

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



Ubuntu
November 2013

Who's who at New Malden Methodist Church

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"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

(1 Peter 4:10)

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I hope that I will not have a single bit of talent left and could say "I used everything you gave me.""



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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 December/January edition of *Ubuntu* will be available on Sunday 24th November. Contributions can either be sent by email to: rosemarie.a.lester@btinternet.com
Or, they can be left in the church newsletter pigeonhole no later than **Friday, 15th November** *Thank you*

Rosemarie

(Additional material courtesy of parishpump.co.uk)

Message from Rev Choi

Dear friends,

Last month (in October), I paid a short visit to Stuttgart in Germany with Sarah, to meet a missionary who works at EMS (Evangelical Mission in Solidarity) as an Asian region Co-ordinator. He is an expert on mission in Korea, South and North. The reason for my visit was to get some advice for my Sabbatical project, in which I am going to research the current situation of Christians and churches in North Korea.

To me, it was a meeting, not only useful for my research, but also a kind of eye-opening moment which enables me to think and see differently. And, what's interesting was that, to my surprise, we had a meeting, using Korean, although he was a German! I have never thought I would talk with a German in Korean, even in Germany. I was so much impressed by his fluent Korean, which he learned while he was working in Korea as a missionary for 8 years.

But, what amazed me was that we could talk and share our thoughts and vision freely with open hearts, without any barriers, though it was our first encounter. I could feel clearly the presence of God in our meeting and brotherly love as the family of God. It was such a blessing that I felt the sense of belonging to God's family.

As we know, there are only two ways to get into a family: either being born into it, or being adopted into it. But, the great thing is that God does both, to make us His family. As His children, we are the ones to be born again and adopted. And, in Roman law, it is said that you could disown a child you birthed. But, if you adopted a child, you were forbidden to ever disown that child. What it means, therefore, is that, born and adopted into His family, we would never be disowned by God. That is good news! But, the challenge to us is that we have to live our lives as members of God's family, the Church, loving each other and accepting each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We know that Christianity is a belief system. But, it is actually more than that. It is a belonging system.

Romans 15: 6-7 says,

"You will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ accepted you, so you should accept each other, which will bring glory to God."

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Every blessing,

Choi

P.S: I am so grateful that the Methodist Church has allowed me to have a Sabbatical from January to March 2014, during which I will spend some time in Korea for my research, which I mentioned above.

SUMMARY OF RECENT CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

David Bennett 30.04.30 – 08.10.13

Thank you for all your loving support and help to me, and all the cards to me and the family – such a lot of love and appreciation of David and his influence in New Malden. Jane and family

David's funeral took place on Tuesday 29th October. The family asked that everyone wear bright clothes and that donations in David's memory could be made to Mission Aviation Fellowship and Mercy Ships.

John King writes

"Now I have returned to Church (lovely service Sunday 13th), I would like to say thank you to all who have sent cards, messages, visited and phoned. Church family has real meaning at NMMC."

Gordon Langford's widow, Dorothy, died at the end of September.

Also needing our prayers are **Doreen Coombs** who is in Kingston Hospital and **Bernard Bedford** and **Jean** following Bernard's move to the The White House Nursing Home in New Malden (tel 020 8949 0747).

Ivan Horne passed away peacefully on 10th October in hospital in Daventry. We have received this news from his friend, Brenda Dunn. Ivan's funeral was held on 24th October at the local crematorium in Daventry. Brenda's address is: Montag, Mounts Lane, Newnham, Daventry, NN11 3ES.



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THANK YOU to all those who supported last week's Coffee Bar and Birgit's Open House for Macmillian. The impressive sum of £410 was raised, which will be gift aided, so many thanks to all supporters and to Birgit.

HARVEST THANK YOU

A large number of the Church family enjoyed a delicious Harvest Supper, organised by Julie Haines, assisted by various keen cooks who produced a variety of casseroles and vegetables to tickle our taste buds. The supper was followed by a wonderful Beetle Drive, ably chaired by Stephen Edwards and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to all those who were involved in the running of this evening and especially to Julie for setting it up.

