



New Malden
Methodist Church

At the heart of the High Street

SPOTLIGHT

JUNE 2026

£364 PER DAY

What is this you ask? It is what it costs to run the church and its buildings every day!

We are very fortunate to have a number of regular lettings of our premises which helps to offset these costs, but we are also reliant on the weekly offerings of our congregation.

Times are difficult for a lot of us at the moment but could you take a look at what you give to the church?

If you currently give in the offertory bag each Sunday, could you make a monthly

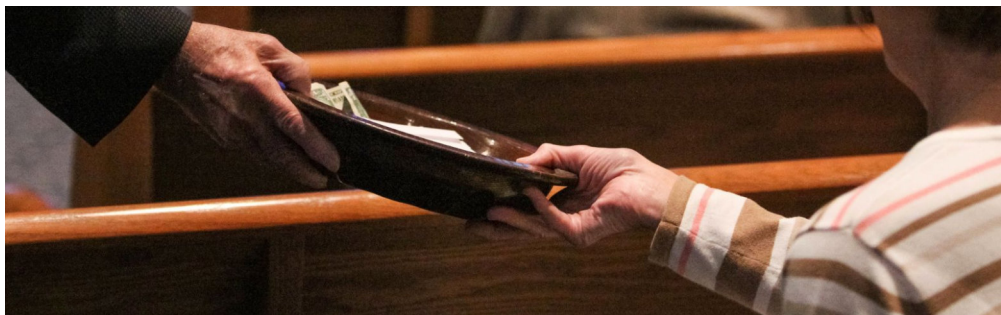
payment by standing order instead? This would help our budgeting. If you pay tax are you able to Gift Aid those payments? That would give us an additional 25%, at no extra cost to you!

If you already make a monthly payment, thank you. Are you able to increase it?

We all enjoy the facilities the church provides but we also need to pay the bills.

Please speak to me if you would like to discuss this further.

Gloria Taviner, Church Treasurer



SPOTLIGHT'S SAFEGUARDING SPACE



The **Methodist Church** 

An article, in a recent edition of the 'Methodist Recorder', titled 'Inquiry Launched into Safeguarding in Faith Communities' caught my attention. I learnt that an All-Party Parliamentary Group, led by Labour MP Ruth Jones, is to focus on how legal definitions governing work with children are applied in practice in churches and other faith settings. The review aims to ensure faith communities are equipped to provide safe environments for children. Evidence will be collected through a variety of means and a report will be published, although no date given, which I will be interested to read. I will keep you posted.

It did prompt me to consider the measures we put in place when Sue leads Sunday School in Wesley's. These include DBS checks and safeguarding training for Sue and the steward who is in Wesley's so that Sue is not on her own with the group.

Liz Edwards – Safeguarding Officer

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

It is with sadness that we share the news that **Monika Shaffer-Fefre** passed away peacefully at home last Sunday, while listening to choral music.

Monika was a member of the Methodist Church and worshipped both here and at Wesley's Chapel in London, though in recent years mobility issues meant she wasn't able to join us regularly in person. A botanist, music lover, avid reader, and loyal friend, Monika will be remembered with great affection and will be much missed.

– David Knowles

Church contact information



www.newmaldenmethodistchurch.com



NMMethodists

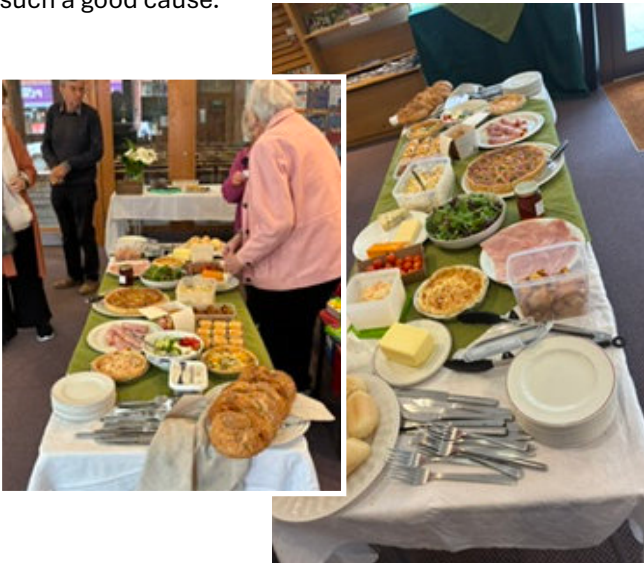
Revd Dr Karl Rutledge (Minister)	07932 242789	karl.rutledge@methodist.org.uk
n/a Monday		
Mr Barry Sawyer (Administrator)	020 8942 1288 (Church Office)	nmmc@hotmail.co.uk
Mrs Lee Monczak (Development Officer)		nmmc.wesleys@hotmail.com
Mrs Julia Morton (Steward)	020 8942 2657	juliamorton@virginmedia.com
Mrs Liz Edwards (Steward)	020 8949 4023	lizedwards513@gmail.com
Mrs Julie Haines (Steward)	020 8395 0202	juliehaines53@gmail.com

