



**New Malden
Methodist Church**
*At the **heart** of the High Street*



Spotlight

August 2023

Message from Karl

This year was my third and final as a representative from the London District at the Methodist Conference, which is the Methodist Church's national decision-making body. Of the various matters under consideration, the most important report in my view was about becoming a justice-seeking Church. Building on a project called 'Walking with Micah', which explored what it means to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8), the report highlighted various areas in which concerns for justice are most urgent, including the climate crisis.

Watching the television news over this summer has been frightening. Wildfires devastating parts of the Mediterranean and the record temperatures seen in places like Rome and Madrid have been described as freak weather which would not be possible if it was not for human-caused climate change. The situation reflects the absolute urgency of seeking climate justice and tackling global levels of carbon emissions, not least because as Chris Packham's excellent series Earth makes clear, global heating is a runaway process. It would be very easy amid the other crisis regularly making the headlines around the cost-of-living to argue that this necessarily takes second place to economic development, but in fact combatting poverty and taking care of the planet go together. After all, given that communities are being displaced right now due to the impact of rising global temperatures and global food and water security are both threatened, this affects everyone in terms of higher food prices and the need to look after refugees.

As the Conference was reminded, caring for the planet is not simply a response to the warnings of scientists but a theological imperative. We learn in the early chapters of Genesis that human beings bear the image of God and have a particular responsibility in relation to creation. We are to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us, not least because the crucifixion scars present in Jesus's resurrection body illustrate the continuity between old and new creations, and our actions now do matter. Climate justice is not an optional extra, but a central aspect of what it means to be disciples of Christ at this time.

Due to the current situation with the boiler replacement, we have been reminded of the importance of the church building to our ministry and mission, and of how it needs care and investment. If our building is to be sustainable into the future, we cannot ignore green questions and the need to gradually take steps on a journey towards net zero carbon emissions. As we seek justice and build on the good work we already do, may we also make our own contributions – both individually and collectively – to changing for the better, for the sake of the planet.

Blessings, Karl

Spotlight's Safeguarding Space

You may have seen notices in the High Street shops to keep bags and wallets safe as pickpockets are targeting the area. Unfortunately, this also message needs to be heeded when using the church premises.

Liz Edwards, Safeguarding Officer



The **Methodist** Church 

Church Family News

We were shocked and saddened to hear that **Kunashe Mwenye** died on Friday 30th June, following a serious car crash the previous weekend which was due to Kunashe having suffered an aneurism. He would have been 21 years old on 6th July.

The family have held a burial ceremony in Zimbabwe and we hope to have a memorial service at NMMC in due course. Our continuing thoughts and prayers are with Tendai, Victor, Panashe, Kundai, Towande and Ruvarashe and all their family and friends.

We also remember the families of **Jean Bedford, Barbara Gardiner, Alan Clarke** and **Adrian Fox** who have all been lost to us in recent weeks.

One of our 'Prayers of the Week' during July was for the bereaved:
God of love and mercy, embrace all those whose hearts today overflow with grief, unanswered questions and a sense of loss.
Grant them space to express their tears and hold them close in the coming days and beyond. Amen

Thank You

Thank you to the person who has compiled the cryptic quizzes relating to cakes/biscuits and towns/cities. These have provided fun and entertainment for myself and my 90 year-old mother. Any more would be welcome.

Kathleen Linehan

Note from Editor: can anyone help with this popular demand from our readership?

More Church Family News

We were very happy to welcome **Holly Evans** into the church family with her Baptism on Sunday 2nd July.

Rebecca and Alex with Holly and Ella-Rose and Eliza who read Matthew vs 40-42 beautifully during the service.



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Accommodation needed ...

... for Oxygen gap year worker
September 2023 - August 2024

Local Christian youth work charity, Oxygen, have a new gap year worker arriving in September who will be in need of accommodation. His name is Michael, he is 23 years old and is from Wisconsin, USA. Michael is from a Lutheran church background and is an outgoing person with an open, inclusive and ecumenical ethos. Michael is being sent by the organisation Time For God to work with Oxygen for one year until August 2024. He will be assisting Oxygen with youth work in Kingston and surrounding areas.



Oxygen are appealing to identify any supporters with a spare room who could host Michael in their home. The current rate of payment for host family expenses is £420 per month. They have experience of managing the hosting arrangements for gap year workers and interns and would be open to discussing how it would work with any interested parties.