Carol Dadds

Thank you also to all those who helped to decorate the church for the Harvest – it looked and smelt wonderful (and those who dismantled it!).

2014 TRIP TO IONA

23-29 August 2014 is the next proposed date for a group from Kingston Circuit to travel to Iona. We would be staying at the MacLeod Centre for one week; costs, including travel to and from, is approximately £500 for adults (less expensive for children or those on low-income). Contact Bonni-Belle for more details.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Unfortunately, Julia and Alison have decided not to continue with Junior Choir for this year due to the very small numbers of children who have attended the rehearsals. They will try again next year!

THE CHURCH NIGHT SHELTER PROJECT

The Church Council has agreed that we should again host night shelter guests in the Church, as part of this project. We have done this for a number of years and it is felt to be an important element of our social and community responsibility. In 2014, we will be welcoming guests for dinner, overnight accommodation and breakfast each Thursday from 23rd January to 27th February.

We now need to start planning, which, at this stage, means finding volunteers to help. In recent years the task of coordinating has been

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done by Des Hancock and the Church Council expressed its appreciation of the commitment Des has made to this project over the years.

However, we have not been able to find a single person who can give the time needed for this role over the 6 week period. So for 2014, the two of us will share that responsibility.

We are looking for volunteers to take responsibility for the dinner/ overnight/ breakfast shifts on each of the Thursdays when we will be hosting guests. While we do have some much valued volunteers from outside our Church community, we hope that the work will primarily be undertaken by members of this Church.

If you would like to volunteer or would just like to know more about the project and what it involves, then please contact us.

David Knowles

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Janet Jones

Tel - 020 8398 1261 or email - robert.jones@methodist.org.uk

FOOD BIN BAGS

We are in need of the LARGE compostable bags for use in the food bins. If anyone has any spare we would be very grateful. Thank you.

ROTARY SHOE BOX COLLECTION

The boxes we have collected so far are displayed at the front of the Church. There is still time to fill a box yourself or make a contribution to the contents of the Church boxes if you wish to do so. We hope to receive these at the World Church Mission service on 3rd November but even after that you still have a week or so before we take the boxes to our Rotary contact in Redhill so **please** have a look around and see whether you have any items which might be useful for one of the boxes. They would be much appreciated.

Carol Dadds



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DIARY DATES - NOVEMBER

Saturday 2 nd	10.00am	Coffee Bar – Help for Heroes – Rita Le Vine
Tuesday 5 th	7.00pm	Junior Badminton
Thursday 7 th	7.00pm	Youth Club – TBA (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME)
Friday 8 th	10.30am	Friday Fellowship
Saturday 9 th	10.00am	Coffee Bar – Overseas Mission - Birgit Cowan
Friday 15 th		Deadline for December edition of Ubuntu
Saturday 16 th	10.00am	Coffee Bar – Inner Wheel – Joan C
Tuesday 19 th	7.30pm	Meeting Point – 'Remembering our Wounded' Rev Linda Harknett, Chaplain at Headley Court
Saturday 23 rd	10.00am	Coffee Bar – JMA – Alan Downey
Friday 29 th	4.30pm	Christmas Fair
Saturday 30 th	10.00am	Coffee Bar – Birgit Cowan



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year we will remember that we are a worldwide church on **Sunday 3rd November**. Rev. Elizabeth Osei will be leading the service on the theme of the church in Ghana. To celebrate our diversity we would like all those who are able, to come to church wearing their national dress which should make it a very colourful occasion. We plan to have a family lunch after the service and again, would like this to have an international flavour. We would ask that those who can, bring some food to share representing their own ethnic background. Alternatively, you could share a recipe with us so that others can prepare the food. It really would be wonderful to eat together as a family and to celebrate our diversity through food.

Please talk to Birgit Cowan, Janet (Jones) or any of the stewards regarding catering and LET'S CELEBRATE!!

