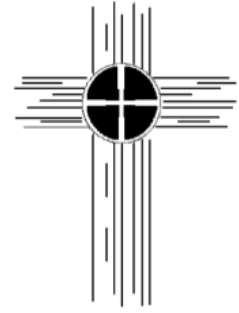


The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church October 2016



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Message from Reverend Choi

Do you know what I want?

I want justice – oceans of it.

I want fairness –rivers of it.

That's what I want. That's all I want. (Amos 5. 24, MSG)

"Holiness and Justice"

Some of you may know that it is the theme, which the President and the Vice President of the conference have chosen for this year. At first glance, to be honest, I thought these two words were not well matched, as they seem to have quite different roots in their meanings and to reflect different images in their use. In my understanding, holiness is 'setting apart', something personal or even private, and something more spiritual, which we are asked to pursue all through our Christian journey, whereas justice is more social, more active, and more engaging with the public.

But, if we look at our history, we can easily find that they have the same root in Methodism, and in the 18th century there was a kind of 'Holiness movement', so called 'social holiness'. As we know, Methodism started from the Holy Club in Oxford, where John and Charles Wesley, with handful of their friends, were seeking to find out the right way of living as Christians and trying to practice the holy life-style, living out 'justice' in the community, in the society, and in the world. Their methodical endeavour to achieve this actually made them called 'Methodists'. In this sense, 'holiness and justice' might be one of the best matched words in our tradition.

At synod last month (in September), we heard a word 'pesky' or 'pesky Methodists' repeated and repeated all through the day. It seemed 'pesky' was the theme of the day. To me, honestly, it wasn't a familiar word and didn't sound attractive or favourable. However, although it might have rather negative connotations, we were strongly challenged to be 'Pesky Methodists', to do justice, not ignoring the needy, the poor, and refugees in particular as their struggles still continue and never seem to end.

It is crucial in the life of the church to be aware of where the world is going and what God wants us to do in this world. Especially as we celebrate the Harvest, Christmas, or anniversaries, we may need to be more mindful of the situations around the world, and never mind being called 'pesky' in seeking to do justice. I truly believe that is

what God wants. Amos reminds us of this message: "Do you know what I want? I want justice –oceans of it. I want fairness –rivers of it. That's all I want."

Every blessing,

SC Choi.

150th Anniversary Celebrations



The celebrations will be launched on Sunday 17th June with a special service in the morning followed by a 'Bring and Share' Lunch. It is hoped that many friends and previous members will be able to return for this occasion. Next month invitations will be available for you to enclose with your Christmas cards in order to pass on the details. There will be no central group sending out invitations so please look out for the invitations which will be in the Welcome Area where you can also view a display of further information about anniversary events.

All are welcome at a meeting on Wednesday 26th October 7.30pm, also in the Welcome Area, to plan the events in more detail. Hope to see you there.

Liz Edwards

A new Christmas event!

Please pass the word to anyone who you think might like to take a stall and put the date in your diary to start your Christmas shopping.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

Date Friday 18th November

Venue New Malden
Methodist church

Opening time 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Cost to take part
£20.00



This event will take place in the café in the front of the church. Entry to customers is free and tea and coffee will be on sale.

Please contact Sarah or

Julia for more information.

nmmc@hotmail.co.uk

nmmcyw@hotmail.co.uk

Teddy Bears!

As you all know, Stella Chattle has coordinated the knitting of bears and scarves (and more) for many years. Stella is now sharing two letters and photos from the director of the Kgosi Neighbourhood Foundation in which he gives thanks for the work done by all the NMMC knitters, and Ruth McLeod in particular. Ruth has been a prolific knitter over the years and as you can see from the pictures, the children are most grateful. Thanks to Stella as these drawings have brightened up the newsletter no end.

Dear Stella,

I hope this message finds you well.

Thank you, again for the efforts you have made these many years to give our children the joy of having their own teddy bear to play with.

The children have shared their joy and thanks in by making the images below for Ms Ruth.

They children have all seen her photo, which is up on the wall of the school, and are amazed by the many bears she has made.

If you could provide Ruth with the following personal message I'd be grateful:



Dear Ruth,

You're tireless efforts to spread love through the world remind me of my own grandmother who lived well into her 90s, and was also named Ruth. Your energy also reminds me of the founder of our school, Sr. Natalie Kuhn, who at 75 years of age, started a new school for the children of our community.