If you are interested in helping or want to find out more, please contact

info@oxygen-online.org

Charles Bamford, Deputy CEO, Oxygen

07908 815352

Request from the Treasurer

I will cease to be Church Treasurer at the end of August and at present there is nobody to take over this role.

There is one part of the job which gives me cause for concern. As you will all be aware, there are no longer any banks in New Malden. We are able to pay in cheques at the Post Office, but cash has to be taken to Kingston to be paid in.

Over the past few weeks we have been raising funds for the new boilers and this has increased the amount of cash which needs to be paid in. If we pay in more than a certain amount in cash in a month, the bank actually charges us a fee!

I know that there are a number of people who make their offertory in cash on a Sunday. Some may well have previously used the envelope system which we stopped using because it had become uneconomical. It would be very helpful if those giving cash would switch to paying by standing order. It would also help the Finance Committee when preparing their budget.

Please consider this. If you were able to change to a standing order system the church's bank details are as follows:-

CAF Bank Sort Code: 40-52-40
 Account No: 00032530
 New Malden Methodist Church

Gloria Taviner

Church Garden Party and Cream Tea

Superman Alan Vincent provided a wonderful spread on Wednesday 19th July with freshly baked scones (which Alan continued to bake during the afternoon), homemade raspberry jam and a variety of cakes in his beautiful garden with great weather.

Alan's daughter Nicky made an excellent tea lady and a delightful afternoon was had by all. In addition, donations raised £152.50 for the Boiler Fund.

A huge thank you for Alan for hosting such a lovely occasion which is one that he and Pam used to kindly host every year. Alan said that he felt he ought to continue it as Pam had enjoyed it so much and everyone there thought she would be very pleased.

Thank you to Julie for the photos. Unfortunately Alan and Nicky were so busy that we haven't got a photo of them!



Jill, Stella and Greta



Carol & John



Jennifer, Fen and James



Tony, Irene and Tricia



Julia, Liz and Sarah

RBKares

As you see I have a number of hats without a bobble on the top.

Do you think you could make me one?

All the hats are going to make up an artificial Christmas tree by R B Kares with the green of the hats representing the tree foliage and the coloured bobbles being the baubles we decorate our Christmas trees with.

After Christmas, the hats will then be given to those who need them.

Thank you, Stella Chattle

RBKares

Caring for Kingston
Hospital Staff



Bobble-less hats! Please can you help finish them?

Stand By Me - meet Khui who is now having the best start to their day!

We have received the following message from Stand by me, a charity that Stella Chattle has raised money for over the years, most recently with a Saturday morning cake sale in Wesley's in February.



Dear Everyone at New Malden Methodist,
Thank you for donating towards February on the Floor earlier this year and for helping kids around the world have the best start to their day!

Through your donation, you helped provide a child with the essentials of new underwear, a school bag, books and stationery, school uniform and breakfast for an entire year.

A child who was once living in poverty, with no opportunity of an education, is now equipped to go to school, learn and pursue their potential.

I'm delighted to be able to share with you the photo of Khui who now has these precious things because of your donation.

I hope seeing their photo helps you realise just how important your donation was and

Thank you again for your donation towards February on the Floor and enabling a child around the world to know they are loved, feel encouraged and helped on their way to becoming everything they were born to be.

Kind regards
Colin Colin Norford, Head of Fundraising
Stand by Me

T: 01708 442271

W: www.standby.me

www.standby.me/sponsor



Praying Hands



Following on from Alison's article about Praying Hands in a previous edition of Spotlight I was intrigued to see this version in Škrip the oldest settlement on the island of Brač, Croatia while on holiday.

Liz Edwards

Boiler Fund Raising

On the four Saturdays in July we have managed to raise over £1400.

Saturday 1st and 8th July with the stalls on the pavement raised £1100+ and the past two Saturdays with just cakes have taken £150 and £160. Hopefully this coming Saturday will raise another £150.

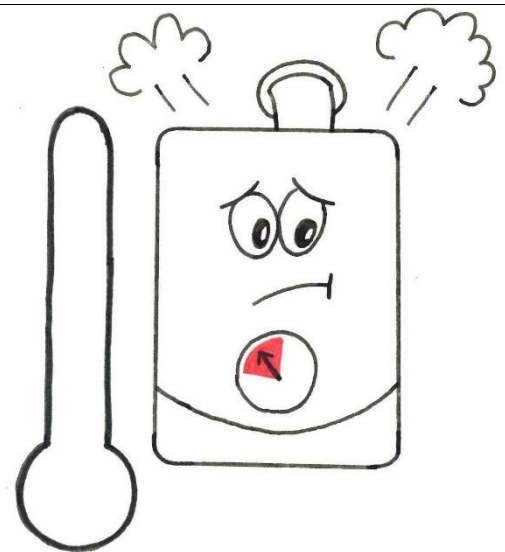
We also received £150 in donations as well as the £152.50 from the garden party.

