

Lockdown Life

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Church Family News

Maurice Chattle

We are very sorry to report that Maurice Chattle died on Saturday 26th June at Bourne house in Surbiton where he had spent the last two and a half years. He passed away peacefully in his sleep with Stella at his side. Rev Stan Brown was with him that morning and had blessed him. Maurice was well known both here at New Malden and throughout the circuit holding many offices including that of Circuit Steward. There will be a service of celebration and thanksgiving at New Malden Methodist Church at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st July followed by tea and cake. Karl will be on annual leave so the service will be taken by our former Minister, Rev Robert Jones. The family would love you to wear bright clothes, no black if possible. Please come and share this time with them if you can. The cremation will be private. This will be subject to any Covid restrictions that may remain in place.



Isabel's 100 minute practice

I would like to say thank you to all of the people from the church that sponsored me. If you do not know what I did here is some information: on the 1st June I practiced all my instruments for a total of 100 minutes for Help Musicians which is a charity that supports professional musicians and other musicians who have been struggling financially or need some kind of support. On the day I played my violin and piano for 30 minutes each then played my saxophone and drums for 20 minutes each. The time seemed to go quickly and I really enjoyed it. My parents took lots of videos and pictures which were then shared

on social media to show that I actually did this. Altogether for Help Musicians I have raised a total of £800 including Gift Aid. I am thankful for all the 30 supporters (including lots of people from Church and the coffee bar) that gave me money via JustGiving or via my parents who added it onto the site. If you would still like to donate here is my link: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/100-minutes-practice</u>

Thank you, Isabel

Here are some pictures of me doing it:



Congratulations Isabel on a great achievement 😊

Can you help with the shrubs in the church memorial garden?

Stella has asked if someone would take over the trimming of the shrubs at the side of the church as she is not finding it as easy as she used to. Our garden is such a huge asset to the community, please would you let Stella know if you can help maintain this popular haven in the High Street.

Methodist Church News

The Methodist Church

The following is an extract from the Methodist Church website dated 30 June 2021

Conference confirms resolutions on marriage and relationships

Following prayerful consideration by the whole Church, the Methodist Conference has voted to confirm provisional resolutions on the principles or qualities of good relating, understanding of cohabitation and same-sex marriages conducted on Methodist premises or by Methodist office-holders.

A report on marriage and relationships, 'God in Love Unites Us', was received by the Conference in 2019 and the local District Synods were asked to consider the provisional resolutions and report back to this year's Conference which is being held this week in Birmingham. The Conference received a report on the results of the local conferring which showed that 29 out of the 30 Synods confirmed support for the provisional resolutions.

The Revd Sonia Hicks, President of the Conference, prayed ahead of the main debate on Wednesday morning in Birmingham, asking that the Conference's "words may be imbibed with your grace, with tenderness from on high."

A range of views were expressed on the resolutions, in particular on cohabitation and same-sex marriages. The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, spoke to the Conference acknowledging the "depth of feeling, pain and anxiety that there is" with a commitment to work across the Connexion with District Chairs to heal divisions.

Speakers called for unity going ahead irrespective of the decision. Other speakers spoke of the acceptance of diversity that younger Church members have for each other with younger speakers relating their own lived experience as Christians from the LGBTQI+ community. Another representative asked that the Church does not ostracise those who oppose the introduction of same-sex marriages in the Church, saying the great majority of these people are trying to be faithful to Scripture as they see it.

The Methodist Church included other denominations and Methodist Churches across the world in the process of listening and consultation, with written submissions from ecumenical partners to the 'God In Love Unites Us' report and workshops with global Methodist partners.

Following the vote on the provisional resolutions the Revd Sonia Hicks said: "The debate today and our wider conversation has been conducted with grace and mutual respect. As we move forward together after this historic day for our Church, we must remember to continue to hold each other in prayer, and to support each other respecting our differences."

