

## NEXT WEEK, beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

Tuesday	5.00pm	Christingle Service
	8.00pm	Christmas Eve Communion
Wednesday	10.30am	Christmas Morning Family Service Led by Sally Rush
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday		Wesley's will be closed
Saturday		Wesley's will be closed
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	NO morning service, (see notice.)
Sarah is on leave now until Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January.		

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### Prayer of the Week

God of light and hope,  
who took the risk of becoming one of us:  
may the love embodied by Jesus of Nazareth  
shine out anew in this Christmas season and beyond.  
We pray that lasting peace will come in troubled places,  
that joy and kindness ring out in our streets,  
and that all those who find this season difficult  
may know your care and comfort. Amen

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### Message from Vindra Maraj-Ogden

Dear Friends,  
I want to take this opportunity to wish you, joy, peace and hope as we celebrate the birth of our saviour, our Lord Jesus, and await the coming of a new year!

For me, this has been a very difficult year and there are still challenges, but in all of it God's blessings have been real and I have valued your support and prayers. Thank you.

It is a privilege to be your superintendent and I believe that there is so much to build on as we continue to listen to God and do his will. Thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment.

Whatever your circumstances, I pray that you will know the joy of God's presence and the hope that he offers. Have a holy and peaceful Christmas and I pray that 2025 will be a wonderful year as we journey together.

With love and prayers,  
Vindra

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The collection for Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December amounted to £145.52
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### Un-Deck the Halls

You have one last chance to choose and sing your favourite carol! There is no 'formal' service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December but the Church will be open as usual so please do come and share the highs and lows of your Christmas over coffee and mince pies in Wesley's. We will enjoy some Christmas music while we admire the trees one final time, and then everyone can take part in the 'striking' process. Many hands make light work...

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### Fancy an afternoon out on Boxing Day?

Julia has tickets she can't use to Circa's Duck Pond, a performance of dance and acrobatics, at the Royal Festival Hall Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm. Please see Julia if you would like the ticket.

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### Dates for your Diary in 2025

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2.00pm

You are all invited to come and listen to Hannah Moore's presentation in the church about her travels earlier this year.

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## Wesley's at 30

Everyone is invited to a special celebration service on Sunday 15th June 2025 at 10.30am which will provide another opportunity to reconnect and recollect with friends. Do please put the date in your diary as a reminder that you are welcome.

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### Encounter Taster Sessions

The Encounter Course is back for 2025. The course provides a place for us to explore what God is calling us to do, deepen our awareness of God and to ascertain how we can have a greater impact as Christian disciples. Before the course begins in February, there will be three online taster sessions running in January to give you the opportunity to see if this is the course for you: Monday 13, Tuesday 21 and Thursday 30 January. All sessions will run from 7pm - 9pm  
Visit the Methodist Church website for more information and to book your place.

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### Kingston Churches Against Homeless Night Shelter

KCAH will aim to open the Winter Night Shelter from the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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Running for 3 months, we will offer a place of sanctuary, safety and warmth for those who may otherwise have to rough sleep.

We need volunteers to get involved to ensure we can provide the safe space for those that need it. If you are not in a position to sign up, please support us by sharing this ask far and wide. We are also recruiting additional paid staff, if you or someone you know would like to apply please see our website for more details ([kcah.org.uk](http://kcah.org.uk)).

This winter we are offering space for up to 30 people, twice as many as last year and a direct response to the demand. To enable this we have been fortunate to have support from the Local Authority and a local landlord of a currently disused space in the centre of Kingston.

This past year we have seen a record number of new approaches to KCAH, of those that find themselves in a situation beyond their control and face homelessness or significant financial hardship.

Sleeping rough and homelessness has become normalised and yet there is nothing normal about being homeless in a modern, wealthy society. Please help us to intervene in the local issue by sharing this email or signing up to volunteer. Thank you. Georgie [georgie.f@kcah.org.uk](mailto:georgie.f@kcah.org.uk)

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### Community Event - Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration 2025

**Venue:** Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4BN

**Date and time:** Sunday 26 January 2025 from 1.30 - 4pm

**Hosted by Kingston Faith and Belief Forum**

**Overview:** Please join us in marking Holocaust Memorial Day 2025. This is an important inter faith and community event that provides an opportunity to learn the lessons of the past, honour the experiences of people affected by the Holocaust and genocide, and challenge ourselves to work for a safer and fairer future. 'For a better future' is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 which marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

Our Holocaust Memorial Day event will address sensitive and historical themes. Viewer discretion is advised as it may evoke strong emotions and reflections on atrocities of the past.

Refreshments will be served. Tickets are free but you must register attendance here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-event-holocaust-memorial-day-commemoration-2025-tickets-1106373415669?aff=oddtcreator>

A full programme will be shared with all registered attendees.



**New Malden  
Methodist Church**

*At the heart of the High Street*



**Fourth Sunday in Advent  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Revd Dr Karl Rutledge

### WELCOME

It is good to have you with us today, sharing in our Worship. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again.

Tea or coffee is served in the Welcome Area (Wesley's) after Morning Worship. Please stay so that we can get to know one another.

So that we may keep in touch, please fill in your details on the Welcome card in the church chairs.

**Large print hymn books and Korean-English Bibles are available:**

한영성경을 사용하고 싶으시면 안내하시는 분에게 이야기해 주세요.

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