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MEETING POINT

We are sorry that the evening with Edward Davey had to be cancelled at short notice due to his needing to sit in the House until late. However, we are trying to arrange for him to come and speak to us on another occasion.

The programme for the rest of the year is almost complete so you may like to make a note of the following in your diary.

Please note the change of date for November's meeting!

19 November	<i>'Remembering our Wounded'</i> <i>Rev Linda Harknett - Chaplain at Headley Court</i>
10 December	<i>Christians in the Middle East</i> <i>Dr Moucary - World Vision</i>
11th February	<i>Work of the Christian Medical Fellowship</i> <i>Julian Churcher - Graduate Staff Worker, London and South East</i>
11th March	<i>Waitrose</i>
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8 April	<i>'Is the NHS in Crisis?' - David Knowles</i> <i>Vice Chair Kingston Clinical Commissioning Group</i>
13th May	<i>TBA/Community Policing</i>
10th June	<i>TBA/Community Policing</i>
8th July	<i>Praise Evening - Peter Bullett</i>

Do come along and support this new Church venture whenever you are able - tea/coffee in the Welcome Area from 7.30pm, talk in the Sanctuary from 8pm. ALL ARE WELCOME

Carol Dadds

WIVES AND FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

WIVES and FRIENDS meet again on the **11th and 25th November** for Crafts. All are welcome, so do come and join us. Meetings start at 7.30.p.m. and subscriptions are £1 per meeting.

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You may also be interested in seeing what we have planned for the rest of our 2013-2014 Programme - don't forget to note the dates in your diaries!

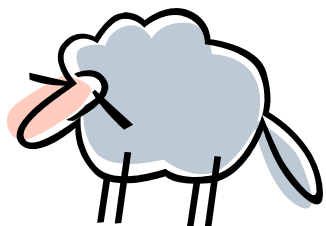
<i>December 9th</i>	<i>Living in Saudi Arabia (Angie Turner)</i>
<i>December 16th</i>	<i>Christmas Carols & Readings</i>
<i>January 13th</i>	<i>Our Paralympics Adventure (Christine & Eric Matthews)</i>
<i>January 27th</i>	<i>Meal "IN"</i>
<i>February 10th</i>	<i>An Introduction to the organ (Peter Bullett)</i>
<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Alison & her singers</i>
<i>March 10th</i>	<i>AGM - Our Careers</i>
<i>March 24th</i>	<i>Good days out - Members</i>
<i>April 7th</i>	<i>Scams (Metropolitan Police)</i>
<i>April 14th</i>	<i>Easter Thoughts</i>
<i>May 12th</i>	<i>Visit to Isabella Plantation</i>
<i>May 19th</i>	<i>My Life & My Art (Sarah Choi)</i>
<i>June 7th</i>	<i>Fund Raising Event</i>
<i>June 9th</i>	<i>Meal "OUT"</i>

Joy Clarke

...AND SOME EARLY DATES & NOTICES FOR CHRISTMAS!

Church Christmas Fair Friday 29th November 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Featuring a variety of stalls and seasonal refreshments Santa will be in his Winter Wonderland after he has switched the lights on in the High Street at 5pm.



Church Sheep will be returning to the fold!

Join in the sheep trail down New Malden High Street beginning Friday 29th November. A flock of around 30 named knitted sheep will be distributed in various shops up and down the High Street ready to be spotted either inside the shops or in the windows by any children wishing to participate. (entry forms available from NMMC from 29th November). Each sheep will have a tag around its neck with its name on. Just write its name in the space provided on the entry form. A small prize will be given to every completed entry brought to the church on Saturday 21st

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10.00am-noon or at the Christingle Service at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve when the flock will return to the fold.

Christmas Tree Festival. Opening times are as follows:

Saturday 14th December 10.00am - 2.00pm

All weekdays in the run up to Christmas day 10.00am – 2.00pm

Saturday 21st December 10.00am – 5.00pm (including a half hour

Community Carol Service in the Coffee Bar at 12.00 and a Christmas Songs Sing-a-long at 4.00pm).