Karl Rutlidge was at Conference and spoke movingly during the debate. Our Church Council will be voting at the meeting on Sunday 11th July on deciding whether to approve the celebration of same-sex marriages in our building.

Title Suggestions

Thank you to anyone who has sent a suggestion for a new title for 'Lockdown Life' going forward, some more serious than others. Here is a selection

- Heart of Wesley's News, to reflect the position of Wesley's at the heart of the High Street
- New Life or NMMC Life. As the current title has signified what life under lockdown has been perhaps it would be a good idea to retain the 'Life' element of the title but add something to signify that we have moved on.
- The Post-Pandemic Post
- Post-Corona Courier
- The Light at the End of the Tunnel
- The Church Potato (for church members to read when in couch potato mode)
- The Rainbow (God's sign, an indication of inclusivity, our colourful mosaic and stained glass window)
- The Dove & Olive Leaf / The Olive Leaf & Dove
- The Mosaic
- The Monthly Mosaic

Any more ideas, or comments on these suggestions would be welcome.

A Day in the Life of an ITU Nurse during the COVID-19 Pandemic

by Millie Bradley (daughter of Sue and Andrew)

A typical day begins at 5.20am when my alarm goes off. I get up and leave for the 6am train to get to work around 7am for the start of my 12½ hour shift. As intensive care nurses we are used to looking after one critically unwell patient who is usually sedated and on a ventilator, however due to the increased demand we are nursing two patients each.

Our mornings are often very busy, charting observations hourly, drawing up medications and titrating life-saving infusions to help keep our patients stable.

Some of our patients may require 'proning' to help manage their oxygen requirements (a method where we turn our patients so they lay on their stomach). This alone required seven team members to help with the process.

The afternoon consists of medication rounds, infusions, observations. We take the time to wash our patients and brush their hair and teeth. We are lucky that we have redeployed nurses

to help us give this important care that we simply wouldn't have the time to do if we were on our own. It can be particularly tough after spending a whole day working hard but not seeing any progress in their condition. We often rely heavily on each other for support and help during our shifts; we are all experiencing this situation together. Sharing our worries, stories and trying to remain positive to help us get through it.

A shift ends at 8pm when we hand over our care to our colleagues for the night shift. It is always a relief being able to take off the tight mask and PPE for the final time. The journey home takes about an hour and I normally get home around 9.30pm.

In the rare spare time I have, I like to keep myself busy. So far I have made over 40 colourful scrub hats for the staff to wear on the unit as well as crocheting hearts for our end of life patients where we give one heart to the patient and one heart to the family.

Despite the challenges we face as nurses, especially during this pandemic, we

go home often feeling proud of what we have achieved, making a difference to someone's life and helping patients and families who are experiencing the most difficult times of their lives.





The Stained Glass Window

There is a notice just inside the Sanctuary that explains the story behind our lovely stained glass window. I had never stopped to read it before and was interested to see that another Hilary was one of the benefactors. Here is what it says in full:

The large window above was given in 1995 in memory of Mrs Nina Grieveson by her daughters, Margaret and Hilary. The original leaded window was in poor condition and had to be reduced in size as part of the Welcome Area creation. The design and fabrication was undertaken by Derek Hunt of Limelight Studios, Leicester.

The brief given to the artist by the Minister, The Revd. Robert L. Jones, was to illustrate the hymn number 361 in *Hymns & Psalms*:

"Summer suns are glowing Over land and sea, Happy light is flowing, Bountiful and free; Everything rejoices In the mellow rays, All earth's thousand voices Swell the psalm of praise."

The beauty of the window is best seen on a sunny day early in the morning when the sun's rays are refracted by the prism glass used in parts of the window and the beams fall in their rainbow colours on the north wall to your left. In the evening at dusk the window is floodlit from within to show the High Street that the church is alive.

