



New Malden
Methodist Church
At the heart of the High Street



Spotlight

July 2023

News of Karl

Karl has been away at Methodist Conference all week so will have lots to report in next month's edition.

Spotlight's Safeguarding Space



The **Methodist** Church 

When a jigsaw is put together it is easy to see what some of the pieces represent. This may be the case with some information you have. Other pieces may not be so clear & may niggle you. Remember that it is important to pass all information on to me or Karl as we might have some other pieces of the bigger picture.

Thank you

Liz Edwards, Safeguarding Officer

Church Family News

We are very happy to be welcoming Holly Evans into the church family with her Baptism on Sunday 2nd July, and hope that this special service with Rebecca, Alex, Ella Rose and Eliza will be an enjoyable celebration for all.

We have had sad news this week of the loss of three friends: **Barbara Gardiner** died on Wednesday 21st June at the age of 89. Her funeral is on at 11.00 on Tuesday 18th July at Kingston Crematorium.

On Saturday 24th **Adrian Fox** died suddenly and we heard on Wednesday that Alan Clarke had died, also suddenly, on Tuesday night. Adrian's memorial will be at NMMC on Thursday 27th July, time to be confirmed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Janice Gardiner; Glynis Carl and Courtney Fox and Joy Clarke, Jane, Alison and Richard and all their wider family and friends who are grieving their loved ones.

We also heard that Kunashe Mwenye was involved in a serious car crash last weekend and is in St George's Hospital in a critical condition. Please pray for him and of course Tendai, Victor, Panashe, Kundai, Towande and Ruvarashe.



Hilary Warner is still helping her parents in Andover. Here she is with her new Great-Nephew Luca who Hilary said is 'chubbilicious'.

News of an old friend

Some of you may remember **Thelma Champion** who now lives in Tolworth and receives a posted copy of Spotlight every month. She recently sent in a lovely card in which she said

“My association with the church was through my mother who joined the Women's Guild when she moved down to Surrey from London to marry my dad in the early 30s. I was baptised there in 1934 and my 3 children were also baptised in your lovely Church.

I'm in my late 80s now and virtually housebound but New Malden generally holds very happy memories for me. I remember being greeted by Greta when I came to church, such a lovely welcome with that smile of hers.

I just had to write to thank you all for making me feel a member still. God bless.”

An introduction

Hello everyone! Many of you must have met me at the Wesley's cafe and know me by now. I am the new Development Officer and my name is Lee Monczak, married and blessed with 3 grown up children.

More about me. I first came to worship in New Malden Methodist Church with my family when we moved here 15 years ago. We were then relocated and worked abroad for more than 8 years. I came to serve at Wesley's under Hilary when we were repatriated to the UK just before the pandemic in 2019.

Responding to His Call. I will be working alongside Rev Dr Karl and Sarah, focusing initially on supporting and developing the mission of Wesley's, overseeing current volunteers and hopefully recruiting more volunteers so we could re-introduce a 4-hour day at the Wesley's coffee bar, also to identify new mission opportunities and initiatives.

As a new staff member, I would like to ask for your support in prayers and any help you could offer (many thanks to those who are already serving in the cafe and our wellness activities).

Please FOLLOW & LIKE our newly introduced instagram and Facebook page or go to your Facebook/instagram, search for wesleys.newmalden.



Wesley's New
facebook.com



Malden (@wesleys.newmalden)
Instagram photos and videos
instagram.com

I would love to meet you all - my usual days at the office / Wesley's are on Tuesday and Thursday/Friday, please come and introduce yourself and have a cuppa. I would be happy to listen to what you want to share. You can also reach me on nmmc.wesleys@hotmail.com.

Every blessing!
Lee

June News

Requests from Julie Haines

Julie would like to borrow a popcorn maker if anyone has one. She is also collecting old bottles of nail varnish if anyone is having a clear out.

Plant Sale

Last Saturday's Plant Sale and coffee bar raised over £550 which was a very impressive

contribution towards the Boiler Fund. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and came along to support a very sociable, busy and successful event.



Ian Curry did sterling work imparting his plant knowledge, ably assisted by Sue Abell.