So, July Raised nearly £2000, however there is still a long way to go.

August and early September offers us another 6 Saturdays which we can target to raise another £1000. We have a number of regulars on Saturdays who are not church members but come in for cakes and jams to take home and others who enjoy the social chat over the tea and cake so please check out the list on the board and see if you can help out on one or 2 days.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all who helped with any of these Saturdays, and to Julie Haines for co-ordinating and organising all of them!



Thank you to Sue Knowles for her photos of Saturday 8th July. She even roped her sister in to help, I don't suppose she'll be coming to stay again any time soon Sue!!



The Malden & Coombe Horticultural Society were very happy to use our patio for their stall for which they made a generous donation.



Not just the tonic on a sunny summer's evening

I seem to have acquired a large collection of different gins - some floral, some botanical, some interesting - and am hosting a gin and tonic evening to raise funds for the new boiler.

Please do join us chez nous from 7pm until 10pm on Friday 18th August for a G&T or two, we'd love to see you.

Please drop us an email or give us a ring if you are able to come (details in the church directory), mainly so we know how much tonic to get! We'll supply some nibbles too.



Caroline Auty & Robert Elves

Next Spotlight Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in my church pigeonhole). I am happy to receive anything you think might be of interest: memories, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, recipes etc.

The deadline for the September issue will be Wednesday 23rd August. Let's make it a bumper issue for the start of the Methodist year.

NMMC Diary Dates – August

Monday 31 st July	11.30am – 12.30pm	Crime prevention stall in Wesley's
Tuesday 1 st August	11.00am – 12.00pm	Crime prevention stall in Wesley's
Tuesday 1 st	2.30pm – 4.30pm	Wives Cream Tea (Wesley's)
Thursday 3 rd	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Saturday 5 th	12.00 – 2.00pm	Wesley's – Currently vacant – please contact Sarah to book
Tuesday 8 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Bereavement Café
Wednesday 9 th	11.30am – 12.30pm	Crime prevention stall in Wesley's
Friday 11 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Board Games Afternoon
Saturday 12 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Currently vacant – please contact Sarah to book
Wednesday 16 th	11.00am – 12.00pm	Crime prevention stall in Wesley's
Thursday 17 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Friday 18 th	7.00pm – 10.00pm	G&Ts at Caroline & Robert's (see above)
Saturday 19 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Currently vacant – please contact Sarah to book
Tuesday 23 rd	12.00am – 13.00pm	Crime prevention stall in Wesley's
Saturday 26 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Currently vacant – please contact Sarah to book
Sunday 27 th	12.00pm – 5.00pm	Music Marathon to raise money for the Boiler Fund (more info on the back page)

Crime Prevention Stalls

Officers from the New Malden Village policing team will be setting up a Crime Prevention Stall in Wesley's on the following dates. Please come along to say hello and ask for advice.

Monday 31st July	11:30am – 12:30pm
Tuesday 1st August	11:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday 9th August	11:30am – 12:30 pm
Wednesday 16th August	11:00am – 12:00 am
Tuesday 23rd August	12:00pm – 13:00pm

Circuit News

Farewell to Stan and Mary

On Sunday 16th July 16 members of NMMC attended the farewell service for Stan and Mary at Surbiton Hill Church. The church was full for a service led by Karl with the sermon by Rev Mark Wakelin. The junior church at Surbiton Hill put on a puppet show.

This was followed by a delicious tea and then a barn dance.

Stan and Mary moved to Gloucester on the Tuesday 2 days later and are settling in well.

The new Superintendent Vindra Maraj-Ogden will arrive mid-August to start work in September. Her welcoming service will be on Sunday 17th September 6 30pm at Surbiton, followed by tea and cake.



I do hope a number of you will manage to get to that service. Vindra will preach her first service in NM in November, we look forward to welcoming her to our church then

Julie Haines

Date for September

On September 17th at 2.30- 4pm an Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment will be held at the Surbiton Hill MC tennis club (between 11-13 Manor Drive KT5 8NE). This event has taken place over the years and has always been a great success.

The SHMC church pianists - Linda Bridges and Margaret Turner along with a violinist, Desmond Cecil, will lead the musical entertainment.

