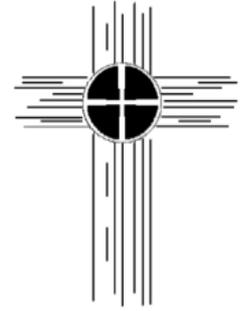


The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church November 2018



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Message from Karl

This November is particularly poignant, as we mark exactly a century since the end of the First World War, and the signing of the Armistice. In the months and years that came after, the question of how to 'hold' the collective grief of a nation led to the building of war memorials (like ours in New Malden) throughout the country. The monument's a powerful tribute to the service personnel whose sacrifices we continue to remember one-hundred years later.

Yet, the same memorial also reminds us that the 'war to end all wars' wasn't actually the last world-wide conflict of the twentieth century; more names were later added to remember those who served in the Second World War, and some of those who will gather for the Remembrance Service on the 11th of November will have had first-hand experience of other conflicts and military interventions that have occurred since.

Pondering this may well make us wonder: if God cares about all things, and Christ's cross changes

everything (Colossians 1:18 – 20), then why are there still so many wars rumbling on? Well, I haven't got a neatly-packaged answer, but I think there's something to be said for considering the responses God calls each of us to make to the 'gap' between the kingdom of God and the reality we encounter in the here-and-now. Working for peace is, I would argue, a central part of our discipleship.

Christianity isn't a 'pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die' faith, and (contrary to some of the more evangelical presentations out there) nor is it about obtaining a 'passport to heaven' that allows one to just ignore injustice and suffering on earth. Rather, it's about putting God's world-changing love into action, and building bridges – instead of walls – between people. After all, if Jesus has 'first place in everything', and things both on earth and in heaven are of concern to him (Colossians 1:18 – 19), then following him surely means standing against those things that inhibit human flourishing.

Paul talks about all things being reconciled to God through the cross of Christ. In other words, God's love's stronger than the worst we can throw at it, and it opens up the possibility of a different way to live – a way in which violence, hatred and division don't get to have the last word (Colossians 1:21). I think this is a very hopeful text, because it shows that our working for peace and reconciliation will ultimately make a difference, however frustrating it seems at the time.

But what does this look like? Well, I think peace comes about when we realise that we cannot simply outsource this task to our elected representatives; we all have our part to play. Peace comes about when we recognise our common humanity in the faces of those who're different to us. Peace comes about when we risk stepping outside our social media 'echo chambers', and engaging positively with people who disagree with us on the divisive issues of the day. Peace comes about when we're kind to others without looking to get anything in return.

Most importantly, peace comes about when we realise that it's not just the absence of war, but the presence of world-changing love. So, in this centenary year, may we have courage to step up to the plate and be the heart of the High Street, working for peace in every way we can.

Karl

Make Lunch

Make Lunch



On Wednesday 24th October, we opened the doors to new families, along with some old friends.

We carved pumpkins with happy faces, hearts and stars. The children scooped out the innards with spoons and their hands – truly messy and “stinky”

This was followed by a delicious hot lunch enjoyed by the children, 3 parents and the volunteers. Some had seconds and we sent some boxes home with the leftovers!

Prayers were added to the “bubble” tube in the quiet space, by a child and her mother to complete a blessed day.



My thanks to all

who continue to give their time to this rewarding outreach.

Julia

Why are some poppies white?



White poppies symbolise the belief that using violence, and the threat of it, to resolve conflict does not work. There are better ways. White poppies represent values that reject killing fellow human beings for whatever reason. 100 years after the “war to end all wars” we still have a long way to go to put an end to a social institution that even in the last decade has contributed to the killing of millions of people.

The words “never again” were originally associated with Remembrance Day after the first world war, but had begun to slip away in the thirties. White poppies were developed in 1933 by the Co-operative Women’s Guild to re-affirm the message of “no more war”.

The white poppy has three elements:

Remembrance for all victims of war.

This includes victims of wars that are still being fought; people of all nationalities; both civilians and members of armed forces. It also includes those killed or imprisoned for refusing to fight or for resisting war.

Commitment to peace

Working actively for peace is the natural consequence of remembering victims of war. If we were remembering the victims of road accidents, for example, we might well do so by actively working to improve road safety and so prevent further deaths.

Challenge to attempts to glamorise
or celebrate war

The best way to respect victims of war is to prevent war in the present and future. We must tackle the underlying causes of warfare, such as poverty, inequality and competition for resources. A temporary absence of violence is not enough. Peace is much deeper and broader than that, requiring major social change to allow us to live more co-operatively.

