



New Malden
Methodist Church
At the heart of the High Street

Spotlight

May 2022

Message from Karl

Greetings!

The month of May brings with it the opportunity to really get stuck into the Easter season, which will continue until June 5th when we celebrate the birthday of the Church at Pentecost. During this period, we will encounter various stories of the risen Jesus meeting with his disciples, and perhaps the most powerful of these saw Peter reconciled to Jesus. After an unexpected breakfast on the beach, each of his denials on Maundy Thursday were met not with condemnation, but with the calling to shepherd God's people. It's a good example of how words have the power to hurt, and to heal.



Consequently, what we say to those with whom we disagree on matters political makes a difference, as does what we say about those who are different to us, especially in terms of ethnicity and religion. When we divide people into 'them' and 'us', we run the serious risk of dehumanising the other person and sowing the seeds of further division. However, it doesn't have to be this way; embracing Christ's resurrection invites us to engage with a larger perspective, in which those distinctions we often hold onto are put into proper perspective (Galatians 3:28).

The last person to encounter the risen Jesus before his ascension was Paul, and looking at the early churches he founded, arguments over how Jewish and Gentile Christians were to worship together, and form a common community, were complex and heated. Yet, although Paul and Peter profoundly disagreed on many such matters, they did still meet and discuss things together (Acts 15:2). Though the issues that our nation is split on today are different in form, some of those same questions about integration, living with difference and cultural misunderstanding underpin them.

The resurrection offers us a fresh lens through which to view the current state of affairs. The imagery of the Body of Christ reminds us that we can't just cut others off because we disagree with them, or because they're different to us (1 Corinthians 12:21). That doesn't mean that anything goes; racism and other forms of hate have no place in the Methodist Church. What it does mean is that as God's people in this place, we have a responsibility to use our words in ways which seek to heal, and bring about reconciliation, rather than stoking further mistrust and hurts.

So, let us pray that we might we have the courage to engage in this costly work, the resilience we'll need when conflicts arise, and the wisdom to know when it's best to walk away. May our words heal and set others free to know the reconciling love of God, and may the common humanity which holds us together in this diverse community in New Malden be affirmed.

Every blessing, Karl

Church Family News

The **Bradley family** would like to thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers for Andrew and all the support they have received. Andrew is now home from hospital and continuing his recovery.



Donald Finnan is receiving maximum care and support at home. He is weak but remains alert and cheerful. Please continue to hold him in your prayers.

Ruth McLeod has now moved into Lynton Hall Care Home in Lynton Road, New Malden.

Congratulations to **Isabel Elves** who has passed her Grade 6 Violin exam with Merit. A splendid effort at her young age (13), the more so as she has only been having lessons via Zoom since the beginning of Lockdown.



We were pleased to meet up with Eleanor and Andy when we were in the Peaks recently. It was about a month since they left New Malden so we were able to fill them in on local gossip etc. They'd just had an offer on a cottage in Bakewell accepted so we were pleased to share their good news. As we met in the evening the Methodist church was closed so we were forced to meet in the pub and try and keep the local brewers in business.

Caroline, Robert & Isabel

April News

Thank yous

... to anyone who contributed in any way to the Moores coffee morning on 2nd April in aid of Dave's cycle ride over the Western Alps in September for Tusk and Ocean Cleanup. A magnificent £477.95 was made on the morning with a further £24 from leftover cakes on Sunday. Thank you very very much to everyone who made a cake, came along to support us or made a donation. The total has definitely inspired Dave to get on his bike!!

... to everyone who contributed in any way to various initiatives to raise funds for Ukraine including a coffee morning, donations to Good Friday music and the sale of crocheted blue and yellow flowers. A magnificent total of £1333 has now been sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal.



Messages From Julie Haines

Vestry Stewards

Many thanks to Stella, Jennifer, Veronica, Doreen, and Liz who have signed up to be Vestry Stewards. Any more volunteers are always welcome.

Spring Cleaning

A brilliant couple of hours work from a few willing hands and the dust has gone from the backs of chairs, the skirting boards and the pulpit, lectern and table in the church. A very big thanks. Keep an eye out for future cleaning activities.

Wesley's on a Saturday

Do you have a favourite charity you would like to raise £75 to £200 or more for in about 3 hours? You will need 3 people to staff the kitchen and the cake stall. For the cake sale you will need a few varieties of small cakes, eg, scones and brownies, 2 or more large cakes and at least 12 sausage rolls (which are always popular). Book a date with the Church Office and tell all your friends they need a coffee and a cake on that Saturday morning.