MUSIC IN NEW MALDEN - SERIES SIX

Sunday afternoons at New Malden Methodist Church

Concerts start at 3pm - An hour of music followed by tea and cake

Entrance is free (Proceeds to a range of charities)

Programme for November & December - Do come and join us!

10th November - DeNOTE and friends

John Irving – fortepiano

Jane Booth, Emily Worthington – clarinets

Ursula Monberg, Kate Goldsmith – horns

Robert Percival, Martin Clark – bassoons

Mozart Così Fan Tutte (Overture) arr. Sartorius

Beethoven arr. Czerny - Septet in E flat op.20

Tempo di Menuetto - Tema con variazioni - Andante alla Marcia; Allegro

Mozart Fortepiano Concerto K.271 in E flat arr. Percival

(Charity - Royal British Legion - www.britishlegion.org.uk)

1st December - Ursula's Arrow

Sarah Dacey (Soprano)

CN Lester (Mezzo-Soprano)

Aileen Henry (Baroque Harp)

Toby Carr (Theorbo)

Music by Barbara Strozzi (1619-1677)

Celebrating wonderful music by female composers.

(Charity - Brain Tumour UK - www.braintumouruk.org.uk)



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PRAYING FOR OTHERS

I am pleased to report that the Prayer Web is up and running. There are now 15 people praying for others; 11 have Internet and 4 receive prayer requests by telephone. Twelve prayer messages have been sent out so far, two of these were thanks for the support of our prayers.

There may be more people willing to join and maybe some people who did not read the article published in the June edition of Ubuntu. Therefore to encourage you I repeat the content of that article below:

Purpose

The purpose of the Prayer Web is to enable us, the Church Family, to offer prayers for anyone who is ill or bereaved or facing difficulties or in need of support as quickly as possible.

Who will pray when and where?

Anyone who is willing to participate in this ministry of prayer will be able to pray in their own time at home or work. It takes only a few moments to send an 'arrow prayer'.

How will this be organised?

Requests for prayer will be sent to Jenny Reid, the Pastoral Secretary, who will forward these to members of the prayer web by email; we will need some of these members to volunteer to pass messages on by telephone to one or two others, who do not have email.

Guidelines

When sending a request for prayer, please observe the following guidelines in order to protect confidentiality and to show respect for the person or family concerned.

1. If the request is for someone known within the church please make sure they have no objection to being prayed for in this way. It would also be helpful if you would indicate if the person(s) concerned would like this request to be passed on to the Saturday Prayer group.

2. If the request is about a person not known within the church and it is not easy to obtain their permission please use your discretion in wording the request so as to protect their identity. For example:

a) my friend Mary who is having an operation on Thursday.

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b) my cousin who has been diagnosed with cancer.

God will know for whom we are praying.

Boundaries of confidentiality

Members of the Prayer Web should not pass on information received in requests for prayer beyond the Prayer Web without the permission of the person concerned.

Please let me know if you are willing to join this ministry of prayer.

Email: jennyreid@goodinreid.co.uk or Telephone: 020 8949 5700

IN OUR TIME

That part of the river was a tranquil area with a few proud swans and ducks enjoying their life. It was to this peaceful spot that Tom came in all seasons to contemplate and escape from the world. An oak tree overlooked the river. In time it would fall and be carried to the far reaches of the ocean. Tom had much to think about as he would soon be coming out of care, and he was on his own.

Suddenly a cyclist skidded to a stop in front of him. It was his friend.

"Hi, I thought I would find you here. I've chatted to my mum and dad and you can live with us. Now that my sister is married there is a spare room."

"That's settled." Tom agreed.

"Now what are you doing tonight? Fancy helping with the night shelter? We are doing the meal tonight."

"Ok" replied Tom.

"Race you home."

The two of them cycled along the towpath at top speed.

Each year, many young people come out of the care system with little or no support. This is a cause for great concern, and needs urgent action.

Des Hancock

(Why not try listening to Weber's 1st Clarinet Concerto - last movement - on YouTube while you imagine the two boys cycling along together!)