Church Garden Party with Cream Tea

Wednesday 19 July from 3pm

Before the Covid pandemic and lockdown, Pam and I usually had the pleasure of hosting a Church Family Summer Garden Party. I hope to be able to start this again this year so please book the date of Wednesday 19 July from 3pm at Conifers, High Drive, KT3 3UG. More details later.

Alan Vincent

Wives' Wesley's

Wives and Friends would like to thank everyone who helped raise a magnificent £250.00 on Saturday June 10th RB Kares.



Are you interested in becoming a host for Ukrainians?

The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames would like your help in supporting the new arrivals from Ukraine to thrive and prosper whilst Ukraine is still under attack, and its people still need your help.

Over 400 people have arrived in Kingston under the Homes for Ukraine scheme since March 2022 and many are now looking for new hosts to accommodate them. Your generosity could transform the lives of people who have fled the devastating war in Ukraine.

Register your interest today by the link <https://forms.gle/bFHrxe13yKXdZ5MD9>

Visit our webpage for more information <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/ukraine> or email us ukraine@kingston.gov.uk

Wives night out

Wives and friends group enjoyed its annual meal out at Sorento in Tolworth. It was a most enjoyable event with some great dishes and lots of good conversation and laughs.

Many thanks to Glynis who organised and coordinated the transport.





Church Collection Boxes

If you have a church collection box could you please either give it to me or leave it in my pigeon hole so that I can arrange to pay the money into the bank and pass it on as necessary.

Gloria Taviner

Christian Aid Bread & Cheese Lunch

A bread and cheese lunch was held on Sunday, 25th June in support of the charity, Christian Aid.



Christian Aid seeks to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ that we should love our neighbour. Therefore, its starting point is that everyone is equal in the sight of God. As a result, Christian Aid works alongside the most vulnerable and excluded people in the world. It's four core values are dignity, equality, justice and love.

Sometimes we can be a bit cynical about whether our given money actually gets to where it's needed. For each £1 collected for Christian Aid, 85p is used for direct charitable purposes. Of this, 32p supports long-term development projects; 45p is spent on humanitarian emergencies, and 8p on campaigning and education. The remaining 15p is invested in fund raising.

With its focus on Christ's teachings, and its own core values, it's not surprising churches have always been very important to the process of fund raising for this charity.

On the 25th we did our bit in New Malden. We had a wonderful time with lots of chat and laughter as we as enjoying a tasty lunch of bread and cheese. We raised £155 for Christian Aid.

Thank you Julia, and your helpers.
John Tarrant



Farewell service for Stan and Mary Brown Sunday 16th July 4.30pm

As you know Stan Brown will be retiring in July and will be moving with his wife, Mary to Gloucester to embark on a new chapter in their lives. Stan has been the Minister of Surbiton Hill MC and the Superintendent of the Kingston District since 2015.

His Ministry has been inspirational, prayerful, spiritual, supportive and caring and we will miss him and Mary enormously.

A special Circuit Farewell Service will be held at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church on Sunday 16 July at 4.30pm and will be led by Reverend Dr Mark Wakelin. Tea and refreshments will be served from 5.30pm

This will then be followed by a Barn Dance accompanied by a talented local band of musicians known as Ouch! and the evening will conclude at 8pm.

We very much hope you will wish to come and join us in saying a final goodbye to Stan and Mary at this event and to wish them every happiness in their next exciting new journey.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Stan and Mary please do so by either:

Bank transfer Sort Code: 20-46-73
 Account No: 90737291

Reference: Stan

Or
Placing an envelope clearly marked 'Stan' and in collection in Church.

Please make your donation by Sunday 9 July. Thank you

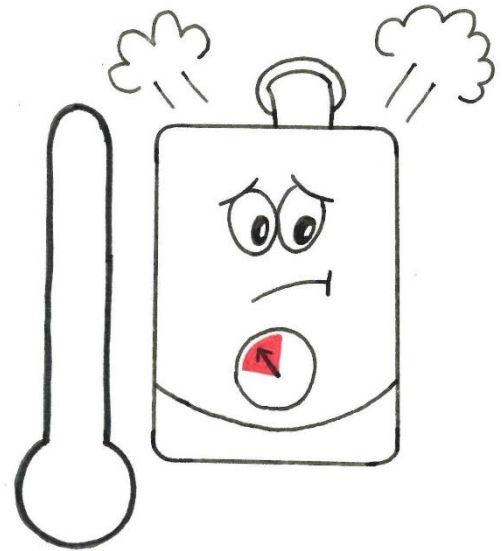
Malden Fortnight Boiler Fund Raising

Second Fund Raising Stall outside church.

