



New Malden
Methodist Church

At the **heart** of the High Street

SPOTLIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2026

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Elvis Addai** who has just graduated with a Law Degree from Cambridge University. He will shortly start a solicitors course before joining the prodigious law firm of Slaughter and May.

Navi Tam and **Albert Addai** both achieved excellent GCSE results in August. Albert will start his A level course at Tolworth Sixth Form and Navi will become a student at Tiffin Boys and Girls Sixth Form.

Well done all of you on your brilliant achievements and good luck in your future studies.

Kingston-upon-Thames
Circuit

Welcome

♥ = **SERVICE** = ♥

for
Rev Alana Lawrence

SUNDAY
13
SEPTEMBER

STARTING
5.15 PM

at Kingston Methodist Church

The Mayor of Kingston
will be attending.

Refreshments served after the service

“As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see.”

– Vincent van Gogh, Dutch painter

“Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits.”

– Samuel Butler, English novelist and critic

“Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.”

– Jim Bishop, American journalist and author

“In autumn, don’t go to jewelers to see gold; go to the parks!”

– Mehmet Murat Ildan, turkish playwright

“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.”

– Stanley Horowitz, poet

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The Charity Bake Sale on Saturday 22 August was hosted by the Table Tennis group. Along with sales of Liz's jewellery they raised around £330 for the church.

Thanks to everyone who provided cakes to sell (there were lots of them!).

SPOTLIGHT'S SAFEGUARDING SPACE

Our safeguarding posters which are displayed in the building will be updated to show our new minister's details. Should you have any concerns about anyone within our church community please let either Alana or myself know.

Liz Edwards – Safeguarding Officer



The **Methodist Church** 

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, poems, photos, recipes, quizzes, etc, by **Monday 28 September**.



Malden Camera Club 70th Anniversary Exhibition

Friday 18th Sept.

10am to 5pm

Saturday 19th Sept.

10am to 4pm

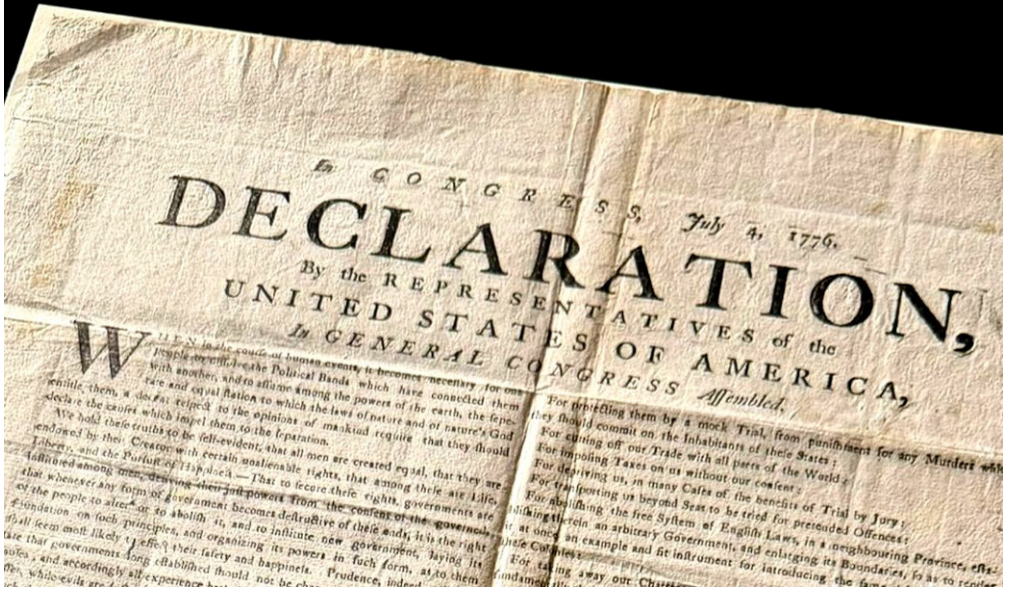


'Coffee Time' by Les Stow

FREE ADMISSION

**NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH
49 HIGH STREET, NEW MALDEN, KT3 4BY**

REVOLUTION 250



2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of a document that changed the world: The US Declaration of Independence. A few weeks ago I went with a few friends to the National Archives in Kew to visit the exhibition 'Revolution 250', that records the events leading to the emergence of the United States of America. The exhibition

is free, the car park is large, the café is attractive and the exhibition features original maps, correspondence, first-hand accounts and reports.

I was very impressed by the caption

on one exhibit dated 1761 which explained that 'Unlike the British, who interpreted land occupation as ownership, the Mohawk and other members of the Haudenosaunee

Confederacy of 'Six Nations' consider their relationship to land as a mutual partnership with natural resources.'

How sad that it has taken us over two centuries to believe

this.

The exhibition is open until 29 November 2026 every day except Monday. It's well worth a visit.

– Alan Vincent



The National Archives,
Kew, Richmond, TW9 4DU

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

AUTUMN SEASON, 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lunchtime concerts at 1.10pm:

Tuesday 15 September

Lunchtime Lollipops

Peter Bullett (organ)

Several familiar pieces and others which will become favourites.