Hilary Warner



No More Bare Grills

If you have been able to come into The Sanctuary over the past few weeks, you will have seen the arches above the doors either side of the dais looking a sombre black while awaiting refurbishment. For the grills, Clarke and Hodges mixed specialist gold paints to match the new gilding on the organ pipe mouths and made accurate templates to allow aluminium backing sheets to be cut and hexagonally pierced by Graepels factory in Cork before being polyester-coated in Warrington to the exact shade of the pipe bodies. You can see the scaffolding and considerable muscle-power needed to replace the newly-backed grills, which are now safely bolted in place once again.

The widely-held view is that they look very smart and they will allow the sound of the organ pipes behind (only on the right) to pass freely out into the church. The final beautification will be the date of the

organ's dedication and possibly a suitable biblical verse to be inscribed on the varnished wood below the main organ case. A lasting monument to the amazing good will and generosity which allowed this exciting project to come to a successful conclusion.

Peter Bullett











Installation of the grills



Church Directory

I am currently updating the church directory. Please let me know by Friday 16th July if you have any changes or additions to your entry (eg, mobile number or email address) or if you wish to be removed from the directory, or added.

For the purposes of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations), the directory is solely for the use of members and adherents of New Malden Methodist Church and details therein must not be made available to anyone else. Individually numbered copies of the Directory will be signed for by the recipient.

Sarah Moore

Music in New Malden MusicFest21

The remaining two concerts in the July 2021 series are as follows:

Saturday 10 July at 7.30pm

Celebrity Organ Recital (Keith Hearnshaw)

- Londonderry Air Trad Arr J. Stuart-Archer
- Grand Choeur in D (alla Handel) A. Guilmant
- Lied. L. Vierne
- Passacaglia & Fugue in C minor BWV 582 J.S. Bach
- Evensong F.J. Easthope Martin
- Pomp & Circumstance March Sir E. Elgar
- INTERVAL
- Nimrod from Enigma Variations Sir E. Elgar
- Gabriel's Oboe from The Mission E. Morricone
- The Star Spangled Banner Concert Variations D. Buck
- Hymn to the Fallen from Saving Private Ryan -J. Williams
- Chelsea Fayre R. Goss-Custard
- Tu Es Petra H. Mulet

Sunday 18 July at 3pm

Emmanuel Bach (violin) Jenny Stern (piano)

Royal Overseas League String Competition 2018 winner Emmanuel Bach has performed as a soloist and chamber musician at venues including Wigmore Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, St George's Bristol, St Martin-in-the-Fields and St James's Piccadilly. He is joined by South African born pianist Jenny Stern who has performed extensively in the UK and abroad as a chamber musician, holding positions at Eton College and the Royal College of Music, Junior Department.

Programme

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 -1828) Sonata No 3 in E-Flat, Op 12 No 3

- 1. Allegro con spirito
- 2. Adagio con molta espressione
- 3. Rondo: Allegro molto

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1827) Rondo in B minor, D 895 Op. 70

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) Sonata for Violin and Piano, FP 119 (1942-3, rev 1949)

- 1. Allegro con fuoco
- 2. Intermezzo
- 3. Presto tragico

Antonio Bazzini (1818-1897) 'La Ronde des Lutins' Scherzo Fantastique, Op 25



Circuit Plan

		KINGSTON 10.30am	SURBITON HILL 10.30am	NEW MALDEN 10.30am	CHESSINGTON* 10am
11 July	am	Mark Wakelin	Stan Brown	Karl Rutlidge	Judith Wakelin
18 July	am	Jilly Bridges	Brown	Local Arrangement	M Wakelin
25 July	am	Linda Davis	LA	Duncan Lloyd	Brown
01 August	am	Rutlidge	Brown	To be confirmed	LA
08 August	am	Brown	J Wakelin	Rutlidge	M Wakelin
15 August	am	Rutlidge	LA	Lorraine Webb	M Wakelin
22 August	am	LA	Lloyd	Rutlidge	LA
29 August	am	J Wakelin	Brown	M Wakelin	Bridges
Online services (follow links)					
Chessington: 10am Sundays: chessingtonmc.online.church; YouTube: Chessington Methodist Church					
Kingston: Sundays & YouTube: <u>Windows on Worship</u>					
New Malden: Sundays & YouTube: Windows on Worship					
Surbiton Hill: 10.30 Sundays: <u>shmc.online.church</u> ; YouTube: <u>Surbiton Hill Methodist Church</u>					