It might be hard to imagine the hundreds of smiles and joy you have created these many

years as you are so far away, but know that your work makes a tremendous difference to the children of our community. Our children grow up in humble homes and their parents do not even have enough money for food, let alone toys.

Your bears, in their vivacious colours, unlock the children's imagination, and help transport them from the squalor and social challenges of their community to a play of joy and love.

Thank you for the inspiring work you do!
Most of us youngsters could never keep up.
With gratitude,
Paul Horn
Executive Director
Kgosi Neighbourhood Foundation



Hopefully we can email this newsletter to Paul so that his budding artists can see their work in print all the way in the UK!
[Caroline]



Summary of Notices

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

On Sunday 18th September we welcome **Freya Ann Smith** into the church family with her baptism and were happy to see their parents, **Leanne and Peter**, and their friends and family to help them celebrate.

We are sorry to report that **Stan Brown's** father died suddenly on Tuesday 13th September. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stan and his family and all who will miss his Dad.

The funeral of **Hazel Yu** from Kingston MC who died after a battle with cancer, was held on Friday 23rd September.

Message from **Eric Murray**: Many thanks to those who heard I had had an accident to my head at Kingston Church on Sunday evening (11th September) and had expressed concern.

It was kind of them to offer help, but the stewards at Kingston and Kingston A & E soon had things sorted out and I'm well recovered now. I was impressed with everybody's efficiency. Eric Murray

Barbara Clarke is currently in the Esher Wing of Cambridge Ward at Kingston Hospital

with a broken knee. We send her our best wishes and prayers.

Jean Bedford is out and about again and recovering following breaking her arm. She would like to thank everyone for the church flowers and for lifts, visits and phone calls offering help and support. "It all helped a lot".

READERS

Would you like to read one of the lessons on a Sunday? Let one of the stewards know and you will be put on the list and contacted at least the Saturday before the service.

CHURCH CLEANING

The church is now cleaned early every morning except Monday which is the cleaner's day off. Please make every effort to ensure the church is left clean and tidy for the Monday users. Thank you.

WINGS OF HOPE

All those who are knitting or sewing for the above are invited to a coffee morning on Thursday 29th September at the home of Stella and Maurice from 10 30 am. This is not a fund raising event but an opportunity to bring any completed items you have, so that we can see how near we are to completing all for the class of January 2017.

PARKING

Please may I remind anyone parking in front of the oak doors to leave enough space for the doors to be opened widely in order to allow people with buggies to easily exit through those doors. Thank you, Sarah

WIVES AND FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

Just a note to remind that our meetings start again on the 10th October with a Snack and a Chat in the Welcome Area at 7.30pm. We shall be delighted to welcome both old and new friends to join with us. We have a varied programme with something for everyone! Joy Clarke.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 29th October. World Church supper with a Brazilian theme

Saturday 7th January 2017 11.00am.
Worship Consultation meeting. The last
Worship Consultation meeting was very
poorly attended so the next one will be held
on a Saturday – 7th January at 11.00am in
the hope that more people will attend as
this meeting is open to all. A reminder will
be published nearer the time.

Diary Dates for October

Saturday 1st October

10.00am **Neighbourhood Watch Talk on
Scams** (Sanctuary)

10.30am **Coffee Bar – Wings of Hope –
Birgit Cowan**

6.45pm **Auction of Promises and
Harvest Supper**

Thursday 6th

7.30pm **Pastoral Committee**

Friday 7th

10.30am **Friday Fellowship**

Saturday 8th

10.00am **Coffee Bar – Kingston Vale
Theatre Group – Annie Amos**

Sunday 9th

3.00pm **Music in New Malden – French
Splendour**

Monday 10th

7.30pm **Wives & Friends**

Tuesday 11th

7.00pm **Junior Badminton**

7.30pm **Meeting Point ‘Twelve Angry
Men’ film and discussion**

8.00pm **Abacus AGM**

Wednesday 12th

2.00pm **Memory Café**

Friday 14th

6.30pm **Guides Sleepover (all night!)**

7.30pm **3 Fs at the Knowles’ house**

Saturday 15th

10.00am **Coffee Bar – Amnesty**

Monday 17th

7.00pm **Kingston District Chamber
Music Society Concert**

Tuesday 18th

8.30pm **Stewards’ Meeting**

Thursday 20th

2.00pm **Art Group** (Welcome Area)

Saturday 22nd

10.00am **Coffee Bar – Arthritis Care –
Jocelyn King**

Monday 24th

Schools on Half Term

Saturday 29th

10.00am **Coffee Bar – World Church Day
- Birgit Cowan**

2.00pm **Dads & Doughnuts**

6.45pm **World Church Supper** with a
Brazilian theme!