Delicious food, great music and plenty of chat make the afternoon a great way to raise money for Palliative Care in Sierra Leone.

Do pop in at any time during the afternoon.

Donations of £10 , paid either in cash or by card would be gratefully accepted.

The timing of the event has been organized so we can then be ready for the circuit service at 6.30pm which will welcome our new Superintendent Vindra Maraj Ogden.

Circuit Plan

		CHESSINGTON <i>10.00 am</i>	KINGSTON <i>10.30 am; 6pm</i>	NEW MALDEN <i>10.30 am</i>	SURBITON HILL <i>10.30 am</i>
<i>Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.30 led by Rev Paul Han</i>					
06 August	am	M Wakelin: HC	Rush: AA	LA	Rutledge: HC
13 August	am	Cowgill	Rutledge: AA/HC	Cocking : AA	D Lloyd
20 August	am	Han	Vernon	Rutledge: AA/HC	Stonehewer
27 August	am	M Wakelin	Cocking: AA	J Wakelin: AA	Rutledge
03 September		M. Wakelin: HC	Rutledge	Bridges & S. Lloyd: AAW	Maraj-Ogden: HC
10 September		J. Wakelin	Maraj-Ogden: AAW/HC	Rutledge: ACM/HC	M. Wakelin Coveney: PP 4.30pm
17 September		M. Wakelin: C	Rutledge: ACM	Stonehewer	Maraj-Ogden
<i>6.30pm Welcome Service for Rev Vindra Maraj-Ogden at SHMC</i>					
24 September		LA	Rutledge: AAW/HF	LA	Maraj-Ogden HF/PD
01 October		M. Wakelin: 11am HF/Joint FPS	Bridges & S. Lloyd	Rutledge: AAW/HF	Maraj-Ogden
		No Service	No Service	No Service	Coveney: PP 4.30pm
08 October		M. Wakelin: HC	Rutledge: AAW/HC	Maraj-Ogden	D. Lloyd
15 October		J. Wakelin: C	Fullbrook	Rutledge: HC	Maraj-Ogden: HC
		No Service	M. Wakelin: HC	No Service	No Service
22 October		Rutledge	Stonehewer	Rush	LA
29 October		Bridges	LA	D. Lloyd	Maraj-Ogden
		No Service	No Service	No Service	Maraj-Ogden: SR 5pm
05 November		M. Wakelin: HC	Maraj-Ogden: AAW	Webb: AAW	Vernon
		J. & M. Wakelin 4pm SR	No Service	No Service	Coveney: PP 4.30pm
12 November		M. Wakelin: R	Rutledge: R/HC	J. Wakelin: R	10.45: Maraj-Ogden: R (WM)
19 November		S. & D. Lloyd: C	M. Wakelin	Rutledge: HC	Maraj-Ogden: HC
		No Service	Rutledge	No Service	No Service
26 November		Maraj-Ogden	Rutledge	Fullbrook	Stonehewer
Abbreviations		AAW: All Age Worship ACM: Annual Church Meeting C: Contemporary Service FPS: Family Parade Service		HF: Harvest Festival HC: Holy Communion LA: Local Arrangement PD: Pastoral Visitors Dedication	PP: Praise Party R: Remembrance Sunday SR: Service of Remembrance/Time to Remember WM: At War Memorial

News of Hannah Chun

We have received the following invitation from Colchester Methodist Church to Hannah's welcome service in her new appointment.

I'm sure she would love to see a few familiar faces.

Please join us as we welcome Revd Hannah Chun on Friday 1st September 2023 from 7.30pm at Wimpole Road Methodist Church, Colchester, Essex CO1 2DL

We are pleased to welcome as Preacher Revd David Chapman, Chair of Beds, Essex & Herts Methodist District. The service, which will be livestreamed and recorded, will be followed by light refreshments.

Limited pre-booked parking may be available on request. For further information please contact colchestermethodistoffice@gmail.com

RSVP to the above email address by 18th August 2023.

Family photo



Auditions have been taking place for relief organists over the summer period.