We still need some people to help run stalls outside the church and the cakes on 8th July 10am till 2pm. Please sign up on the board and don't forget to tell your friends about the sale and cream tea.

If you have any books, puzzles, jewellery or bric-a-brac please bring it to church on Sunday or while Wesley's is open or even on the day itself.

Thank you



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

Memorial Window for Francis Keith Curas-Thompson

An Update

Thank you to those of you who have spoken to me about my piece in the last Spotlight and particularly those who have made enquiries to establish more information about him, including Doreen Downey, Judy Caddy and Alan Vincent.

A special thanks also to Sue Laycock who is the daughter of Winnie Fry, who was a member for many years of our church community. Win moved down to be near her daughter in Alton, Hampshire in 2021, but sadly died a few weeks later. Sue is on the circulation list for Spotlight and is a keen amateur genealogist.



This is a short update of information that has emerged so far, though there is some additional detail which needs to be checked further. I will do another update of what is proving to be a fascinating detective exercise, probably for the September edition. To date, no evidence has been found of the birth of a Francis Keith Curas-Thompson. However there is a record of the birth in 1929, of a Keith Thompson, whose mother's maiden name was Curas. The birth was registered in Croydon.

In 1952, it was published in the London Gazette that a Keith Thompson had formally changed his name to Keith Francis Curas-Thompson. Perhaps it is reasonable to assume that this might be the person whose stained glass memorial is in the church and that he, or his parents, or members of their extended family did have connections here.

There is a naval record of Keith F Curas-Thompson, a Petty Officer in the Fleet Air Arm and in 1954 he was based at HMS Gamecock in Nottinghamshire. (This was the ship name given to RAF Bramcote and used by flying units of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve from 1947 to 1957). There is an indication in the records that he was a test pilot. On the 6th May 1954, Keith died "serving his country" and his death was registered in Newark, Nottinghamshire. He was married to a Marion Clarke and after his death she gave birth to a son.

So, at this stage, we have a plausible explanation of a little of the background of this young man, who tragically died young and the search for more information available through public records will continue. Unfortunately however, we are struggling to find information about the connection of Keith to NMMC and the relatives/friends who decided to perpetuate his memory with this stained glass window. Please do let me know if you can add anything to help shed light on this mystery.

David Knowles

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>					
02 July	am	LA/CO	Webb: CC	Rutledge: AA/B	Brown 4.30pm Coveney: PP
09 July	am	M Wakelin: HC	Rutledge: AA/HC	J Wakelin	Brown
16 July	am	Bridges & S Lloyd: C	Stonehewer	Rutledge: HC	Brown: HC
	pm	<i>4.30pm Circuit Farewell Service & Social for Rev Stan Brown at Surbiton Hill</i>			
23 July	am	J & M Wakelin	Webb	D Lloyd	Bridges
30 July	am	Han	Cocking	Vernon	LA
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

NMMC Diary Dates – July

Saturday 1 st	12.00 – 2.00pm	Wesley's – NMMC for Boiler Fund
Sunday 2 nd	10.30	Baptism of Holly Evans
	12.00	Extraordinary Church Council meeting
Tuesday 4 th	2.30 – 4.30pm	Wives Cream Tea (Wesley's)
Wednesday 5 th	2.00 – 3.00pm	Hymn singing at Speirs House
Thursday 6 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Saturday 8 th	12.00 – 2.00pm	Wesley's – NMMC for Boiler Fund
		Malden & Coombe Horticultural Soc. Plant Sale
Monday 10 th	4.00pm	Memorial Service for Jean Bedford
Tuesday 11 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Bereavement Café
Friday 14 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Board Games Afternoon
Saturday 15 th	10.00am – 12.00	Wesley's – Currently vacant – please contact Sarah to book
Sunday 16 th	4.30pm	Stan Brown's farewell service at Surbiton Hill & Barn Dance (see separate article)
Wednesday 19 th	3.00pm	Church Garden Party with Cream Tea hosted by Alan Vincent
Thursday 20 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Saturday 22 nd	10.00am – 12.00	Wesley's – Currently vacant – please contact Sarah to book
Thursday 27 th	pm (time TBC) 7.00pm	Memorial service for Adrian Fox Royal British Legion talk and presentation about the Korean War (see separate advert)
Saturday 29 th	10.00am – 12.00	Wesley's – Currently vacant – please contact Sarah to book
Tuesday 1 st August	2.30 – 4.30pm	Wives Cream Tea (Wesley's)

Microsoft Scam Advice

Beware of fake Microsoft fraud protection emails.

