

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



Ubuntu
September 2011

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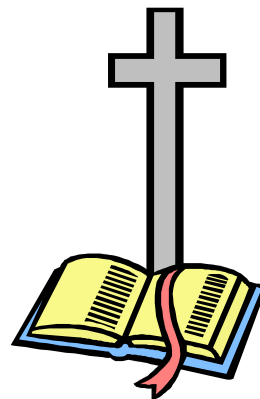
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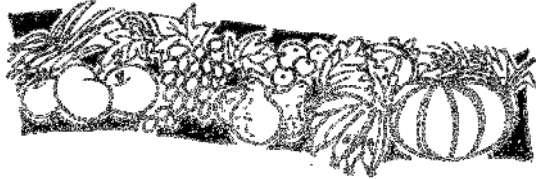
“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

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 October edition of Ubuntu will be available on Sunday 25th September. 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, 16th September. Thank you

Rosemarie

(Additional material courtesy of parishpump.co.uk)

Minister's Letter

Hello friends,

At four o'clock this morning, at the Royal Marsden, surrounded by gadgetry of every shape and size I find myself wanting to ask you, "What are the miracles in your life that really enable you to LIVE?"

Coming from my nostrils are two fine oxygen leads without which, my organs would quickly collapse and I would die. In a small container on the table I have a capsule no more than 4mm in length which will provide me with the painkiller I need. This allows me to share with you all those joys and sorrows, the will to live, without which there is no connection, appreciation or channel of grace through which the misery of death can be driven out if needs be. And yes, everywhere are the portable trappings of life and faith in its electronic wizardry – the computer allowing me to type this (late) letter, the phone that will let me email it to you and the miniature gadget that is letting me listen to the sad story of the situation of the Church in Zimbabwe and elsewhere around the world.

Each of these things are miracles, signs that God is active in the world, making a difference, trying to break through the pain and despair and find a new root for the fledgling hope we feel in New Malden and Kingston for humanity.

Small hopes can contrive to build up mountains of faith through which all of life can cascade in a great torrent of joy. Like the tiny crack in a dam, or the sunshine that cracks the ice to let the mighty whale or sea-lion up for air. Your smile, your prayer could be the very miracle that breaks through to lighten someone's darkness, your tin of soup could be the warmth of human kindness, the proof that there is life after despair, that there is hope and health and people who care.

For me, the miracles this month have been wonderfully simple. I have seen excitement and joy in the faces of young people who are just beginning to believe that they can do what it takes to achieve their ambitions, but even more I have learned like some of them have had to, that my entire life and the life of our church does NOT hinge on any ONE exam, or prayer, moment or even one visit to hospital. The cross is a promise of endless miraculous opportunities. I have even learned that some miracles (well, most, if I am honest) can happen without me even being there! I have seen love transformed by the joy of marriage, health restored by the gift of medicine, prayer and hearts lifted by communion

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with God time and time and time again.

So as we start this new Methodist year together – I look forward to rediscovering the gift of God coming into our lives together as light and love – with us and as part of us, but most of all, as the ever-living miracle of Christ in us as we work for God's Kingdom wherever we are.

Angie

A Hymn of Thanksgiving

For the fruits of his creation,
Thanks be to God;
For his gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
Thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

F. Pratt Green



Church News and Announcements

Church Family News

Sheila Hurton died on July 28 at Princess Alice Hospice after a very brave battle against mesothelioma. She died peacefully with her husband and daughters around her. Her son had been able to visit the previous day.

There will be a Service of Celebration of her life on Thursday 13 October at 2.00pm at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church. There will be an opportunity to make any donation you may care to give in her memory which, unless otherwise specified, will be split equally between Princess Alice Hospice and The UK Friends of The Shepherd's Hospice.

We have learnt that **Sybil Philp** who was a member here for many years died peacefully on Wednesday 3rd August. Any cards of condolence may be sent to her daughter Alisa At 'Blaen y wern', Penygarnedd, Llanrhaeadr-ym, Oswestry SY10 0AN

Phil Hammond's son in New Zealand has just been told he is suffering from stomach cancer. He is starting to receive chemotherapy. Please pray for Phil and the family at this worrying time.