The Peace Pledge Union

Since 1934 the Peace Pledge Union (PPU www.ppu.org.uk) has been campaigning for a world without war. It challenges systems, policies and practices that fuel war and militarism, and that contribute to the view that armed force is an effective agent of social change. PPU distributes white poppies – and I have a small supply if you would like one.

Judith Jewell



Gospel Streen at Surbiton

On Sunday 30th September the front of Surbiton Hill Methodist church became the stage set for four members of the Riding Lights Theatre Company from York presenting “Gospel Street”.

The basic set consisted of a table and two benches plus a colourful back drop that was similar to a sail on a Palestinian fishing boat. The cast took a variety of parts, moved the furniture around, played instruments and made creative use of large amounts of white sheeting.

A number of stories from the Gospels were given a modern slant, some with music and others with poetry. It helps to have a reasonable knowledge of the New Testament life of Jesus to recognise all the events for the first half alone included versions of the Wedding at Cana, the calling of the first four disciples, the feeding of the five thousand with bags of chips, the healing of the person with a withered hand, memorably set in a coffee shop, and the raising of Lazarus.

To invite Riding Lights to come requires a considerable financial commitment on behalf of the host church because the money raised from ticket sales enables the company to take productions into schools and prisons at a reduced cost.

I have been a member of Riding Lights for a number of years having seen my first show in Kettering when my brother was a URC minister in Wellingborough and I have been able to go to several productions on the Wirral.

The company put on a Theatre School in York each summer and if you know of any young people keen to learn about how live theatre works backstage or in an acting role then it would be good to link them up with Riding Lights with its strong Christian ethos.

You can find out more at

<https://ridinglights.org/aboutus/>

Thank you to Surbiton Hill and the Churches Together group in Surbiton for organising the event and if you get the chance to see any future productions do take it!

Anne Bedford

Around the Circuit

CIRCUIT NEWS

CIRCUIT SERVICE - 6.30 pm on Sunday 28th October at Kingston Methodist Church

A service of celebration and dedication including two very special “thank yous” – to Carolyn Doe for 50 years of service as a local preacher, and to Alan Bennett for all his work as our Circuit Property Steward. We will share together in Holy Communion.

TALKING JESUS

At the last circuit meeting all of our churches agreed that we struggle with evangelism even though it is one of the core calling of Christians... here is something which might help us to think about that.

Talking Jesus at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church:

A Six
Session
Course to
help us feel
more
confident in
talking
about our
faith



November 2, 16, 30; December 14; January 18; February 1; 12 for 12.30pm. Bring sandwiches, drinks provided. Finish 2pm

Conversations with Christians are one of the most important influences in bringing people to faith. This course will inspire you to share your faith and will give you practical suggestions to help you be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus and with people you meet.

There are six encouraging, video based sessions with short films, inspirational, short testimonies, real-life examples from people

who are talking Jesus, and a short, easy-to-follow course book.

See a trailer for the course at:

<http://talkingjesus.org/>

(all welcome but if possible let Stan know you are coming so we can order course books)

Methodist Prayer Handbook

We have a few copies left from the Circuit’s bulk order of “A World Transformed”, the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2018/19. If you would like to purchase one at the discounted rate of £3.50 per copy please e-mail Michael Axton at: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

CHURCH EVENTS

CHESSINGTON

Sunday 4th November: All Saints Service of Remembering at 4pm, followed by afternoon tea. We invite anyone who would like to join us for a time of remembering lost loved ones.

Winter Fair – 17 November

Chessington Methodist Church will be holding its Winter Fair on Saturday 17 November 11.30am to 2.00pm. Korean and British food, Plants, Books, Toys, Cakes, Tombola, Bric a Brac, Toiletries, Cards, Raffle - and visit Father Christmas.

Please come along and support. Everybody welcome. We would love to see friends from our Circuit Churches.

SURBITON HILL

Quiet Days at the House of Prayer, East Molesey

A Quiet Day provides a valuable opportunity to develop an understanding of oneself and one’s relationship with God and to find peace in his presence. Held at the House of Prayer in East Molesey twice a year, these days provide a valuable opportunity for anyone in the Church family or Circuit to experience a day apart in the – unique atmosphere of this special place.

The next Quiet Day is on 24 November, led by Rev Denis Vernon.