Malden Fortnight 1st two weeks in July

This is two months away but needs some preparation and the time will go quickly! Wesley's will be open from 10 to 4 on both Saturdays, 2nd July is Parade Day with the theme 'Celebrating Summer' and 9th July is Craft Fair in the High Street. For both these we will need staffing.

For the 9th, we will also need other items on stalls on the patio -books, toys, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, quality bric-a-brac and plants. Please hang on to things but don't bring them in until end of June please. Suggestions for a charity to support for 50% of the profit would be well received.

Julie

Wildlife Aid Foundation Coffee Morning

On 14th May we will be doing a coffee morning raising money for the Wildlife Aid Foundation. This is a charity based in Leatherhead providing an emergency service for all British wildlife. They care for and rehabilitate sick, orphaned or injured animals.

During lockdown, we had a family of hedgehogs living in our garden. We noticed that one was ill and took it to the centre and they looked after him. Sadly, he passed away but we were really impressed with what they do. We will be happy for any help: bringing in cakes or eating

the cakes. If you want to find out more about what they do their website is: www.wildlifeaid.org.uk. Hope to see you on 14th May. Thanks, Isabel, Robert, Caroline & Ollie





Cream Tea for the Jubilee

Saturday 4th June 3.00 – 4.30

Come along to Wesley's on Saturday 4th June 3.00 – 4.30 for tea and scones with jam and cream to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Space will be limited so please book your place with Sarah by 31st May.

Music in New Malden



Sunday 8th May 2022 at 3 pm

Danielle Salamon (piano)

Danielle Salamon has enjoyed a prestigious career as a soloist and much sought-after teacher. Among her many successful students is

Music in New Malden's co-founder, John Irving, who will introduce the programme.

Bach/Myra Hess
Haydn
Brahms
Faure
Ravel

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring
Sonata in E flat Hob.XVI/ 49
Rhapsody in B minor op.79 no.1
Nocturne no. 6 in D flat
Sonatine



Easter Breakfast

It was great to host Easter breakfast between the two Easter Day services. About 12 of us got together to enjoy cereal, fruit juice, bacon sandwiches, and black pudding for the more adventurous. Note this wasn't bought to make the Minister feel at home but it proved to be a popular addition. Vegetarian and vegan options were also available!

At one point it looked like this important tradition wouldn't happen but numbers crept up and we were all pleased to enjoy the fellowship.
Caroline, Robert and Isabel



Easter Crafts

18 children of all ages enjoyed decorating eggs during the Easter Morning service, aided and abetted by Julia Morton, Sue Duckering and Susan Knowles. A great time was had by all and the lovely results were shown at the end of the service.



The ladies attending the Creative Arts group painted stones to make this lovely Easter display.

Creative Arts Group

As well as painting stones, a variety of crafts are regularly undertaken at this lively group. Many hats have been knitted and donated to Kingston Hospital for elderly patients. Please come along if you want to have a go at something new or bring your own project to work on along with fellowship, tea and biscuits. Every first and third Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm.





Tools with a Mission

Like many people when life changes maybe because of death, moving or downsizing we have to make decisions as to what we need, what we want to keep and what we want to get rid of.

The latter is relevant to me, and the time has arrived to really sort out the garage. I basically want to keep it for my car and gardening materials.

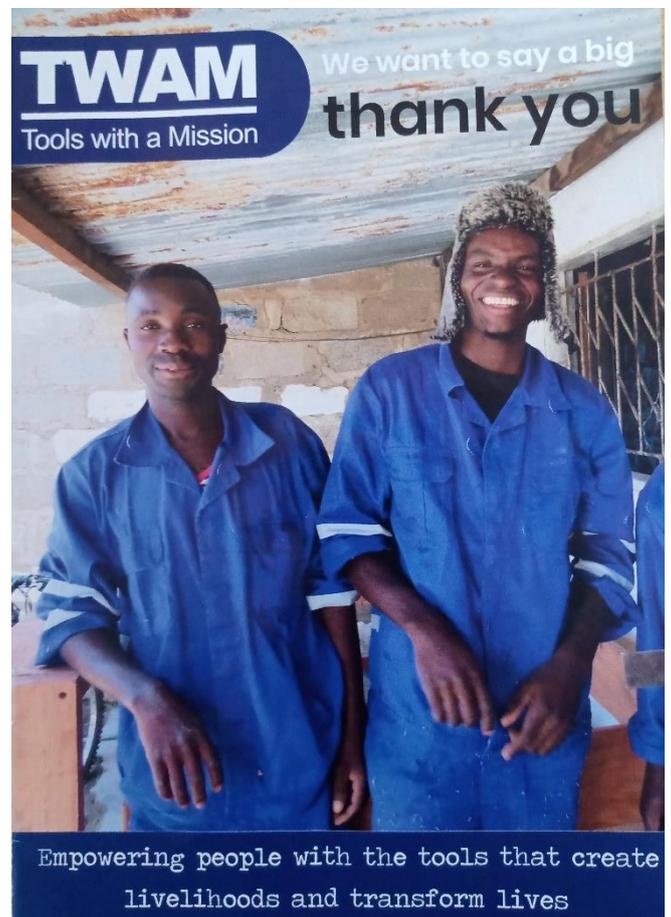
We came to Burford Road in 1969 in the age when Maurice had to be able to totally service our car, carry out plumbing and electrical needs and of course do all the decorating. This meant that over the years he accumulated many tools as well as inheriting everything you need for decorating from his father, a painter and decorator by profession. As you can guess I will not be using any of these. I have a drawer now containing all that I need.

