leaflets with details of what you can contribute for the boxes are available in the vestibule. Welcome extras would be pencil sharpeners, rubbers and toy cars. Thanks to a happy group of knitters, we already have plenty of hats and scarves, but we would welcome gloves for all ages. All are welcome to join us for chat, coffee and wrap on Saturday 3rd October - boxes, wrapping paper, sellotape, scissors and yummy biscuits will be provided!

Support our biggest **Coffee Morning** on Friday 25 September from 10am to midday to raise money for Cancer research. We have all been touched by cancer in some way, this is your opportunity to do something practical about it. We need people to donate cakes to sell as well as people to come and eat the cakes.

Surbiton Hill

Drop In Class at Surbiton Hill 1.45 for 2.00pm
– please note the following events:

- 14 October: **Walk in support of Water Aid** completed. Mike and Virginia tell us about the last stage to John O'Groats

- 11 November: **"Getting to know you"** - Our new minister, Rev Dr Stan Brown introduces himself to us.

- 8 December: **Christmas Celebrations - Members' afternoon.** Please bring a story, poem, music or reading which has a meaning for you.

Women's breakfast: 'Who is that woman in the mirror?'

On Saturday 14th November (8.30-10.30) every woman in the SHMC Church family, together with all women linked with us through the groups meeting on our Church premises, is invited to our next SHMC Women's Breakfast. Our speaker is Jeannette Barwick and she will share something of her personal search for identity. Many of us long for a greater sense of security and identity. We look for fulfilment in various things and in today's world we have many opportunities to satisfy our longings. Despite this, happiness, positive relationships and a sense of achievement may still seem illusive. Jeannette will tell of the steps she has learned to take to becoming a secure woman in an insecure world and the truth that 'it's in Christ we find out who we are and what we are living for' (Eph 1:11 The Message).

Jeannette grew up in SHMC and after working in the worlds of publishing and fashion, she took a career break until her two daughters were teenagers. In 1984 she joined the Christian publishing and training international charity, CWR, fulfilling various roles during her 25 years with the ministry. She is involved in the life of SHMC as a Worship Leader and particularly enjoys participating in Fresh Expressions of worship with young families in Oasis and Messy Church.

After enjoying a delicious continental breakfast, we will listen to Jeannette. The book 'Becoming a Secure Woman in an insecure world' which she has co-authored will be available for sale on the day. Tickets are available from the Church Office, Marina Golding 020 8241 7355
mgold@statacom.net, Rachel Pearson 020 8941 4273 rfpearson@hotmail.co.uk and Jeannette Barwick 020 8941 8551
jbarwick313@btinternet.com

There is no charge but please get a ticket to let us know numbers for catering purposes. Donations on the day will be welcomed.

If your church has any news or a forthcoming event you would like to share with the Circuit, please forward details to me for inclusion in this section of each Church's newsletter/magazine.

Please send your contributions by Friday 16 October to:

circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Or you can contact me by phone: 020 8390 4598 or 07763 781933 (mobile)

Michael Axton, Circuit Coordinator

Summary of September Notices

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

The Revd Dr Ronald Gibbins

It is with sadness and also thanksgiving that this comes to let you know that Ron died peacefully at home on Tuesday, August 26. Olive was with him.

The funeral took place at Tavistock Parish Church, Saint Eustachius, on Tuesday September 15 at 2pm, followed by a private family cremation.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Morris Bros (Tavistock)Ltd, Funeral Directors, The Old Bedford Foundry, Lakeside, Tavistock PL19 OAZ.

Michael Axton informs us that there will be a thanksgiving service to celebrate Ron's long life and ministry. This will take place at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church on Thursday October 22nd at 2.30pm. All friends are warmly invited.

Rev Tony Walton

Enid, Ian and Rachel would like to thank everyone for their prayerful and practical support over recent weeks during Tony's short illness.

It is with sadness that we announce that Tony died peacefully at Wakefield Hospice on 2nd September. A service of committal was held at Wakefield Crematorium at 2pm on Monday 14th September followed immediately by a service of thanksgiving at West Wakefield Methodist Church at 3pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers for "All We Can."

Change of Address. Just to let you know that **Margaret Sydney** has moved flats to No 3 Denham Court. The rest of her address remains the same.

Harvest supper

A good time was had by all who attended last Saturday's Harvest supper (19th September). Alison and Peter Bullett led an enthusiastic sing-along of My Fair Lady (during which hats were worn!) so that everyone worked up an appetite for the delicious range of casseroles co-ordinated by Julie Haines. Many thanks to Julie, Alison, Peter and all who contributed anything to this enjoyable event.

Save the date

18th October is World Church Sunday and we are pleased to welcome Revd Malcolm Oliver who has done missionary work in Mozambique, to take our family service and present the JMA awards. The service will be followed by a faith lunch. Please support his special event.

Exciting Bookstall News

I am very happy to announce that Doreen Downey has volunteered to take over the

running of the Bookstall so please support her in her new role and see her for any comments, requests or enquiries. Sue Abell will still be running the Books side of the operation and compiling the rota. I hope that Doreen finds this job as enjoyable and rewarding as I have and I send her all good wishes. Sarah Moore

Our church will soon be 150. Help to make it a birthday to remember!