Thursday 29th

8.00pm **Church Council Meeting**

AROUND THE CIRCUIT: OCTOBER 2016

CIRCUIT NEWS

A Circuit Praise Service will take place at
Kingston Methodist Church at 6.30pm on 30
October. Blending contemporary music with
reflection, quiet and creativity this is a new
Quarterly Event for everyone who wants to
explore fresh styles of worship.

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!

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

CHURCH EVENTS

Chessington

Love In A Box Morning: Saturday 15 October

Our annual box filling for Mustard Seed Missions will take place from 10am, along with a cake stall and tea & coffee. Last year we made up 200 shoe boxes – how many will there be this year? For more information contact Geneen Bray or Ann Botterill.

Surbiton Hill

Quiet Day October 8th

Led by Rev Dr Stan Brown at the House of Prayer, Seymour Road, East Molesey, KT8 0PB

Genesis 3:9 But the Lord God called to the man 'Where are you?' 'Where am I?' is the oldest of questions. Spend a quiet, refreshing and creative day to discover more about where we are with God.

Our Superintendent Minister Stan Brown will be leading the Autumn Quiet Day, which is open to everyone in the Circuit. We meet at the House of Prayer who offer us their house and grounds to give an opportunity for personal renewal and to find a deepening sense of God. This is a great opportunity to draw aside from one's daily life to spend time in quiet fellowship with others. If you

have never experienced such a day you are warmly invited to join us on this occasion.

The day runs from 10am to 3.30pm. You are asked to bring a packed lunch but hot and cold drinks and light snacks are available throughout the day. There is plenty of parking on site. It's fine just to arrive on the morning but it is helpful to have an idea of numbers expected to prepare resources.

Please let Jeannette Barwick know if you intend coming and also contact her if you have any questions or require transport:

Jeannette Barwick

jbarwick313@btinternet.com 020 8941 8551

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 20 October: Homelessness in Kingston. What's the situation & What's to be done about it? Matt Hatton, Operational Director, Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness

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 or 020 8549 1960

NOVEMBER 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 11 October
to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Anyone for Table Tennis?

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

[whether or not anyone takes up this offer,



we should definitely challenge SHMTT to a friendly match – what do you think Gareth,

Clive and David K?]

Message from our Family Worker

Hi

I wonder what your favourite sandwich filling is? Cheese? Jam? Ham? Egg? The filling is usually the best part, the thing you choose to make the meal. However the bread is also very important, without it the

filling would just be all over the place. Can you imagine a tuna sandwich with no bread!

Jesus described himself as “The Bread of Life”, so he is like the surrounding slices in our life, holding our filling together. Without his love and support the exciting bits of our lives could easily fall apart. He gives our whole lives meaning and substance like a well-balanced sandwich.

In the bible there are many stories about bread, the feeding of the 5 thousand, manna from heaven and of course the last supper when Jesus breaks bread for the last time with the disciples. The Harvest loaf is a symbol of



all that, the plaiting is like us all becoming one loaf, stronger when we work together. The mouse? It is unsure why it is there really, but some ideas are that it looks cute! But I like the idea that if we can share some of the bread with the poor mouse then it is a good harvest indeed.

God bless, Julia

Services in October

2nd – Rev Choi – Holy Fellowship

9th – Rev Brown – Holy Communion

16th – Rev Choi –

23rd – Ms L Webb

and café church at 6.30pm with Mrs Davies

30th – Rev Watt

plus circuit praise service at Kingston at 6.30pm.

Copy deadline for the November Newsletter is Friday 9am 28th October by email to: carolineauty@hotmail.com or in the pigeon hole.