Church Website

The new church website is now up and running. Please have a look at it at the same web address as before

www.newmalDENmethodistchurch.com and let us know what you think!

At a later date we plan to add a private password-protected section which will contain rotas but feel at present that we don't want these in the public domain for security reasons.

We hope that it will be a valuable and user-friendly resource for both regular members of the congregation and newcomers so suggestions and comments are welcome.



Sarah and Julia

The keyboard has been found!

Thankfully, the missing keyboard has turned up. It had been put away deep in the seldom visited recesses of the organ cupboard.

Church News and Announcements



Festival

“Acclaiming His Greatness”

St Albans Cathedral - Saturday, 15th October, 2011

The next festival of the Free Church Choirs is in October and we are already thinking about ordering the service books and planning the rehearsals!

If you would like to join the party going from the church this time, it is an opportunity to sing with a really large choir (300+), in four parts, in a beautiful building with organ and a brass group. The anthems will include:

Achieved is the glorious work (Creation)	Joseph Haydn
Judge Eternal	Malcolm Archer
O Lord of every constellation	Paul Leddington Wright
Lord, you are the light of life	Brian R. Hoare

There will be a rehearsal in the church the previous Saturday morning 8th October. Please sign up in the Choir Vestry or let Peter Bullett know of your interest (8942 0666). The anthem book will cost £10.

Thank you

Alan Vincent has received the following thank you and it's good to know that our Church is being used and appreciated by the local community.

“... Many thanks for allowing me to rent such a lovely hall. My members loved it there and everything was pristine clean. They also loved having the coffee bar – many of my members come from outside of New Malden so it was lovely for them to find another place in our community. Once again thank you.”

*Vanessa Tavener
Slimming World*



Church News and Announcements

Rotary Shoe Boxes

As you know, we have decided to collect the shoe boxes as part of our Harvest giving this year. Boxes are now 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.

I received a news sheet with our recent order of boxes and thought you might be interested in some more detailed information about the scheme.

It was started by Rotary clubs north and west of Manchester in 1994 when they filled shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for children at a Kindergarten that they had recently built in Iasi (pronounced Yashi) in the north east of Romania. The scheme grew rapidly and in 1997 it was adopted as a Rotary International Project, with a separate Trust being set up to run the scheme throughout Great Britain and Ireland. Around 1 million boxes were donated in the first ten years and boxes are now distributed all year round throughout Central and Eastern Europe, as well as at Christmas, Easter and Children's Day (1st June).

Countries which have received the boxes include Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Croatia, Albania and Kosovo. Between September 2010 and January 2011 the following boxes were distributed through various agencies:

Croatia	630	Refugee Relief
Minsk, Belarus	1650	Chantal Winograd
Kiev, Ukraine	6390	Pash Ozeruga
Odessa, Ukraine	7050	Tatyana Kolomiets
Iasi, Romania	11056	Iasi 2000 Rotary Club

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.

We had hoped to have our contact at Rotary attend our Harvest service on 18 September but, unfortunately, he has a prior engagement on that day. However, he is coming to talk to Meeting Point on Tuesday 18th October so, if you would like to learn more about the scheme, do come and join us then.

Carol Dadds



Church News and Announcements

Do you have a spare room?

Kingston University needs more lodgings in private homes for its international exchange students. These students (mostly from Europe and the USA) come to Kingston for one semester only to have an experience of life and study in the UK. Staying in a local lodging is an important part of the exchange experience for many students. Students self-cater whilst in lodgings.



You would be asked to provide:

A furnished bedroom, including bed, chair and storage;

Access to the kitchen for the student to prepare their own meals;

Access to the bathroom;

Bedding and cooking utensils/equipment.

Rent is typically £85-£100 per week, and the commitment is for one semester only (half the academic year).

More details can be found at:

<http://www.kingston.ac.uk/accommodation/landlords/lodgings/>

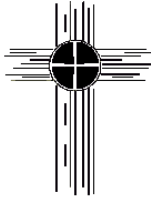
Or contact: Kingston University Accommodation Service:

Tel: 020 8417 3829

Some Quotations with a Christian theme!

- Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.
- Because of God's grace, failure is never final.
- Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.
- I believe every Christian man has a choice between being humble and being humbled. *C H Spurgeon*
- Hope is the foundation of patience. *John Calvin*
- It is only with gratitude towards God that life becomes rich. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*
- We play the game; God keeps the score. *Erwin W Lutzer*

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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.

2011

9th October

Musicians of London Wall:

Emily Baines – *recorder*,

Alexis Bennet – *viola*

Vladimir Waltham – *cello*

Joseph Chesshyre – *harpsichord*

13th November

DeNOTE

Jane Booth – *clarinet*

John Irving – *fortepiano*

Vanhal, 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 Francischello

10th June

John Irving and Steven Devine – *fortepiano*

Mozart piano 4 hands

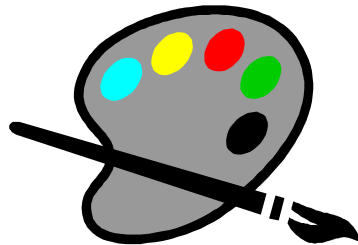
Retiring collections in aid of charity

Create

Friday, 9th September - 2.30-5.00pm

If you have not yet had the opportunity to experience 'Create', then do join us for our next 'workshop' when the theme will be:

“Adam and Eve”



Come and share with us in art, music and poetry; Explore new ideas and allow Scripture to stimulate your faith and imagination;

Try your hand at drawing, sketching, calligraphy, painting, collage, clay modelling, cross-stitch, or one of the many other art forms on offer.

You don't have to be an expert to come to 'Create' (none of us are!) just willing to relax, experiment, and enjoy the gift of creative time.

All materials are provided free of charge, though you may bring your own if you prefer.

You will be very welcome!

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Churches Together in Kingston

The following are examples of some of the projects currently taking place in the Kingston area. They have been publicised in the Churches Together in Kingston Newsletter; which can be seen in full on the notice board in the Church welcome area. Contact details are given below for anyone who would like further information.



Kingston Foodbank

Using the Government's definition of poverty, the latest statistics show that nearly 5000 children in Kingston upon Thames are living in poverty. Kingston Citizen's Advice Bureau report that debt advice enquiries are at an all time high and 61% of enquiries they receive are related to debt, benefits or tax credits issues. Families contacting CAB are often at crisis point.

When you have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis, such as bereavement, benefit delay, redundancy or illness, can leave you unable to feed yourself or your family. Foodbank is part of a national network that mobilises churches and communities to provide emergency food to people in crisis.

If you would like to know more about how you or your church can be part of setting up a Foodbank in Kingston please get in touch with Paul Pickhaver at The Community Church (pickhaverfamily@tiscali.co.uk or 07789 012554). Foodbank is part of the work of The Trussell Trust (www.trusselltrust.org).

All Saints Church Listening Ministry

All Saints Church in Kingston Market Place offers hospitality on weekday and Saturday mornings in terms of tea, coffee and a friendly chat. We also provide trained listeners for people who want something a little deeper, and we're hoping to expand the listening team and offer the service in the afternoons as well.

We will be training new recruits for the listening ministry later this year (exact dates to be finalized during the summer) and would welcome enquiries from members of other churches. The training takes place in the daytime. Further details: Sandy Cragg, sandy@toadstool.co.uk. el:020 8546 5931 from 9th August.

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Diary for September

Saturday 3rd	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Shoeboxes, Julie Haines
Saturday 3rd	6.00pm	Welcome service for new minister, Elizabeth Osei, at Chessington
Friday 9th	10.30am	Friday Fellowship
Friday 9th	2.30 - 5.00pm	Create
Saturday 10th	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Banner over Africa, Birgit Cowen
Tuesday 13th	7.00pm	Junior Badminton
Saturday 17th	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Julie Haines
Saturday 17th		Harvest Supper
Thursday 14th	6.30pm	Youth Club
Saturday 24th	10.00-12.00	Coffee Bar – Childline, Pam Bugeya
Sunday 25th		Activ8 Tenth Anniversary Barbeque

Please note: Due to the uncertainty of Angie's treatment regime over the first few weeks of September - Heretics night will be shared with the Faith and Film night at Kingston during September. Please see weekly notices for more information.