If you have a Hotmail or Microsoft Outlook email account, watch out for fake 'fraud protection' emails that prompt you to log into your account.

These emails claim to be from the Outlook Support Team, are flagged as 'high priority', and state that they come from a 'trusted sender'. The messages inform you that there's been suspicious activity on your account and say you'll need to click a link to log in. If you do so and enter your details, you could end up giving personal information to scammers, potentially compromising your other accounts.

Microsoft will never ask you to provide personal information or login credentials via email. Learn how to spot and report this latest Microsoft scam.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
INVITE YOU
TO A
TALK AND PRESENTATION
by DAVID HENRY



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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT TO MARK THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SIGNING OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

ON THURSDAY 27TH JULY
AT THE METHODIST CHURCH
NEW MALDEN HIGH STREET
AT 7pm
Doors open 6.45pm

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS WELCOME

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

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 July issue will be Wednesday 26th July.

Heroes and Villains Concert

Saturday 1st July I'll be playing my horn in a Heroes and Villains concert. It's at All Saints Carshalton and the x26 stops pretty much outside the church. It promises to be a cracking programme with some rip-roaring Hollywood blockbuster tunes so it would be lovely to see some of you there!"

Caroline Auty

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The caption competition

Continuing in the series of 'Interesting photos of our Minister'



- 'Here's looking at you kid'
- 'If you don't spit at me, I won't spit at you', said Karl

And a couple of thoughts for the summer



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



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[@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

Are you ready?



Register to vote



Find your polling station



Voter I.D.

From May 2023, you will need to show photographic ID in a polling station to be able to vote

(October 2023 for UK Parliamentary general elections)*

Everyone voting in person at a polling station will need to show an accepted form of photographic ID to receive their ballot paper. If you do not have an accepted form of ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate.

You can apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate (you can scan the QR code with your camera), contact Electoral Services for a paper form, or visit our offices at Guildhall, High Street, Kingston KT1 1EU.



* There are no scheduled elections in Kingston Upon Thames until May 2024.

CHECKLIST



✓ **CHECK**
what photo ID you
have available

✓ **REMEMBER**
you can use expired ID
– as long as it's on the
acceptable documents
list and the photo still
looks like you

✓ **APPLY**
for a Voter Authority
Certificate
if you need one

✓ **VISIT**
electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID for
more details

For more information
about voting and the
Elections Act visit
kingston.gov.uk/elections or phone
our Helpline on
020 8547 4630

Are you ready? FAQs

■ Can I use an expired document as ID?

Expired photo ID documents can be used as long as the photograph still looks like you.



■ Can I bring a photocopy of my ID?

No, only original documents can be accepted.



■ Can I use photo ID with a different name (e.g. because I've got married or changed my name)?

No, the name on your ID must be the same name you used to register to vote.



■ What if I don't have any of the documents on the list?

If you don't have, or don't want to use, an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate to use as ID at the polling station.



■ What is a Voter Authority Certificate?

The Voter Authority Certificate is a secure, paper A4 document which will contain your name and photograph. Find out how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID



■ I vote by proxy at elections – must the person voting on my behalf also show photo ID at the polling station?

Yes, the new rules apply to everyone voting in person at polling stations, including people voting for someone else as proxy. Your proxy will need to show acceptable photo ID or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

■ What if I don't want to vote at a polling station?

You can apply to vote by post at kingston.gov.uk/elections – a ballot pack will be sent to you by post before polling day.



■ When are the next elections in Kingston?

The next scheduled elections are for the Mayor of London and London Assembly on 2 May 2024.

But... elections can be called at any time. Make sure you're ready. Check you've got the right ID or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate now.