This is where TWAM, Tools With A Mission came to my rescue. A charity empowering people with the tools that create livelihoods and transform lives. A short Email to the local Representative Philip Smith living in Surbiton resulted in him coming a week later to see my collection. I laid out all I had on my garden bench and on a table. Many of the tools I did not know how they would be used, especially the car tools. I have to say too, they looked a sorry lot old and rusty including ten saws. Philip took one look and said "Amazing I will take the lot"!

The tools will be cleaned and sharpened where needed and then shipped out to countries in Africa. Last year they sent 19 containers and the dream for this year is 26.

I felt I had to write about the Charity as there maybe some of you in my position. Thank you Julie and Gloria for helping me find TWAM. A leaflet will be on our notice board.

If you Google the charity you will get all the info you need, including local collection information.



Finally I also had 19 litres of old tins containing emulsion and gloss paint. These cannot be taken to the Kingston dump. They have to be dealt with by the City of London Corporation Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Service 020 7332 4971. If you are living in a London Borough the collection is free. The wait for pickup is about a fortnight. The tins do have to be packed in a lidded and labelled box.

Stella

Circuit News

Changes of Staff at Surbiton Hill Church

Some very familiar faces will be moving on at SHMC. Katie MacAuslan who has been the administrator for 8 years retired at the end of March. We will miss Katie enormously, she has been a great friend to everyone as well as a superb colleague and first class administrator. Alison Whittle has been appointed as our new administrator beginning in mid-March to enable a handover period with Katie.

Sharon Lloyd is well known around our circuit not least for her professional work as SHMC's Children and Families Worker. Sharon has been with SHMC for an amazing 14 years. She has now been appointed to a very interesting post as a children's programme development officer for the United Reformed Church. Sharon will be based in the URC's office in central London but working across the country. We congratulate her on this new role. Sharon continues of course as an active member of CMC. SHMC is currently advertising for a new Children's Worker and expects to make an appointment the spring.

Rev Stan Brown on Sabbatical

Stan will be on sabbatical from April 11th to July 5th. Methodist ministers are asked to take a 12 week sabbatical every 7 years. This is a time for refreshment and renewal and can be an opportunity to experience different kinds of ministry, a time of study or the chance to do something creative. Stan will be visiting Iona and taking a short retreat, but most of the time will be spent in exploring some of Jesus' parables through painting. As Stan plans to retire in summer 2023 the sabbatical is also being used as a time to prepare for retirement ministry. If you would like to follow what he is up to, visit or subscribe to his sabbatical blog which is: paintedparables.wordpress.com. There will be news and photos from various visits and travels, reflective pieces on exploring images of the parables and some photos of the artwork in progress and a few other craft building and making projects. Don't expect much – it's all about understanding the stories through painting not about making great art.

Cover arrangements have been made for both SHMC and the superintendency. If you are not sure whom to contact get in touch with Michael at the circuit office or with Alison at the SHMC office. Rev. Karl Rutledge will be acting superintendent for any decisions, meetings or other formal matters. Please be aware that mail sent to Stan's usual address during this time will not receive a response during or after the sabbatical.

Unconscious Bias Training

All Circuit Meetings and Church Councils are now required to offer their members a training session on "Unconscious Bias".

We have arranged for James Pickin, the Regional Learning and Development Coordinator in the Connexional Team, to provide a training session for our Circuit, and this will take place at 8pm on 17th May at Surbiton Hill church. Although the session is primarily for Circuit Meeting and Church Council members others who are interested would be welcome.

Please let Michael Axton at the Circuit Office know (maxton@kingstoncircuit.org.uk) if you are planning to attend so that we have an indication of numbers.

Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Job Vacancy

Surbiton Methodist Church are looking for a Children and Families Worker to help them build on their established work with children and families.

20 hrs a week, 40 weeks a year (very largely term time)
£12,500-£14,500

For further details contact shmc.office@kingstoncircuit.org.uk
Applications deadline – Tuesday 10th May

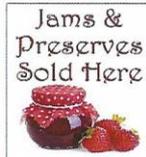
Next Spotlight Issue

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 March issue will be Wednesday 25th May.

Diary Dates – May

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| Thursday 5 th | 7.00am – 10.00pm | Local Election Polling Station |
| | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Creative Arts Group |
| Saturday 7 th | 10.00am – 12 noon | Wesley's – Vacant – please see Sarah if you want to book |
| Sunday 8 th | 3.00pm | Music in New Malden |
| Tuesday 10 th | 2.30pm – 4.00pm | Bereavement Café |
| | 7.30pm | Wives & Friends – Isabella Plantation |
| Saturday 14 th | 10.00am – 12 noon | Wesley's – Wildlife Aid Foundation – Caroline Robert & Isabel |
| Monday 16 th | 7.30pm | Kingston District Chamber Music Society Concert |
| Tuesday 17 th | 1.10pm – 1.50pm | Lunchtime Concert |
| | 8.00pm | Unconscious Bias Training at Kingston MC |
| Wednesday 18 th | 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Malden Fortnight Meeting |
| Thursday 19 th | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Creative Arts Group |
| Saturday 21 st | 10.00am – 12 noon | Wesley's – Vacant – please see Sarah if you want to book |
| Tuesday 24 th | 7.30pm | Wives & Friends – Family History – Laurie Bugeya |
| Wednesday 25 th | 7.30pm | Church Council Meeting on Zoom TO BE CONFIRMED |
| Saturday 28 th | 10.00am – 12 noon | Wesley's – Vacant – please see Sarah if you want to book |



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



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Circuit Plan

| | | KINGSTON 10.30 am; 6pm | SURBITON HILL 10.30 am | NEW MALDEN 10.30am | CHESSINGTON 10am |
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| <i>Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.00 noon led by Rev Paul Han</i> | | | | | |
| 01 May | am pm | LA No Service | Webb 4.30: Bridges PP | Vernon No Service | Wakelin: HC No Service |
| 08 May | am | Cocking | Bridges | M Wakelin | Rutlidge |
| 15 May | am pm | Rutlidge: HC Rutlidge | J Wakelin No Service | Chun No Service | M Wakelin: C No Service |
| 22 May | am | Bridges | Vernon HC | Rutlidge: HC | M Wakelin |
| 29 May | am | Rutlidge | M Wakelin | Fullbrook | Rush |
| 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 | |
| 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 | | | | | |

Best Places to Live 2022

In a recent article in the Sunday Times, New Malden was named as one of the best places to live in outer London. Here is an extract:

NEW MALDEN

Thanks to *Squid Game*, *Parasite* and BTS, Korean culture is all the rage, but New Malden has been loving it for decades. An estimated 20,000 Koreans live in and around this suburb on the southwest fringes of the capital – there are more than a dozen Korean restaurants and shops on the high street alone. Foodies queue for up to an hour for the £25 all-you-can-eat barbecue at K-Town, and the kitchen at Han played a starring role in series three of *Killing Eve*.

Why New Malden? No one knows for sure, but the national K-pop competition was held in nearby Kingston upon Thames in the autumn, you can make kimchi at the Kimjang festival or hone your self-defence skills at a martial arts academy. The South Korean ambassador's former residence is off leafy Coombe Lane West, and Samsung set up its UK headquarters here in

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1980. Whatever the reason, the Korean community is woven into the area's fabric – it raised £22,000 for Kingston Hospital during the pandemic.

K-prop(erty) is also big here. Beyond the bibimbap and bingsoo, New Malden ticks plenty of househunting boxes: Waitrose on the high street, superior state schools (the Tiffin grammars in nearby Kingston are among the best secondaries in the country), direct trains to central London (Clapham Junction (14 minutes) and period family homes for those priced out of Wimbledon or Putney. Richmond Park, Wimbledon Common and Bushy Park are an easy drive or cycle away, and you can walk the dog at the Green Lane Recreation Ground or by the Hogsmill River.

New Malden's main drag is short on period charm, but long on delicious Korean food: restaurants to try include Chick and Beers, Tongdak, Imone and Tree Stone, where you can choose your barbecue meat at the butcher's next door. And if you're inspired, you can pick up ingredients at Seoul Plaza and H Mart.

Best place to live if...

Your exercise regime includes regular workouts for your tastebuds.