Around the Circuit . . . Nov/Dec 2013 - news from your Circuit Coordinator

We held our first circuit meeting of the church year recently. It was good to see familiar faces but good that new members were joining us. Liz Moore a Chessington member of long standing is the latest Circuit Steward to come on board. We dealt with business side of things and this included a change to our constitution following a new ruling from Conference which stipulates that Ministers residing in the circuit who are not in pastoral charge will have to annually indicate their wish to be a member of the circuit meeting. Several of our ministers have chosen to do so. An entertaining part of the meeting is when a steward from each of the churches shares news of events past and future.

Some of you may wonder why we have a circuit. This topic was brought to the meeting by our Superintendent Bonni-Belle. We were asked:

- * "What is important to you about being part of a circuit?"
Responses included: fellowship, support, sharing experiences, ideas and inspiration, "unity of purpose with diversity of expression" of our theology, encouragement and accountability.
- * "How does being a part of a circuit affect your local church?"
Response to this included sharing financial resources – where the financial liabilities of the circuit/district/connexion are divided according to the affordability of each of the four churches. This Christian sharing is greatly appreciated by the "poorer" churches but comes at significant financial cost to the churches with greater means. Our services are enriched by the number of preachers available across the circuit. When a crisis affects one church, help from the others quickly follows.
- * "In what ways might the "connexion" between your church and the circuit be improved?" Several ideas were put forward: worshipping in another church in the circuit, rotating Sunday evening services around the circuit, providing a greater transparency of finances within the circuit, raising our congregations' awareness of the other churches, praying for one particular church in the circuit each Sunday.
- * Finally we were asked to go away and think about what the essential elements for "projects" that "belong" to the circuit using as examples the 3six5 fresh expression and the Korean

Christian Fellowship.

Our meetings are open to all and you are welcome to come along. The next one is at 8pm on 28th January at New Malden.

Church Events

Chessington Winter Fair Saturday 23rd November 11.30am – 2pm

There will be all the fun of the fair including books, cakes, toys, bric-a-brac stalls, children's fun & games, raffle and tombola and last but not least plenty of delicious lunches & refreshments. Friends from across the circuit will be very welcome.

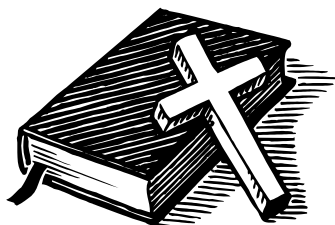
Kingston Winter Fair Saturday 23rd November 11am – 1pm Lots of stalls including cakes, handicrafts, toiletries, books, plants, games and light refreshments,

Surbiton Hill Saturday 16th November 8.30-10.30am Women's Breakfast with Fiona Castle who will be talking of *"My Life with Roy and beyond ... anecdotes of life with a 'Recordbreaker'"* For more information and free tickets email Jeannette on jbarwick@btinternet.com or marion.thorpe@btinternet.com or Sharon 07806 559852. (Entry by free ticket only. Donations welcome on the day.)

And finally If your church has an event it wishes to share with the circuit, please forward details to me for inclusion in this section of each church's newsletter/magazine.

Daphne Baker email: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk
Tel 07510 548931

**Circuit Office, Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, 39 Ewell Rd.,
Surbiton KT6 6AF**



Children's Pages

Hi,

The Bible tells us that Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first disciples to follow Jesus. They were fishermen working at their nets when Jesus called them. It was a hard thing to do, to leave everything for an uncertain way of life but Andrew knew that Jesus was so special that he had to share this wonderful knowledge with others.

Andrew followed Jesus for the rest of his life. After Jesus' death he travelled widely spreading the message and building the early church. He was arrested for being a follower of Christ and condemned to death on the cross. Legend says that he was crucified on a diagonal cross.



St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and his cross is on the Scottish flag which is a white cross on a blue background – the blue is for the sea which seems right for a fisherman.

His special day is November 30th.

Love through Jesus

Julia

How do fish go into business?

They start on a small scale.



What day of the week do fish hate?

Frydays.

