



New Malden
Methodist Church

At the heart of the High Street



Spotlight

June 2022

Church Family News

Ruth McLeod has now moved to the White House care home on Malden Road.

Donald Finnan would like to say thank you to all those who have sent cards, thoughts, prayers and texts. He finds it very encouraging and supporting.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Jenny Reid** on the 7th May. She had been taken into the hospice the day before, a couple of hours after Karl had visited to pray with and anoint her. She died peacefully under their care and we understand that her husband, Michael, was with her. Jenny was such a pivotal part of our church and will be greatly missed; she touched so many lives with her wisdom, gentleness and warmth. Please pray for Michael and the rest of her family. There will be a thanksgiving service at NMMC for Jenny after her cremation on the afternoon of Thursday 16th June. Exact time is still to be confirmed.



News from **Eleanor and Andy**

Greetings lovely NM church family - from the depths of Chesterfield! This is your Northern correspondent here. How are you all, and what have Andy and I missed since we moved Northwards? We are both fine and send much love to you all. Here, you've maybe heard that we've had an offer accepted on a very pretty cottage in the small market town of Bakewell (land of tarts, puddings and cheese shops!) and as far as we know things are trundling along there slowly. The cottage was built in about 1800, originally as servants' quarters for a bigger house down in the valley. It was once called Gardeners Cottage, but for some reason is now Lambton Cottage – full address to follow if/when it's actually ours! There is a beautiful view of hills, fields, and sometimes three or four alpacas!

Andy and I have settled (for now anyway) at Bakewell Methodist church, where most people seem to be called Jean, Joan or David! We are the youngest ones there, which I guess doesn't bode too well for the future – but they are welcoming and friendly, and apart from far too many slides of wishy washy very 'white' Jesus coming up on the screen during hymns, we do value the services there. The minister is on interregnum so we haven't met him yet. All we know is that he's called Adrian, and doesn't have long before he retires.

It is taking time to make friends, but people are generally nice. I have joined a choir in Bakewell, and also Chesterfield Rock Choir, which has a very tall bendy conductor, a baby called Frank who sings along enthusiastically, and a woman who brings along a rather traumatised-looking chihuahua, which arrives dressed in a ballerina costume and sits on a velvet cushion! Andy has joined Sheffield Family History Group, and we both intend to try out stuff with the U3A in Bakewell now that A&J have returned to university after the Easter break. The U3A walking group looks good, as they offer different length walks with different levels of difficulty, so we can hopefully get fitter gradually. (Sadly Scrabble Club, which I had my eye on, seems to have collapsed since lockdown!)

It was lovely to meet up with Caroline, Robert, Isabel and Ollie the dog for a pub meal in nearby Wirksworth recently. We look forward to having Karl to stay here in June when he comes up to Cliff College. We'd love to see more of you, especially if you're chuffing up the M1 and need a cuppa – or possibly a bed – to help you on your way.

God bless and keep you all in His loving presence. Love from Eleanor and Andy Roberts
(PS Any texts, emails or letters very welcome!)

Soon, our new address will be Lambton Cottage, Station Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1GA.



On Saturday 21st May, I joined other clergy and congregation members in Kingston, performing a dance called Jerusalema in the area outside the Bentall Centre to raise money for Christian Aid. Anyone who has seen me dance before will know that it isn't one of my talents(!), but thankfully plenty of others were there and it went quite well.

If you would like to retrospectively sponsor me, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kingston-churches>.

Karl





Karl has become mobile!
In his own words “be afraid, be very afraid”



Stella is jubilee-ready!

May News

Wesley's on Saturdays

Unfortunately Wesley's could not open on Saturday 30th April due to lack of volunteers and the absence of many of the church people who often step into the breach. Please consider if you can help with Wesley's on a Saturday and run a charity coffee morning as these lovely people have done!

Saturday Coffee Bars

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 14th May. It seemed quiet but we raised a fabulous £150 for **Wildlife Aid** and pretty much sold out. Caroline, Robert and Isabel

Another good result on 21st May for **Christian Aid**. The total made was £264. Thank you to all who donated time, cakes and cash.
Julie Haines

Kingston Borough - Be Well Hub

Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith groups are partnering with the Mental Health Trust and South London Citizens to make Kingston a better place to live.

The launch event for this venture will be held on Wednesday 15th June 2.00 – 3.30pm at Kingston Library, Fairfield Road. Please come along to find out more about the work of building connections and helping others. Refreshments are provided and all are welcome.