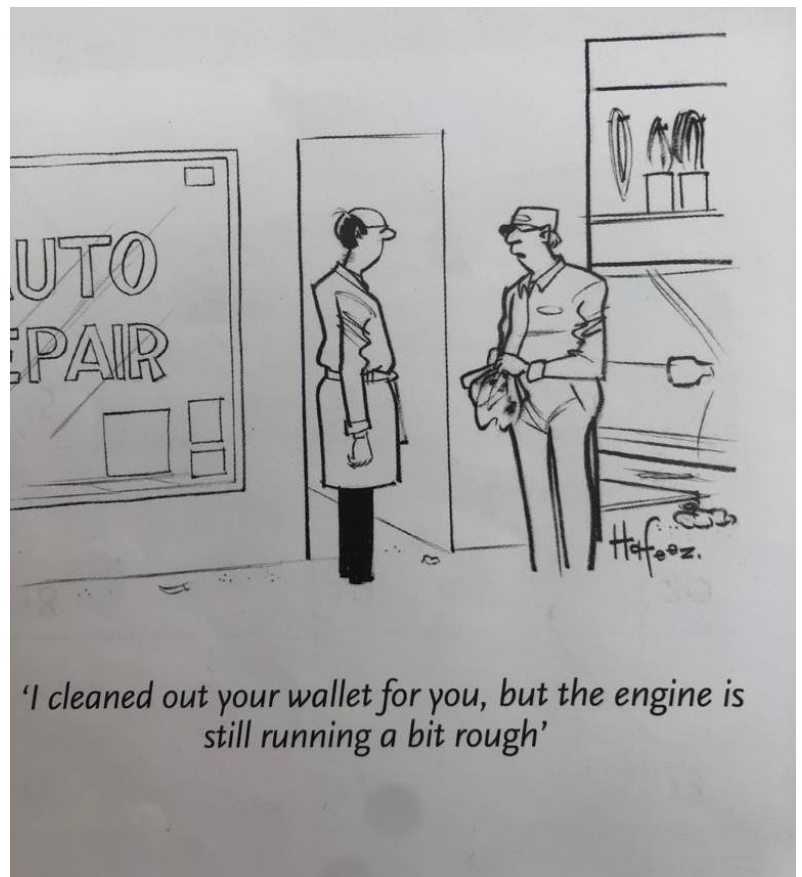
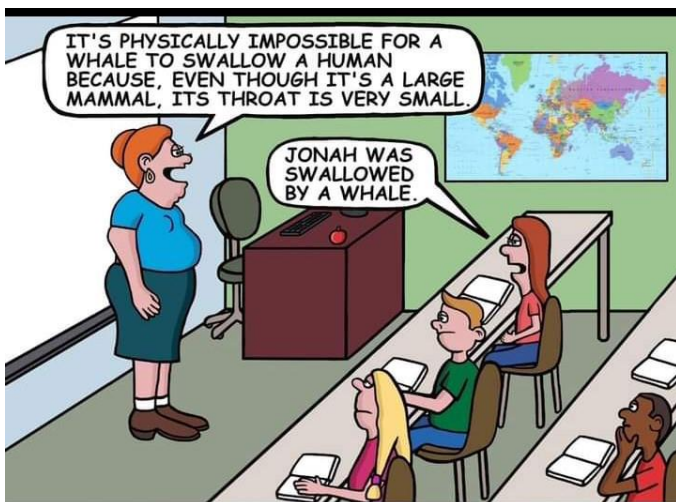
Otilie and Piera showing Grandpa how it's done.

The funnies

A man and his wife and his mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them, 'you can have her shipped home for \$5,000 or you can bury here in the Holy Land for \$150'.

The man thought about it and said that he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked 'why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to have her buried here and only spend \$150?'.

The man replied, 'a man died here 2000 years ago. He was buried here and 3 days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance.'



Wesley's Coffee Bar

Volunteers

Needed!

Join us in sharing kindness

Why volunteer at Wesley's?

- meet different people
- use your skills / learn new skills
- improve your cv / gain employment
- wellness time for self & others
- do something positive for your community

Wesley's Cafe
New Malden Methodist Church



49 High Street
New Malden KT3 4BY

[@wesleys.newmalden](https://www.instagram.com/wesleys.newmalden)



Information about us



Scan this code to open our page!

2-4 hours per week of your time helping at our community cafe will help make a huge difference.

For more information, contact Lee at nmmc.wesleys@hotmail.com



New Malden
Methodist Church

MUSIC MARATHON

Sunday 27th August 12 noon – 5 pm

In aid of our

Boiler Replacement Fund

*26 musicians playing
5 hours of light, attractive music.
Drop in for a ploughman's lunch,
cream tea or a cup of tea or coffee.*

We aim to raise £1000
through sponsorship and donations
while celebrating music and the Summer!

Our JustGiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/NMMCBoilers>

Do come along on 27th to enjoy listening to
some wonderful music
and have refreshments in Wesley's.