Charity Registration Number 1176621

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

As you can see the church pulled out all the stops and put on a fine spread for the bring and share lunch held for Christian Aid. Shout out to whoever provided the home made quiche, salads and sumptuous desserts in particular. Such a good way to raise money (£225) for such a good cause.



JAM



I know that people have been saying, “we need more jam”. This will be increased as soon as the fruit season starts and you will have more than you need.

Please bring in any excess fruit you have to Wesleys including even small quantities as I will freeze till I have enough to make a mixed fruit batch. Currently I am producing chutneys

– Julie Haines

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY WITH CREAM TEA

I hope to be able to host this again this year so please book the date of Wednesday 15 July from 3pm at Conifers, High Drive, KT3 3UG. More details later. Alan Vincent 020 8942 3752



CONCERTS

The Music in New Malden concert series goes from strength to strength and this month we were treated to two concert across consecutive weekends. First up violin and piano duets by Brahms and Schumann performed by Sophia Prodanova and John Reid. A thoroughly enjoyable programme by superbly talented musicians.

Sunday 17th saw the Whittall (string) octet take to the stage, I suspect perhaps the first time we've hosted an octet?

What followed was a stunning hour of music by Mendelssohn and Enescu. Both were magical but the Enescu was mind-blowing.

June's concert is Sunday 14th at 3pm and involves a panoply of saxophones so see you there!

(If you look carefully in the photos you'll see our very own organist had a starring role as page turner...because of my ability to zone out I've always thought I would find this more stressful than playing!)



Our Tuesday Lunchtime concert series also continued with a song recital given by the Ukrainian bass-baritone Oleksii Zadiadko sandwiched between the two Sunday events. (Good things come in threes, like buses.) Oleksii, familiar to many from his previous performances here, eg in Messiah and Faure's Requiem, presented a very moving programme of songs in three languages – German, English and Ukrainian.

Translations provided by overhead slides ensured that the poignancy and personal relevance of the themes of love, loss, travel and homeland were clearly understood and felt by a large and supportive audience. Impressive pianistic enhancement was provided

by Boghdan Paraschak.

June sees the return of a local virtuosic flute trio on Tuesday 9 June at 1.10pm, (free, with retiring collection) and, as mentioned above, the London Saxophone Choir on Sunday 14 June at 3pm. Details and tickets at £10 will shortly be available for the latter event, which includes tea and cake. Do check the notices and posters displayed in Wesley's.

Both concert series then take a break for July and August, so why not come along to one of these June concerts and perhaps bring a friend? You will not be disappointed; there is no better bargain to be had on the High Street and we haven't had a bad one yet.



Tuesday 9th June at 1.10 pm

New Malden Methodist Church KT3 4BY

The Enchanted Flute



Mary Ann Kernan, Julia Raeburn and Rosie Sprackling
with Giles Kennedy (piano)

Quartet in D minor (TWV 43) Georg Philipp Telemann
Andante – Vivace – Largo – Allegro

'Flight', Part II of Birds: (2016) Herman Beeftinck

Flûtes en vacances (1964) Jacques Castérède

I Flûtes pastorales II Flûtes joyeuses

III Flûtes rêveuses IV Flûtes légères

Serenade in D Major (1944) Joseph Hellmesberger

40 minutes of music

Retiring collection to defray expenses



**Music in
New Malden**

18th Series

Sunday 14th June at 3 o'clock

New Malden Methodist Church KT3 4BY



The London Saxophone Choir

Music ranges across tango (Piazzolla's Libertango) to waltz (Shostakovich's Waltz No.2) to rumba (Jamaican Rumba) and flamenco (Malagueña). Plus classical works by JS Bach, Rimsky-Korsakov, Kurt Weill, and a selection of popular songs including Rising Sun, Over the Rainbow, Beyond the Sea and the theme from Monsters, Inc.