KINGSTON

All Saints Kingston Topical Lunch, Thursday 15 November, explores the subject Independent shops in Kingston - What it's like to run one - How do we get more of them? with the help of Keith Statham, owner of the recently-opened 7000 Jars of Beer shop in Crown Passage, plus Jon Tolley, owner of Banquet Records and Kingston councillor. Hear the inside story; share your views and questions. Lunch at All Saints' East End Café from 12:00 pm – or bring your own sandwiches. Starts at 1:00 pm. Finishes 1:45 pm.

Kingston Methodist Church Christmas Fayre: Saturday, 17 November, 1100-1300. Enjoy a variety of seasonal gifts, food, cards, handcrafted decorations and other delights, with plenty for the children to do while you browse!

Next Newsletters

If you have 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 next newsletter or magazine.

Please send contributions by Monday 11 November to:
circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Summary of Notices

Family News

Sadly, **Doug Bryan** died peacefully on Sunday 14th October. There will be a memorial service here for him on Friday 9th November at 2.00pm following a cremation at Randall's Park. Our thoughts and prayers are will Gillian, Andrew and Rosemary and all the family.

David Gilman's mother has also passed away. We send love and prayers to David and Gillian and all their family.

And now for some good news ...

Greta Curry is now back home and recovering well after an angioplasty on Monday.

Nicky Horton is now melanoma-free. She will continue to have 4 weekly treatment but all tumours have gone.

THANK YOUs

New Malden Passion Play

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Bar on Saturday 15th September. We raised £118.70 for the New Malden Passion Play.
Hilary Warner

Memory Walk 2018

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored us or brought coffee and cakes during the year. Sponsorship £402 and cake sale £493.14, just giving £35, which made a grand total of £930.16.
Thank you, from Glynis, Courtney and Carl.

Harvest Supper & Harvest Festival

Everyone who attended the Harvest Supper last week enjoyed an excellent hot meal followed by a quiz that got our brains working! Very many thanks to those who provided casseroles and puddings, setter uppers, washer uppers and to anyone who helped in any way. A good time was certainly had by all. Special thanks go to Alison and Julie for co-ordinating and to Julie for a great quiz. Proceeds went to All We Can, amount to be announced at a later date.

Also, thank you to all who decorated the church for Harvest Festival on Sunday. It looked and smelled wonderful. A large amount of non-perishable goods was donated to the Kingston Foodbank.

VEHICLE CRIME NEAR CHURCH

We have heard from a man whose car was broken into on a recent Sunday some time between 6-8pm. The car was parked outside the church on Cambridge Road and some thieves smashed the side window and stole an old bag containing microphone cables. Please be vigilant and do not leave anything in your car.

WORLD MISSIONS

Thank you to all who use the Mission boxes for donating loose change to this good cause. This year (2018/19) it added up to £76.92.

If there is anyone who would like to have one of these convenient collecting boxes, please get in touch. *David Knowles*

BOILER NEWS

Members and friends may be aware that one of the main church boilers has been shut down due to a failure notice being issued when it was recently serviced. The boiler contractor is estimating the receipt of the new parts in the first week in November when they will contact me with a view to arranging an appointment for overhauling the heat exchanger and installing the combustion chambers. We will need to hope that the warm temperatures that we have been experiencing recently will continue.

Mick Taviner

DONATIONS

Every year the Church Council agrees a list of organisations to which the Church subscribes or to which it makes donations. This is an invitation to all members of our church community to comment on the list for 2017/18 and make suggestions for any changes for the upcoming 2018/19 year, both reductions/deletions, and new organisations that might be supported. The Finance Committee will consider all comments at its next meeting and make recommendations to the Church Council in January.

Copies of the current list are in the Welcome Area.

Please tell Gloria Taviner (the church treasurer) or myself, in the Welcome Area after Sunday morning services, or send me any written comments.

David Knowles d.knowles2008@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Methodist Church? It's a great way to explore faith and deepen your relationship with God. If you're interested, please let Karl know by the 11th November, so he can organise an 'exploring membership' session.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

NMMC is starting a Bereavement Café in conjunction with the Princess Alice Hospice. If you'd like to be a Volunteer Listener or Café Host, please complete and return an application form (available from the church office). No experience is necessary and training will be provided.

QUIZ NIGHT

Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship are hosting a quiz night on Monday 3rd December at the Willow (16 The Triangle KT1 3RT). Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 per person and are available on the door. All are welcome.

COFFEE BAR PRICE RISE

From 1st November the prices in the coffee will be as follows. This is the first price we have had in some years so I hope that it will not cause too much consternation. We are still the cheapest cup of coffee on the High Street!