Music in New Malden

As the heat of summer approaches (we hope), so we come to the final concert in our main Music in New Malden concert series for 2021-22 - our first full season 'in person' after Covid. Thank-you for being so wonderfully supportive of our mission to bring top quality music making to local audiences in the heart of New Malden High Street!

On Sunday 12th June (3pm in New Malden Methodist Church, as ever) we welcome The Guildhall Saxophone Quartet. Our audiences have appreciated our longstanding association with the Guildhall School of Music & Drama Historical Performance Department, and this concert extends our productive contacts into new territory.

Details of our annual summer MusicFest concerts (Saturday evenings: 2 and 16 July) will follow soon.



Music in New Malden 14th Series

Sunday 12th June at 3 o'clock

New Malden Methodist Church KT3 4BY

The Guildhall Saxophone Quartet



Katie Wood (*soprano*) **Jasmine Smith** (*alto*)
Laura Harrison (*tenor*) **Reuben Dakin** (*baritone*)

An afternoon of saxophone quartets, part-songs, arrangements of popular ballads and funky music by Sullivan, Desenclos, Piazzolla and several others.

Tickets £8 from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinnm
and Wesley's at NMMC



Planning Ahead

Unwanted hotel toiletries. If you do not use the soaps, shampoos, etc, that hotels provide in rooms, please hand them to me. I can then make up packs for tombola prizes for the Christmas fair.

Also wanted please are any artificial flowers/ leaves to create table centres for Christmas. Tired looking ones can be really perked up with some gold spray, ribbon (also required) and the odd fir cone. Thank you, Julie Haines

Karl's Wildlife Photography

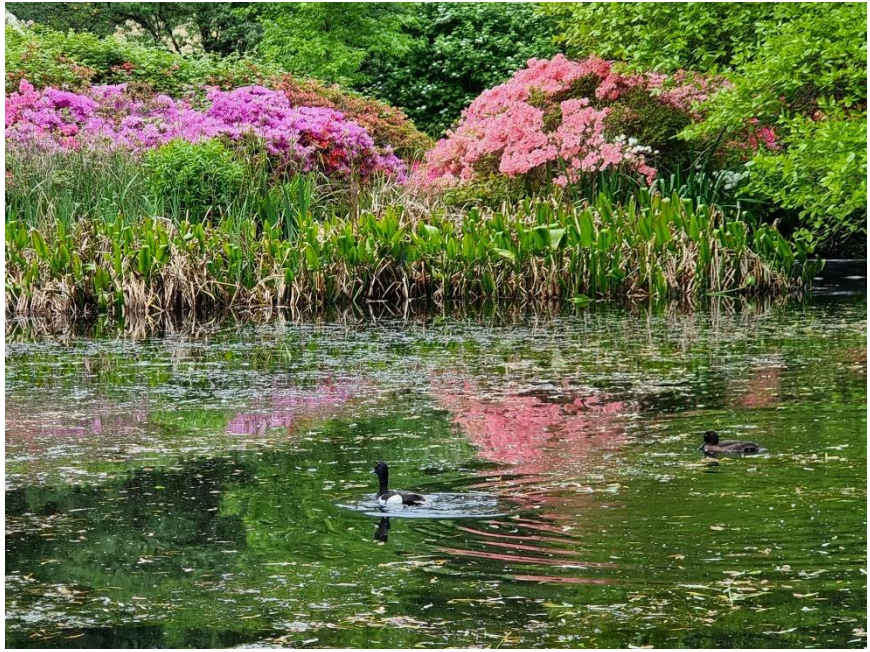
As some of you will know, one of my hobbies is photography. Generally, I have focused on landscapes in the past. However, since the first lockdown and having discovered the beauty of Richmond Park, I have taken up wildlife photography as well. Like the former, it requires a degree of planning and patience to select a target and line up a shot, but unlike taking photos of landscapes, it is much more about capturing the moment.

I have picked up a few tips along the way that have helped me:

1. **Stillness:** Sudden movements can startle animals and frighten them off. Keeping still and calm can enable animals to relax and to trust you, which makes for better pictures.
2. **Quiet:** Likewise, lots of noise and chatter is not helpful if you're trying to capture snaps of animals like birds going about their daily business!
3. **Patience:** If at first you don't succeed, it is often worth persisting, and as with my photo of the parakeet taking off, you may get a nice surprise as a reward!
4. **Keep your distance:** This may sound obvious, but the numbers of people who walk right up to deer and put themselves in danger are not insignificant!
5. **Proportions:** Often the best photos do not centre the animal being captured, but instead give a sense of their surroundings. Keep in mind the 'rule of thirds', so that scenes look in proportion.