Tickets £10 (£12 on the door)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinnm

Wesley's, NMMC 10am – 2pm M – F (cash)

An hour of music, followed by tea and cake



What Do You Know About

WESLEY'S COMMUNITY HUB?

Perhaps you are new to the New Malden Methodist Church. Perhaps you have passed by the café and have seen the posters, heard the laughter, or noticed people gathering during the week.

But Wesley's is more than coffee, activities, or a community space. It is the church reaching beyond Sunday - a place where people who may never walk into a service first experience kindness, friendship, support, and belonging through simple everyday connections.

Each week, volunteers serve faithfully through the café, wellness groups, walking groups, Tai Chi Qigong, creative activities, and quiet conversations over tea and coffee. Many who come through the doors may never attend a church service, yet here they experience warmth, care, and community.

At present, all the committed volunteers who regularly give 1-2 days each week to support Wesley's are not from our own church congregation. We are deeply thankful for their generosity, kindness, and faithful service to our community.

At the same time, we are also grateful for the quiet support of church members

who help in simple but meaningful ways - even taking dishcloths home to wash, offering encouragement, praying faithfully, or helping behind the scenes. These small acts of care may seem unnoticed, but they are part of what keeps Wesley's going.

Perhaps this is also a gentle invitation for more of our church family to step forward - to be a welcoming face, a listening ear, a helping hand, or simply a caring presence.



When you hear the CALLING, you do not need special skills - only a willing heart!

Please continue to pray for Wesley's, for every volunteer, every visitor, and every life touched through this outreach ministry.

Every blessing, Lee

NEXT SPOTLIGHT ISSUE

Please send Barry – nmmc@hotmail.co.uk – anything you think might be of interest: reports and images of NMMC events, memories, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, recipes, quizzes, etc, by **Monday 22 June.**

The Wives & Friends group enjoyed a walk round the Isabella Plantation in May. Please come & support the Bake Sale on Saturday 13th June when other gifts will be sold to support Barnardo's.



NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH KT3 4BY

6 JUNE 2026 7:30 pm

CONDUCTORS



LOUISE WILKINSON

DENISE KING

HARMONY *across* CULTURES

CHORAL CONCERT



NEW MALDEN VOICES & LKWC

FREE Lunchtime Recitals at All Saints Kingston

We hold free Lunchtime Recitals at 1.15pm on Mondays and some Fridays in the Nave.

Friday Organ Music

Friday Lunchtime Organ Recitals from 24th April 1.15pm. Come and hear our renowned Frobenius organ played by some of the country's finest organists.

- 24 April – Alan Erdelyi, All Saints, Kingston
- 8 May – Stephen Westrop, New Malden
- 29 May – Richard Gowers, St George's, Hanover Square
- 5 June – Roger Sayer, international Concert Organist
- 19 June – Peter Bullett, New Malden Methodist Church

Free to attend with optional retiring collection in support of the musical life of the church.

NMMC: WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Tuesday 2nd	10.30am	Walking Group
Thursday 4th	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Friday 5th	11.00am	Writers Workshop
Saturday 6th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – Cancer Research
Tuesday 9th	10.30am	Tai Chi Qigong
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Concert
	2.30pm	Bereavement Cafe
Thursday 11th	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 3.30pm	Short Tennis (Upper Hall)
Friday 12th	11.00am	Writers Workshop
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Board Games
Saturday 13th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – Wives & Friends
Tuesday 16th	10.30am	Walking Group
Thursday 18th	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Friday 19th	11.00am	Writers Workshop
Saturday 20th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – New Malden Rotary
Tuesday 23rd	10.30am	Tai Chi Qigong
Thursday 25th	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 3.30pm	Short Tennis (Upper Hall)
Friday 26th	11.00am	Writers Workshop
	12.30pm	Cancer Connections Group
Saturday 27th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – Our Woofs & Miaows
Tuesday 30th	10.30am	Walking Group