Tuesday 20 October

Trios for clarinet, viola and piano

Tuesday 17 November

String Quintet in G major by Brahms

New Malden Methodist Church
KT3 4BY

Friday 18 December
7.30pm

Christmas Concert

with the London Saxophone Choir



Tickets £10

MUSIC IN NEW MALDEN

19TH SEASON

Autumn Concerts

Sundays at 3pm

New Malden Methodist Church KT3 4BY

13th September Short concert by talented young musicians
(preceded by short AGM!)

11th October Robin Michel (cello) and Anna Michel (piano)

8th November Jane Wilkinson (soprano), Ben Costello (piano)

13th December Julian Hellaby and Peter Noke (pianos)

20th December London Korean Women's and Children's Choir

Followed by tea and cake

Tickets £10 (on the door £12)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinnm

Wesley's, NMMC 10am – 2pm Monday – Friday (cash)

CAPTION THESE PLEASE...



SUBMISSIONS

A. Sarah was surprised when Karl's enthusiasm for the pantomime lingered into the following week's bible reading.

B. Ministers deny that cuts to the armed forces are excessive and leave us exposed. (Notes to editors - photo shows two recent recruits to combined land and sea all-purpose regiment).

C. "I can't quite remember how to defuse a bomb but I'm pretty sure you cut the red one. No, the blue one. Or maybe it is the red one."

A. Carl's increasing extravagant ways of requesting a bus to stop was taking its toll on Sarah.

B. Captain Birdseye is finding it incredibly difficult to recruit the right calibre of colleague.

C. "And then I connected this blue one to the red one and the doorbell didn't stop ringing."

A. "Tonight, Matthew, I am going to be John Travolta."

B. "Yes, it maybe sunny now but rain is forecast for later and I've just had my hair done!"

C. "I think the issue is you've got your chain caught up on the previous row."

A LISTENING EAR



**Today I will listen
without interrupting
Without prejudging,
without second guessing
Without gazing, without
discounting, without
doubting,
Without filtering,
without contradicting
without correcting
Today I will just listen
Today I will listen with
attention, with humility,
with respect
With patience, with
understanding, with awe
With gladness with
empathy with warmth
With gratitude, with
reverence
Today I will just listen.**

by Marva Shand McIntosh

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN *September*

2

1666

The Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for 4 days, but only a few deaths are officially recorded.

3

1939

Britain and France declare war on Germany.

6

1620

The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, Devon, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers to America.

7

1533

Birth of Queen Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn.

9

1776

The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.

11

2001

The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 people

12

1990

A treaty was signed by East and West Germany and the Allies of World War II allowing for the restoration of sovereignty to a re-unified Germany.

13

1902

Harry Jackson becomes the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence.

18

1709

Birth of Samuel Johnson, compiler of the first English dictionary.

19

1356

The Black Prince, eldest son of Edward III, leads the English to victory over the French at the Battle of Poitiers.

22

1735

Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole moves in to 10 Downing Street.

25

1818

First transfusion of human blood is performed at Guy's Hospital, London.

26

1580

The Golden Hind arrives in Plymouth harbour having sailed round the world under the captaincy of Sir Francis Drake.

28

1745

'God Save the King' is sung for the first time at London's Drury Lane Theatre.

30

1938

British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain says, after meeting Hitler in Munich, 'I believe it is peace for our time'.



A special community screening: The People's Emergency Briefing #PEBuk

What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK?

Join us for a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing – an eye-opening 50-minute film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like:



Extreme weather



Food security



Health



Cost of living

The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster (featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times) with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK.

After the film there will be an open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally.

Seats are free but limited so please book in advance. The briefing was developed for an adult audience, so the film is only appropriate for ages 16 and above.

Bring a friend, neighbour or family member: everyone is welcome.

Kingston Methodist Church
will be screening the climate
emergency briefing on
Saturday 12 September, 3pm.

We will also be inviting
several local stakeholders to
exhibit and will be sharing
examples from the local
community of successful
carbon reduction measures.

We think it's really important
to show people that there are
positive, constructive steps
we can all make to improve
the environment.

The event is free of charge,
but to find out more about
the film and reserve a ticket
scan the QR Code below:



NMMC: WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st	10.30am	Walking Group
	2.15 – 4.00pm	Wives & Friends Cream Tea
Thursday 3rd	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Creative Arts
Friday 4th	11.30am – 1.00pm	Writers Workshop
Saturday 5th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – NMMC
Sunday 6th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Rev Alana Lawrence
Tuesday 9th	10.30am	Tai Chi
	2.30pm	Bereavement Cafe
Thursday 10th	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 3.30pm	Short Tennis (Upper Hall)
Friday 11th	11.30am – 1.00pm	Writers Workshop
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Board Games
Saturday 12th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – M&C Horticultural Society
Sunday 13th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Rev Alana Lawrence
Tuesday 15th	10.30am	Walking / Gentle Jogging
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Concert
Thursday 17th	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Creative Arts
Friday 18th	11.30am – 1.00pm	Writers Workshop
Saturday 19th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – NM Rotary
Sunday 20th	10.30am	Morning Worship – David Fullbrook
Tuesday 22nd	10.30am	Tai Chi
Thursday 24th	10.30am	Knit & Natter
	2.00 – 3.30pm	Short Tennis (Upper Hall)
Friday 25th	11.30am – 1.00pm	Writers Workshop
	12.30pm	Cancer Connection Group
Saturday 26th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Charity Bake Sale – Our Woofs & Miaows
Sunday 27th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Local Arrangement
Tuesday 29th	10.30am	Walking & Lunch Social