These are some of my efforts. I hope they inspire you!





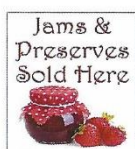
Next Spotlight Issue

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

The deadline for the July issue will be Wednesday 29th June.

Diary Dates – June

Wednesday 1 st	3.00pm – 4.00pm	Hymn singing at Speirs House
Thursday 2 nd		Jubilee Bank Holiday - Wesley's closed
Friday 3 rd		Jubilee Bank Holiday - Wesley's closed
Saturday 4 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's – Macmillan – Julia & Sarah
	3.00 – 4.30pm	Platinum Jubilee Cream Tea
Saturday 11 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's – Momentum - Wives & Friends
Sunday 12 th	3.00pm	Music in New Malden
Tuesday 14 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Bereavement Café
Thursday 16 th	pm	Jenny Reid's Thanksgiving Service (time to be confirmed)
Saturday 18 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's – VACANT – please contact Sarah Moore to book
Tuesday 21 st	1.10pm – 1.50pm	Lunchtime Concert
Wednesday 22 nd	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Malden Fortnight Meeting
Thursday 23 rd	7.00am – 10.00pm	Re-arranged Local Election Polling Station
Saturday 25 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's – Julia Morton – charity to be confirmed
Saturday 2 nd July	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's – NMMC
	2.00pm	Malden Fortnight Grand Parade
	Evening	MusicFest Organ Concert



SUMMER GARDEN FAIR

Friday: 10th June 2022

From: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: 13 Linkside, New Malden, KT3 4LA

You are welcome to come and enjoy our handmade crafts, cakes, cards, preserves, gifts and plants.

Refreshments and Raffle

In Support of:
PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE



Email: jgeorg@blueyonder.co.uk

Circuit Plan

		KINGSTON 10.30 am; 6pm	SURBITON HILL 10.30 am	NEW MALDEN 10.30am	CHESSINGTON 10am
<i>Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.00 noon led by Rev Paul Han</i>					
05 June	am	J. Wakelin	Rutlidge	Webb	Wakelin: AA/J/P
12 June	am pm	Lloyd No Service	Chun 4.30: Bridges PP	M Wakelin No Service	Rutlidge No Service
19 June	am pm	Rutlidge: HC Rutlidge	Cocking HC No Service	Davis No Service	M Wakelin: C
26 June	am	M Wakelin	LA	Vernon: HC	Webb
Abbreviations		J: Jubilee LA: Local Arrangement P: Parade PP: Praise Party;		SJ: Joint service with St John's TBA: Churches Together event to be arranged WoW: Walk of witness	
AA: All Age Worship C: Contemporary Service FS: Family Service HC: Holy Communion					

		<i>Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.30 led by Rev Paul Han</i>			
03 July	am pm	M Wakelin: HC No Service	Rutlidge No Service	Bridges No Service	Lloyd 4.30: Bridges: PP
10 July	am	Davis	Rush	Rutlidge	Brown: HC
17 July	am pm	M Wakelin: A/C No Service	Rutlidge: HC Brown	Rush No Service	Brown: B No Service
24 July	am	M Wakelin	Bridges	Brown: HC	Chun
31 July	am	Brown	Webb	Rutlidge	M Wakelin
07 August	am	J & M Wakelin: HC	Rutlidge	Lloyd	Brown
14 August	am	Rush	Chun	Rutlidge	Brown: HC
21 August	am pm	M Wakelin No Service	Rutlidge: HC M Wakelin	Cocking No Service	Davis No Service
28 August	am	J Wakelin	Lloyd	M Wakelin: HC	Bridges
Abbreviations		HC: Holy Communion PP: Praise Party			
A: Annual Church Meeting B: Baptism C: Contemporary Service					
Online services (follow links)					
Chessington: 10am Sunday: chessingtonmc.online.church ; YouTube: Chessington Methodist Church					
Kingston: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship					
New Malden: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship					
Surbiton Hill: 10.30 Sundays. You Tube: Surbiton Hill Methodist Church					
Ministers' Day Off: Stan: Saturday; Karl: Monday. Mark works part-time and can usually be contacted Sunday, Monday and Tuesday					

And finally

The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve.

It was an Apple with very limited memory.

Just 1 byte and everything crashed!