Advance notice! The next meeting of the New Malden Methodist Church Council will be on Wednesday, 5th October at 8.00pm



Circuit News

Around the Circuit September news from your Circuit Coordinator

Due to a family crisis, Daphne has been unable to be in the Circuit office for much of the summer. Milly Pickard (Bonni-Belle's new daughter-in-law) has been filling in on a temporary basis.

Circuit Events

This month we **welcome Rev Elizabeth Osei** and her family into our circuit, as minister of Chessington Methodist Church! Elizabeth comes to us as a Probationer Minister from Wesley House, Cambridge, where she has been doing her academic studies for ministry over the past two years. Prior to her time in Cambridge, Elizabeth was active for many years in the Clapham Circuit with her husband Wilson and eight children. Originally the family came from Ghana. Youngest son David and youngest daughter Betty will be living with Elizabeth and her husband in the Chessington manse.

Saturday 3 September at 6.00pm. The welcome service for Elizabeth Osei will be held at Chessington Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Circuit meeting -- Wednesday 14 September, 8 pm at Kingston

Other Events

Street Pastor Training

Training for new Street Pastors begins on **3 September** and continues for 12 weeks, ending on 28 January 2012. If you're interested in joining this vital ministry on the streets of Kingston, please contact Bonni-Belle for an application form.

Olympic Outreach

If you'd like to be part of an ecumenical outreach during the Olympics, plan to attend the More Than Gold briefing workshops at Westminster Central Hall on **12 and 23 September, 11am-4 pm**. This is a very exciting programme which will involve hundreds of churches across London next summer.

Guildford Messy Cathedral

Sunday 2 October, Guildford Cathedral is hosting a Messy Cathedral at which they hope to have people representing various Messy Church projects that are

happening in their own congregations. If you are interested in being part of Messy Cathedral, contact Sharon Lloyd.

Reading the King James Bible -- “In the beginning...” Alongside the plays of Shakespeare, the King James Bible is the foundation of many of our everyday phrases and has language which is admired by English speakers the world over. On **Saturday 17 September** the story told in it will be read in a day long event at All Saints Church, Kingston, to mark 400 years since it was finished.

It's the version of the Bible that was commonly used until only fairly recently and has had a dramatic influence on shaping our culture and language. It tells a good story, too, much of which remains relevant and interesting to a broad audience, regardless of religious affiliation or interest. So, we're going to read it. Not from cover to cover, since that would take four days..., but some highlights that allow us to hear the story it contains and to rejoice in the beauty of its language. **We're calling for volunteers to come forward from across the community to read small sections throughout the day.**

Readers don't have to have a particular belief about what the text might mean. It's a book that has offered such value over the centuries precisely because a wide variety of people have found their own story, understood in their own way, reflected in its pages. Some readers simply enjoy the elegance of its phrases. All that's required is a desire to take part and a willingness to give up a short space of time on a late summer's day. We need 50 to 60 readers and want to encourage every section of the Kingston community to become involved in this exciting project: shoppers and workers, business and public services, young and old. It's a public event - for and by the people of Kingston - and we're even aiming to broadcast it via a large screen on the church lawn by Clarence Street.

If you're interested in being involved please contact: Jonathan Wilkes on 020 8546 5964 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:allsaintskingston@tiscali.co.uk" allsaintskingston@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:allsaintskingston@tiscali.co.uk)

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@kingstonscircuit.org.uk
Tel 07510 548931, Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, 39 Ewell Rd., Surbiton KT6 6AF



Children's Pages

The following reading was chosen by Mark and Thomas (and read by Julia) at their Confirmation Service on Sunday, 10th July

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you **quit**.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow -
You might succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup.
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

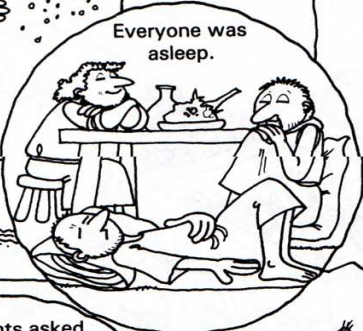
Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt -
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't **quit**.



Wheat and Weeds

Worksheet 47

A man sowed good seed.



Everyone was asleep.

The enemy came and sowed some weeds.



The servants asked if they should pull up the weeds.