Pot/mug of tea	90p
Cup of coffee	£1.00p
Mug of coffee	£1.20
Mug of chocolate with marshmallows	£1.30
Mug of soup	£1.20p
Glass of milk	70p
Glass of squash	25p



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Diary Dates for November

Friday 2 nd	10.30am	Friday Fellowship
Saturday 3 rd	10.00am	Coffee Bar – St Raphael’s Hospice – Barbara Cavalier
Tuesday 6 th	7.00pm	Junior Badminton
Friday 9 th	2.00pm	Memorial Service for Doug Bryan
Saturday 10 th	10.00am	Coffee Bar – Amnesty
Sunday 11 th	3.00pm	Music in New Malden – Virtuoso sonatas by Beethoven and Danzi
Monday 12 th	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Christmas Crafts
Tuesday 13 th	7.00pm	Senior Badminton
Wednesday 14 th	2.00pm	NMMC Memory Café (Welcome Area)
Thursday 15 th	2.00pm	Arts Group (Welcome Area)
	7.30pm	Donald Finnan’s Housegroup
Saturday 17 th	10.00am	Coffee Bar – Kingston Vale Theatre Group
Monday 19 th	7.30pm	Kingston District Chamber Music Society Concert
Tuesday 20 th	7.00pm	Junior Badminton
Wednesday 21 st	7.00pm	Malden Fortnight Committee Meeting
Saturday 24 th	10.00am	Coffee Bar – Inner Wheel
Monday 26 th	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Stan Brown Wood Turning
Tuesday 27 th	7.00pm	Senior Badminton
Friday 30 th	4.30pm	Christmas Fair

Children’s Page

Hi

I’m sure you are aware of 31st October as being Halloween (All Hallow’s Eve) but are you aware I wonder, of the next day being All Saint’s Day?

You might think of saints as statues in a church building.

But think! Who are your favourite heroes in Christian History? Can you think of any whose example has inspired you?

People like Mother Teresa, perhaps who worked in the slums of India to make a difference.

Why not try to think of and give thanks for as many Christians from the past as you can remember, whether they are famous or not, especially if their lives and teaching contributed something to yours.



The Bible also teaches us this answer to the question- Who is a saint? *You are.* That is if you’re a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" anyone who trusts

in Jesus.

Wow! that is truly something to challenge us, day by day.

God bless

Julia

Services in November

4th November – Mrs Davies

11th November – Reverend Rutledge – all age worship plus parade and Remembrance

18th November – Reverend Rutledge followed by Reverend Rutledge at 3pm for café church

25th November – Reverends Rutledge and Murray for Holy Communion

Deadline for the next issue is 23rd November. Please leave contributions in the editor’s pigeon hole or email carolineauty@hotmail.com by 9am.

God's light shines through their lives.

<p>Saint Alban</p> 	<p>Saint Margaret of Scotland</p> 
<p>He was a Roman soldier and hid a priest from persecution. The priest's example made him want to be a Christian and he swapped clothes so the priest could escape. Alban was taken and killed.</p>	<p>She was a Queen, and spent lots of time with God which made her a loving, generous person. She organised food and help for the poor, and brought happiness to many lives by her loving nature.</p>
<p>Saint Benedict</p> 	<p>Saint Helena</p> 
<p>He was an abbot at a monastery and worked out a rule of life for monks that was well balanced, with time given to prayer, reading and work with their hands.</p>	<p>She was over 60 years old when she became a Christian, but made up for that by the enthusiastic way she lived out her new faith. She overflowed with love and generosity, helped the poor and looked after prisoners.</p>

Trace the saints and colour them. Hold them up to the light.

To pray this week

Thank you, Lord God,
for the example of all your
saints.
They knew they needed you
and they trusted in you.
Help us to do the same.

See Matthew 5:1-12, 16

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**MARGARET ALBAN HELENA
BENEDICT LOVING HUMBLE
BRAVE KIND**

All Saints' Day

Palm Tree Activity Sheet 43



Free Entry

New Malden Methodist Church

Christmas Fair

Friday 30th November 4.30-7.00pm

Cakes, Refreshments
£1 Stall, Toys, Games, Crafts, Raffle,
Books, Puzzles,
Decorations to Make, Face Painting,
Santa in his Winter Wonderland

and so much more!

All proceeds to

Donations for fair, please- books, puzzles, CDs, DVDs (no videos), home made items, cakes, toiletries, toys, cuddly toys, chocolate (for chocolate tombola), items for £1 stall (no bric-a-brac), manpower!! Thank you