In 2017 New Malden Methodist Church will celebrate its 150th Birthday. We want to celebrate and to give something to New Malden to mark the anniversary. We have made a start thinking about this and propose the following vision for the Anniversary:

'To celebrate that NMMC 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'.

To do this we will over an anniversary month:

- Make a substantial and lasting donation/service contribution to the community of New Malden
- Organise events themed around our history and our faith, including a celebratory service;
- Have fun and attract hundreds of new and returning friends through our doors.'

But the church needs your help to make this all a reality. We are looking for volunteers with ideas and enthusiasm to work over the next 2 years to make the fun and good work all happen. No need to be a member for these roles. Please let the Stewards know if you are interested or drop us a note via Julia and Sarah. There will be a launch meeting on 21st October to start things moving forward.



**Games Evening Saturday
31st October 6.45 pm –
9.00 pm**

Come along to an evening of old fashioned fun!

Play board and card games old and new.
Learn new games and interact with old and young.

You are invited to bring along you family favourites too.

Fancy dress as Super heroes encouraged.

Bring own drink, snacks provided.

Cost £2 per adult Children 50p. Proceeds to Action for Children.

Bring friends and family, no need to book, just turn up on the night although numbers for "snack" provision would be useful.

Please email Julia nmmcyw@hotmail.co.uk to advise if possible.

Music in New Malden returns to NMMC on Sunday October 11th at 3pm

Concentus V11
(<http://concentus7.com>)

will perform German sacred music for a domestic setting.

Works by Telemann, Handel and Heinichen for soprano, recorder, oboe and continuo

An hour of music for all ages followed by tea and cake.

Entrance is free - retiring collection in aid of Cancer Research UK

We look forward to seeing you there!

Diary Dates for October

Friday 2nd 10.30am
Friday Fellowship

Saturday 3rd 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Arthritis Care Kingston

Monday 5th 8.00pm
Circuit Missions Committee

Tuesday 6th 7.30pm
Junior Badminton (**please note changed time**)

Wednesday 7th 8.30pm
Stewards' Meeting

Saturday 10th 10.00am
Coffee Bar – WI – Barbara Cavalier

Sunday 11th 3.00pm
Music in New Malden

Monday 12th 7.00pm
Wives & Friends – Snack and chat (in the Welcome Area)
8.00pm
Abacus Committee Mtg & AGM

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm
Meeting Point – Heather Ward from Surrey Save

Wednesday 14th 2.00pm
Memory Café in the Welcome Area

Saturday 17th 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Kingston Hospital Charity – Alice Child

Sunday 18th 12.00pm
World Church Lunch

Monday 19th 7.30pm
Kingston District Chamber Music Society concert

Tuesday 20th 7.00pm
Junior Badminton

Wednesday 21st 8.00pm
150th Anniversary Meeting

Saturday 24th 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Amnesty
2.00pm
Dads & Doughnuts

Monday 26th 7.00pm
Wives & Friends – 'Born too Soon'

Saturday 31st 6.45pm
Games Evening

Message from our Youth Worker

Hi

Later this month (much later, like the last day of the month) we are having a "Superheroes Games evening". This is a fun evening for all the family, so bring parents, and grandparents to play a variety of board and card games. If you have a favourite bring it along and we'll join in together. (Trivial pursuit is NOT allowed as it causes arguments!)

Why Superheroes I hear you ask? Well, it is Halloween and instead of dressing up to scare others, you are invited to dress as your favourite hero. It could be an obvious one like Superman, Batman or Elsa, or a biblical one like Moses or Mary, or someone like Florence Nightingale or Harry Potter, a fireman, you get the idea. Come and help us celebrate the good in life as All Saints Day follows on.

Here is a brief history:

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November.

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD.

Of course we all have special people in our lives who if we consider it are heroes of a kind. They may not have magical powers, be able to turn back time, but they can be a hero by being special in your life at one time

or another. The ultimate hero of course is Jesus who still gives us so much goodness by his example and teaching. It's a lot to live up to but we can do our best to following his footsteps rather than fly!

Love through Jesus, Julia

A few words from the editor.

Quite a compact newsletter this month which is no bad thing after last month's magnum opus! Lots of dates to put in diaries though; it looks like October is going to be a busy month. As I find a few lines to fill, I thought I'd write about **blood donation**. Partly because churches are being challenged to spread the word on blood donation, and partly because I'm a regular donor myself. I often see colleagues from the Methodist Church at donor sessions but only about 7% of the UK population are regular donors. Each year the Blood Service needs to recruit an additional 204,000 to replace regular donors who can no longer donate – due to their age for instance.

So have a look at blood.co.uk to see if you are eligible and to book a session – the blood vans come to New Malden about once a month or you can pop along to the permanent centre at Tooting. I'm been missing a pint of blood (or an armful as Tony Hancock put it) since Wednesday but got a free cuppa and some crisps in return so think it's a pretty good deal!

Services (flower rota being redone I believe):

4 th October	Revd Choi – HC
11 th	Mr Duncan Lloyd
18 th	Revd Malcolm Oliver (World Church Sunday)
25 th	Revd Brown

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