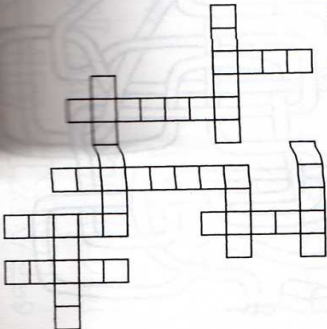


The man told them to wait until harvest time.

At harvest time the wheat and weeds were gathered together and the weeds were burnt.



Can you fit the words in?



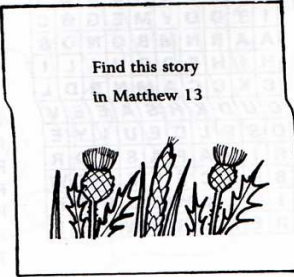
8 LETTERS
SLEEPING

7 LETTERS
HARVEST
PARABLE

6 LETTERS
BURNED

5 LETTERS
ENEMY
FIELD
SOWED
WEEDS
WHEAT

4 LETTERS
GROW
ROOT



Church Services in September

4th September	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service	Revd Dr Shier-Jones Mr D & Mrs C Doe
11th September	10.30am Service 6.30pm Service (BS)	Mr S Seo Rev D Finnan
18th September (Harvest)	10.30am Service (H) 6.30pm Service (CC/HC)	Revd Dr Shier-Jones Revd Dr Shier-Jones
25th September (Back to Church)	10.30am Service 6.30pm Service (U)	Rev R Jones At Kingston Church

Notes

HC - Holy Communion

CC - Café Church

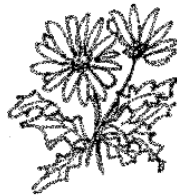
BS - Bible Study

H - Harvest

U - United Service



Flower Rota for September 2011



Date

4th September
11th September
18th September
25th September

Donated by:

Mrs S Bradley & Mrs S Abell
Mrs J Cox
Mr D Bryan
Mrs S Champion

Arranged by:

Pam W
Sheila
Jan & Team (Harvest)
Pam W

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
Monday	6.30pm	Activ8
	8.00pm	Badminton Club
	7.30pm	Wives and Friends Fellowship (fortnightly*)
Tuesday	8.00pm	Heretics Club (1st Monday in month)
	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)
Wednesday	8.00pm	Meeting Point*
	10.30am	Bible Study (term-time)
	12.15pm	Holy Communion in the Church
Thursday	6.30pm	Shell Club (age 7-12)
	9.45am	Toddlers Group (term-time)
Friday	10.00am	Friday Fellowship (once a month)
	2.30pm	Create Art Workshop (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

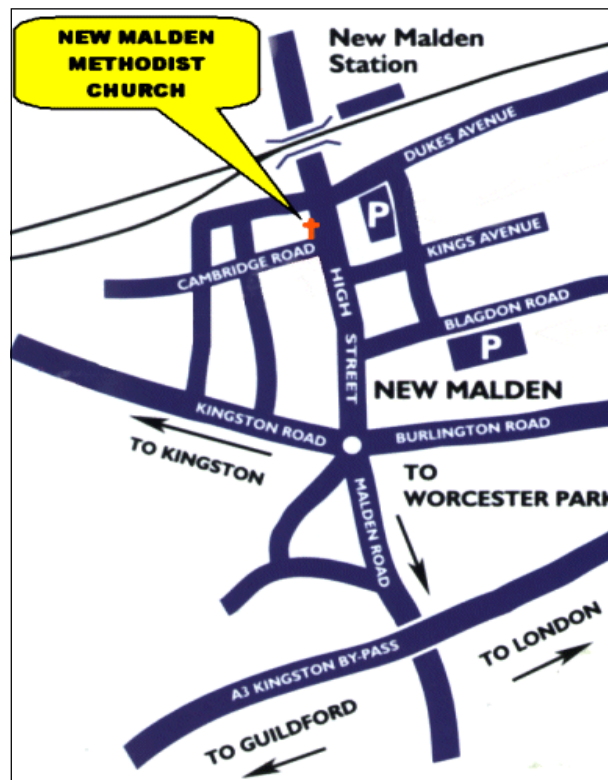
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Church Admin Email: nmmc@hotmail.co.uk

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