Why are gold fish orange?

The water makes them rusty.

Scotland Word Search



thistle

nessie

highlands

loch

tartan

kilt

bagpipes

sporrán

haggis

golf



www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

Church Services in November

3rd November	10.30am Service (W/ WC) 6.30pm Service (W /*LC)	Rev E Osei Rev S Han
10th November Remembrance	10.30am Service (P) 6.30pm Service (W)	Rev S Brown Rev S Choi
17th November	10.30am Service (HC) 6.30pm Service (HC)	Rev S Choi Rev Dr S Talbot
24th November	10.30am Service (W) 6.30pm Service (CC)	Mr D & Mrs C Doe Mr D Lloyd

Notes

CC	<i>Café Church</i>
HC	<i>Holy Communion</i>
*LC	<i>London Course Videoed Service</i>
P	<i>Parade</i>
W	<i>Preaching Service</i>
WC	<i>World Church</i>



FLOWER ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Donated by	Arranged by
3rd November	Mrs M Dale	Julia
10th November	Miss M Eccleshall	Jan
17th November	Mrs S Knowles	Birgit
24th November	Mrs J Jewell	Pam W

SOME WORDS BY CS LEWIS (Who died 50 years ago this month)

- * If you want a religion to make you really feel comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.
- * In science we have been reading only the notes to a poem; in Christianity we find the poem itself.
- * It was not for societies or states that Christ died, but for me.

Church Services and Activities

Sunday	10.30am	Junior Church (3-16) & Crèche (0-3)
	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
	6.30pm	Activ8
Monday	7.30pm	Wives and Friends Fellowship (fortnightly*)
	8.00pm	Badminton Club
Tuesday	4.15pm	Rainbows (age 5-7, term-time)
	5.15pm	Brownies (age 7-10, term-time)
	7.00pm	Junior Badminton (fortnightly)
	8.00pm	Meeting Point* (2nd Tuesday in month)
Wednesday	10.30am	Fellowship
	12.15pm	Holy Communion in the Church
Thursday	9.45am	Toddlers Group (term-time)
	6.30pm	Youth Club (age 12+, 1st Thursday in month)
Friday	10.00am	Friday Fellowship (1st Friday in month)
	5.15pm	Brownies (age 7-10, term-time)
	7.00pm	Guides (girls age 10-14, term-time)
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Bar and Cake Sale
	10.30am	Prayers in the Church (15mins)

* 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

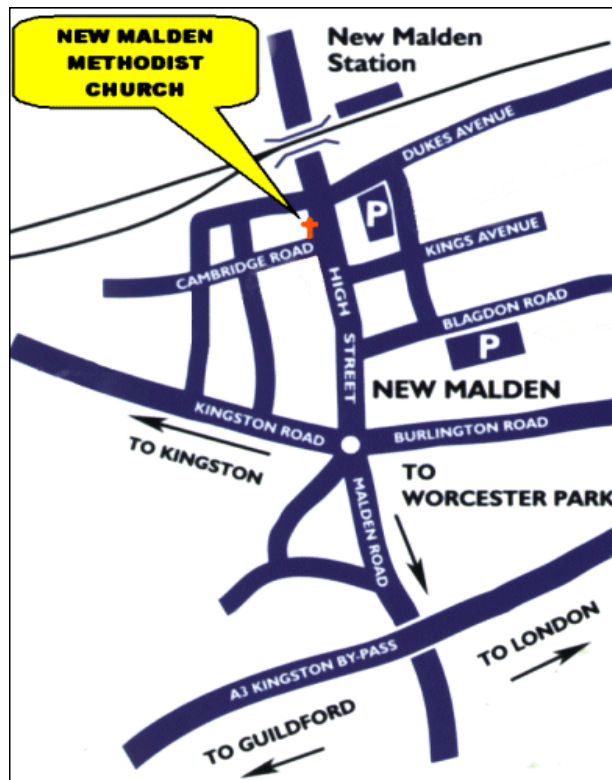
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Travel Directions

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KT3 4BY



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