Next Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at <u>nmmc@hotmail.co.uk</u> (or in longhand through my door or the church door 0), no later than Wednesday 25th August.

I am happy to receive anything you think might be of interest: memories, lockdown experiences, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, etc.

Answers to June's Weather Quiz

- 1. **Bob Dylan** said, "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows".
- 2. **Rain**: *I think it's gonna rain today* Dusty Springfield, *Into each life some rain must fall* - Ella Fitzgerald, *Didn't it rain* - Mahalia Jackson.
- 3. **Samuel Johnson** said, "When two Englishmen meet, their first talk is of the weather".
- 4. The Beaufort Wind Force Scale was devised in the **19th** century.
- 5. The highest number on the (original) Beaufort Scale is **12**.



- 6. (a) A barometer measures **air pressure**, (b) an anemometer measures **wind speed**, (c) a Campbell-Stokes recorder measures **sunshine**.
- Gone with the Wind (1939), Endless Summer (1966), The Big Chill (1983), Rain Man (1988), Twister (1996), Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (2009)
- 8. In Shakespeare's Hamlet, Polonius discussed what animals clouds looked like with Hamlet.
- 9. Mount Rainier is renowned for the **greatest annual snowfall** (February 1971 February 1972).
- 10. God said a **rainbow** would be a reminder of the everlasting covenant between Him and all living creatures.
- 11. Saint Swithin's day falls on 15th July.
- 12. Bora, cierzo, Dimmerfoehn, gregale and bentu de soli are all **names of wind** (in different parts of the world).
- 13. **Robert Burns** wrote, "The winter it is past, and the summer comes at last / And the small birds they sing on every tree".
- 14. Tullius Stratocumulus is a Roman commander in Asterix in Britain.
- 15. The saying "Red sky at night, shepherd's delight / Red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning" comes from **Matthew 16:2-3**: *He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' ..."*
- 16. In the shipping forecast, FitzRoy was formerly known as Finisterre.
- 17. The Great Smog occurred in London in **1952**.
- 18. Irving Berlin wrote the song White Christmas.
- 19. Michael Fish famously denied there was a hurricane on the way in 1987.
- 20. Freeze-thaw weathering is responsible for causing many potholes.
- 21. If you have astrapophobia, you are afraid of lightning.
- 22. Temperatures as low as -68°C and as high as -37°C have been recorded in Siberia, Russia.
- 23. There are at least 10 Beatles songs with a weather-related title including *Here Comes the Sun, Good Day Sunshine,* and *Rain*.
- 24. Aristotle originally remarked that "one swallow does not make a summer".
- 25. The **eastern Sahara** is known as the sunniest area in the world.
- 26. Ernest Hemingway wrote the book The Sun Also Rises.
- 27. In Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, Feste sang that "the rain it raineth every day".
- 28. The Cornish village of **Boscastle** was hit by a terrible flood in 2004.
- 29. Gavin Pretor-Pinney founded a society for the appreciation of **clouds**.
- 30. A fulgurite is a glass object created as a result of light ning hitting sand.
- 31. Consequences of global warming include extreme weather conditions becoming more frequent (including storms, floods and droughts), destruction of ecosystems and rising sea levels.
- 32. The bird that may have been named in reference to Peter trying to walk on water is the **storm petrel**.
- 33. Oscar Wilde said that "Conversation about the weather is the last refuge of the unimaginative".

Look out for another of Vera's quizzes next month.